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Sinha flags off first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris Undeterred by terror incidents, devotees of Bhole Baba arriving in huge numbers: LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagging off first batch of pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra from Jammu Base camp on Wednesday morning.

(Pics by Ashok Anand)

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of devotees for the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji, from Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp, on Wednesday.
The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and blissful journey.
"This sacred pilgrimage is a journey of faith and self-discovery. Wishing all spiritual seekers a safe and comfortable journey to the holy

abode of Lord Shiva and deep soul-stirring experience," the Lieutenant Governor said.
Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said the administration, people of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, J&K Police, and security forces have made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims.
"More than 4,500 devotees set off to the holy Cave Shrine in the first batch for the darshan of Baba

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Special arrangements at Jammu Railway Station for Shri Amarnath Yatris
JAMMU: As northern Railways plans to operate special trains for the pilgrims intending to undertake Amarnath yatra, authorities have set up various facilities, including registration on arrival and medical checkup, at Jammu Railway station, a senior railway official said on Wednesday.
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division of northern railway, Uchit Singhal said additional security forces have also been deployed at the station while more CCTV cameras have also been installed for the safety of the travellers.
"Like every year, special arrangements have been made to facilities (Amarnath) pilgrims at Jammu Railway Station which is an important point of this journey," Singhal said.
He said the Railways under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager Vivek Kumar and

Akashvani Srinagar launches audio studio dedicated to Yatra
SRINAGAR: Akashvani Srinagar inaugurated a state-of-the-art audio studio on Wednesday dedicated exclusively to the special transmission of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY).
According to a statement issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the new facility has been set up to provide seamless and high-quality broadcast services to the yatris' (pilgrims) and listeners across the globe during the Yatra period.
The studio was formally inaugurated by Gurbinder Singh, Deputy Director General (Engineering) and Head of Office, Akashvani Srinagar.
Singh termed the newly launched studio a "technological leap" in pilgrimage broadcasting. The studio has been equipped with the latest audio

Union Minister, CM review AH, fisheries sector in J&K Virtually inaugurate UHT Milk Plant at Satwari

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday jointly chaired a high-level review meeting of the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sectors of Jammu and Kashmir here at Srinagar, Civil Secretariat.
The meeting was attended by Minister for Agriculture Production & Panchayati Raj Javid Ahmad Dar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Secretary GoI Alka Upadhyay, Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Secretary (CDD/IT) and other senior officers from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying. Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department J&K Shailendra Kumar, Vice Chancellors of SKUAST-K and



Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan, CM Omar Abdullah virtually inaugurating Ultra High Temperature Milk Plant at Satwari.

SKUAST-J, and heads of allied departments were also present.
Addressing the meeting, the Union Minister underlined the immense untapped potential in J&K's livestock and fisheries sectors and assured full support from the Centre.
"We are here today to listen, understand your challenges, and work together. Where there is scope, there must be action," he stated.
He called for joint efforts between the Centre and J&K Government to convert potential into outcomes, adding that rural prosperity can only be achieved when economic

Encounter breaks out in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: A gunfight broke out between terrorists and security forces in a heavily forested area in Kishtwar district on Wednesday, officials said.
The encounter started when police assisted by the Army and CRPF launched a search and cordon operation in the Kuchal area of Chatroo around 7.45 pm following information about the presence of terrorists this evening, they said.
The officials said the terrorists opened fire on noticing the security search parties, leading to a gunfight which was continuing when last reports were received.

No linkages between COVID vaccine and heart-related deaths: Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: In the wake of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah linking heart-related deaths in Hassan district to Covid vaccine, the Union Health Ministry on Wednesday said extensive studies by ICMR and AIIMS have conclusively established no linkages between coronavirus vaccines and sudden deaths.
Siddaramaiah had on Tuesday said "hasty approval and distribution" of the

PM embarks on 5-nation visit

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India is committed to BRICS as a vital platform for cooperation among emerging economies as he left on a week-long visit to five countries, including Brazil where he will attend the bloc's meeting.
"Together, we strive for a more peaceful, equitable, just, democratic and balanced multipolar

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 32.9°C Min: 24.6°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 81

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.8°C Min: 23.4°C

Humidity
Max: 67 Min: 43

Sunset : 19:43 Hours
Sunrise : 05:27 Hours

CRPF deploys women 'May I Help You' teams, mountain rescue units

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/NEW DELHI: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has deployed a special 'May I Help You' women personnel team to assist Amarnath Yatra pilgrims who take the Baltal route to reach the cave shrine in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday.
The paramilitary force has pooled in the highest number of troops for the annual pilgrimage that was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha from Jammu on Wednesday.
Of 581 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF's) companies deployed for the yatra, 219 are from the CRPF, while the rest are from forces like the BSF, ITBP, CISF, and SSB.
The pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre high shrine will commence on July 3 from the Kashmir valley via two tracks - the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in the Ganderbal district.
The CRPF has deployed a team of its women personnel wearing 'May I Help You' embossed orange vests along the Baltal route to help female pilgrims along the route from the base camp and the entry point at 'Domail'.
These teams will be stationed at vital locations, officials said.
"The force is committed to conducting a safe Amarnath Yatra for the pilgrims

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