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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressing 6th Convocation ceremony of SKUAST Kashmir on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday addressed the 6th Convocation Ceremony of SKUAST Kashmir at Srinagar.

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural

Addresses 6th Convocation Ceremony of SKUAST Kashmir
Congratulates SKUAST Kashmir for creating competent, competitive human resource; shaping up farm sector in J&K UT
Says, out of 150 students conferred with gold medals, 115 were women students. Out of 445 Certificates of Merit, 334 were conferred to girls. It reflects a bright future for J&K and the nation

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I urge everyone to come and see Kashmir: Shivraj Chouhan

SRINAGAR: Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday appealed to the general public to visit Jammu and Kashmir, the region recently hit by several terror killings.

"I want to tell the public that the people here are waiting to welcome with their hearts filled with love and warmth. So, come here without fear and set a new example of love and brotherhood," Chouhan said.

The agriculture and rural development minister was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the sixth convocation of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST).

His appeal comes after a slump in tourism in the wake of the April 22 Pahalgam attack in which 25 tourists and a local pony operator were gunned down by terrorists.

"I have been in Srinagar since yesterday, and have been among the people continuously. The calmness of air, smell of the soil, the natural beauty and love shown by the people has won over my heart. This truly is the jewel crown of India and heaven on earth," he said.

"I also visited Dal Lake and took a shikara ride there. An emotional incident that touched my heart was when

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CM urges youth to lead J&K's transformation

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said that Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of transformation - economically, socially and politically - and called upon the youth to become active contributors to this change through service, innovation and leadership.

He was speaking at the 6th Convocation of Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST)-Kashmir. The event was graced by Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who was the chief guest, Chancellor of SKUAST-K and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Minister for Agriculture, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Javid Ahmed Dar.

The convocation was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Ministers Sakeena Itoo and Javed Rana, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, several MLAs, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Vice Chancellor Dr. Nazir Ahmad Gana, faculty members, graduates, parents and other dignitaries.

In his address to the graduates, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who also serves as the Pro-Chancellor of the university, called on the youth to be the architects of a new Jammu and Kashmir. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



HC job scam: CB files charge-sheet against fraudsters

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch (CB) on Friday presented charge-sheet against two notorious fraudsters for duping a job seeker on pretext of providing job in High Court by posing as employee of High Court and providing fake appointment order falsely claimed to be issued from the office of Registrar General High Court.

"Charge-sheet has been filed in the Passenger Tax Court Jammu against two notorious fraudsters, namely Meharaj-ud-Din, son of Ghulam Mohd Wani, resident of Wani Mohalla, Pattan Distt Baramulla and Abdul

Majid Khan, son of Mohd. Abdullah Khan, resident of Kareeri, Pattan, district Baramulla," a CB official said.

The case FIR No. 60/2022 was registered at Police Station Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu on the written complaint of one, Tawseef Ahmad Dar of Pulwama, Kashmir, who alleged that the accused duped him of huge hard earned money on the false promise of arranging job in High Court and provided fake appointment order purported to be of Registrar General High Court,

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Terrorism is enemy of humanity, global community must stand united to deny it any shelter or space: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PORT OF SPAIN: Terming terrorism as the enemy of humanity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the global community must stand united to deny it any shelter or space.

In his address to the Joint Assembly of Parliament of Trinidad & Tobago, Prime Minister Modi also announced that the Caribbean nation will be a priority nation for India.

"Terrorism is the enemy of humanity. This very Red House has itself witnessed the wounds of terror and the loss of innocent blood. We must stand united to deny terrorism any shelter or space," he said. The Prime Minister thanked the people and the government of the Caribbean nation for standing with India in its fight against terrorism.



Modi said there are new challenges and the old institutions are struggling to deliver peace and progress.

"At the same time, the Global South is

rising. They wish to see a new and fairer world order," PM Modi said, pushing for long-pending reforms of the United Nations. Modi said he was humbled to be the first Indian Prime Minister to speak to the people in the iconic Red House, referring to the Parliament of Trinidad & Tobago.

"Friends, when I look at the golden words of the Speaker's chair 'From the people of India to the people of Trinidad and Tobago', I feel a deep sense of emotion that the chair is not just a piece of furniture, but a powerful symbol of the friendship between our two nations," he said.

The Speaker's Chair in the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago was gifted by India in 1968. The ornate chair carries an inscription -- "From the People of India to the People of Trinidad and Tobago".

Govt officials among 34 booked by CBI for manipulation of regulatory framework for medical colleges

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI has busted a network of officials of the Health Ministry and National Medical Commission, intermediaries and representatives of private medical colleges, allegedly involved in "egregious" acts, including graft and manipulation of the regulatory framework governing medical colleges, officials said on Friday.

The agency has named 34 people in an FIR, including eight officials of the Health Ministry, one of the National Health Authority and five doctors who were part of the National Medical

Commissioner (NMC) inspection team.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences Chairman D P Singh, Gitanjali University Registrar Mayur Raval, Rawatpura Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Chairman Ravi Shankar ji Maharaj and Index Medical College Chairman Suresh Singh Bhadoria have also been named in the FIR.

According to the officials, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) recently arrested eight people in the case. These include three doctors of the NMC

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Search for terrorists in Kishtwar enters day 3, cordon strengthened

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: A search operation by security forces to track down terrorists hiding in a forest area of Kishtwar district in Jammu and Kashmir entered the third day on Friday, with additional deployment made in the area to reinforce the cordon, officials said.

The operation follows an encounter that broke out between the terrorists and the security forces in the heavily forested Kanzal Mandu area of the Kuchal-Chatroo belt on Wednesday.

The encounter broke out when police, assisted by Army and CRPF, launched a cordon and search operation in Kuchal around 7:45 pm based on intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists in the area.

The search has been expanded in the Chatroo forest region to track down the hiding terrorists. It is believed there are two to three of them, the officials said. Helicopters, drones and sniffer dogs are being

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Op Sindoor was finest example of commitment to defend 'Swaraj': Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PUNE: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said India's armed forces and the leadership are committed to defend 'Swaraj' or sovereignty of the country, and it was demonstrated very well during Operation Sindoor.

Speaking after the unveiling of an equestrian statue of Maratha statesman and General Peshwa Bajirao I at the National Defence Academy (NDA) here, the BJP leader also said whenever he is plagued by negative

thoughts, he thinks of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Bajirao.



The NDA was the most appropriate place for Bajirao's memorial as it is an institution where military leadership is trained, Shah said.

"Whenever negative thoughts come to my mind, I usually think about 'Bal' (young) Shivaji and Peshwa Bajirao, thinking that they were able to establish a 'Swaraj' (self-rule or sovereign state) amid adverse conditions," he said.

The responsibility to defend the Swaraj now lies with 140 crore Indians, Shah added.

"When it was time to put up a fight to establish a Swaraj, we did it. When fighting will be required to defend

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BMO Gool suspended, inquiry initiated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Health Department has placed Dr Ashfaq Hassan, In-Charge Block Medical Officer (BMO) Gool, under suspension pending an inquiry into his conduct.

"Pending enquiry into his conduct, Dr. Ashfaq Hassan, I/C BMO Gool is placed under suspension with immediate effect in terms of Rule 31 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. During the period of suspension, he shall remain attached at CHC Basholi, Kathua," reads an order issued

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6,400 pilgrims leave Jammu base camp for Shri Amarnathji Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The third batch of over 6,400 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu in two separate convoys on Friday to join the annual Amarnath pilgrimage in the Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

About 14,000 pilgrims have prayed at the 3,880 metre-high cave shrine since Thursday when the 38-day annual yatra commenced from Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district - the two conventional tracks -, officials said.

The third batch of 6,411



pilgrims - 4,723 men, 1,071 women, 37 children, and 580 sadhus and sadhvis - left in 291 vehicles, they said.

The batch left the

Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in two groups for Baltal and Pahalgam at 3.15 am and 4 am, escorted by CRPF.

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Safe, adequate accommodation to all Shri Amarnathji devotees our top priority: Sinha

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board's Yatri Niwas Complex at Baltal, Ganderbal for pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The facility, developed by ONGC under its Corporate Social Responsibility initiative, will accommodate 800 pilgrims and also consist of a registration and security block.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, for their kind support to Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board.

He also thanked the ONGC for taking up the work for establishing Yatri Niwas at Sidhra Jammu, Baltal, Nunwan and Bijbehara at a cost of Rs 240 crore under Corporate Social Responsibility.



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board's Yatri Niwas Complex at Baltal on Friday.

Inaugurates Yatri Niwas Complex at Baltal for pilgrims
Facility will accommodate 800 pilgrims and also consist of registration, security block
Interacts with service providers, devotees at Baltal Base Camp

"Safe and adequate accommodation to all the devotees is our top priority. We are creating better facilities for the pilgrims, while securing the livelihood of local people and service providers. At present, the work of Yatri Niwas at Sidhra, Nunwan Phase-I and Bijbehara is going on. Yatri Niwas at Nunwan is expected to be completed before the month of October this year.

Widening of Tracks and installation of safety railings have ensured safe and hassle-free movement of pilgrims. Today the tracks are illuminated by grid power and this has provided great relief to the pilgrims and also provided an opportunity for 24x7 monitoring. Grid Power Connectivity from Panchnarni to Chandanwari will be ensured by next year," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also lauded the contribution of Police, Security forces, Administration, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

'For the Nation' drive launched to settle pending cases through mediation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), in association with the Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India, has conceptualized a Special Mediation Drive titled Mediation 'For the Nation'.

The initiative is being launched under the guidance of the Chief Justice of India and Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India, who is also the Executive Chairman of NALSA and Chairman of MCPC.

The campaign is being rolled out across the country and will run from July 1 to September 22, 2025 as an



intensive drive to settle pending cases through mediation. It will cover Taluka Courts, District Courts and High Courts across India.

A meeting was chaired on Friday by Y. P. Bourne, Principal District

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.0°C Min: 28.2°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 60

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 35.3°C Min: 22.9°C

Humidity
Max: 64 Min: 35

Sunset : 19:42 Hours
Sunrise : 05:28 Hours