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36 Amarnath Yatris injured after 5 buses collide; rejoin Yatra after treatment

LG Sinha issues directives on pilgrims' safety

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN/JAMMU: At least 36 Amarnath pilgrims, hailing from different states, suffered minor injuries when five buses slammed into each other in Ramban district on Saturday, officials said.

The buses were part of a convoy headed for the Pahalgam base camp of the pilgrimage in south Kashmir from Jammu's Bhagwati Nagar. All the injured persons rejoined the yatra after receiving treatment at the Ramban district hospital.

The accident took place near Chanderkote, along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, at around 8 am due to the failure of the brakes of one of the buses in the convoy, the officials said.

"There was a minor accident at Chanderkote when a Pahalgam-bound vehicle collided with other stationary vehicles due to brake failure,"



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said in a statement. He said 36 pilgrims received minor injuries in the incident. They were discharged after preliminary treatment and resumed the journey towards the 3,880-metre cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas, the statement said.

"By the blessings of Lord Shiva, all the devotees are safe," the LG said.

6,900 Amarnath pilgrims leave Jammu for Kashmir

JAMMU: Braving heavy rain, a fresh batch of over 6,900 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here on Saturday to pay a visit to the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

About 30,000 pilgrims have prayed at the 3,880 metre-high cave shrine since July 3 when the 38-day annual yatra commenced from the twin tracks in Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district.

The fourth batch of 6,979 pilgrims -- 5,196 men, 1,427 women, 24 children, 331 sadhus and sadhis and one transgender -- left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in two separate convoys between 3.30 am and 4.05 am amid tight security, officials said.

While 4,226 pilgrims left in 161 vehicles for Nunwan base camp for the 48-kilometre traditional Pahalgam route, 2,753 pilgrims were headed for the shorter but steeper 14-kilometre Baltal route in 151 vehicles, they said.

With the fresh departure, a total of 24,528 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the Valley since Wednesday, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the yatra from here. The yatra goes on

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Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and Ramban Deputy Commissioner Mohamud Alyas Khan and asked them

to provide all necessary assistance to the injured pilgrims. Sinha had asked senior

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Several illegal structures demolished in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Several illegally-built structures, allegedly used for cattle smuggling, were demolished during an anti-encroachment drive here on Saturday, officials said.

The drive was jointly conducted by the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) and police in the Khanpura area of Nagrota on the city outskirts, they added.

The officials said police have arrested three cattle

smugglers -- Babur Chaudhary, Zakir Hussain and Bashir Ahmed Kichloo -



- and rescued 34 animals that were being transported illegally at Nagrota, on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway. During the course of the investigation, it

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Every party had complained of inaccuracies in voters' list, revision necessary under law: CEC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

FIROZABAD (UP): With opposition parties voicing concern on the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in poll-bound Bihar, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said on Saturday that almost every political party had complained about the voters' list being inaccurate and stressed it was necessary to update it before elections under the law.

The Congress and other INDIA bloc parties have questioned the intent and the timing of the revision of the voters' list, claiming that the exercise carries the risk of willful exclusion of voters using the state machinery.

Gyanesh Kumar, who was replying to queries from reporters in Firozabad, rejected allegations of overlooking con-



cerns of the opposition, asserting that the poll panel maintains regular dialogue with political parties and 5,000 such meetings have been held in the past four months, beginning from the assembly level.

The CEC, who was here to attend a private programme, was asked about RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav raising

questions on the voters' list revision.

"Under the Representation of People Act, it is necessary to update the voter list before every election. In Bihar, on 1 January 2003, a thorough revision of the voter list was done. At that time, the eligibility of the people whose names appeared in the voter list was checked....

"Such a thorough examination was not done in Bihar after 1 January 2003.... the Election Commission had decided that it would continuously coordinate with the political parties. In this sequence, almost every political party complained about the voter list being incorrect and every time they said that the voter list should be rectified.

"Therefore, this time in Bihar, just like in 2002, within a month between July and August,

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Srinagar experiences hottest July day in over 7 decades

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Srinagar experienced the hottest July day in over seven decades on Saturday as a persistent heatwave continued across Kashmir, officials said.

The maximum temperature in Srinagar reached 37.4 degrees Celsius, which is 7.8 degrees above the seasonal average. This temperature marks the third highest ever recorded in the city, and the highest since 1953.

The all-time highest temperature in Srinagar is 38.3 degrees Celsius, which was observed on July 10, 1946.

Additionally, the tourist resort in Pahalgam, one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, experienced its hottest July day on record, with temperatures soaring to 31.6 degrees Celsius. The previous record was 31.5 degrees Celsius, recorded on July 21 of last year.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, also reported the second hottest July day, reaching a

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 32.7°C Min: 23.6°C

Humidity
Max: 86 Min: 64

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 37.4°C Min: 24.5°C

Humidity
Max: 63 Min: 41

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

Hizbul supremo among 11 chargesheeted in cross-border narco-terror case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Saturday filed a charge-sheet against 11 persons, including two Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) terrorists, accused of operating a narco-terror financing module in the Union Territory, an official said.

"The chargesheet was filed in connection with a case registered at Police Station SIA Jammu. The FIR, initially lodged in the year 2022, pertains to cross-border narco-terrorism and terror financing network involving Pakistan-based terrorist

organizations and their networks operating in J&K," the official added.

"The investigation in the case uncovered a well-organized network of terrorist associates and couriers aiding terrorist outfit Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) by facilitating smuggling of narcotics and raising funds for HM," the official said adding that this network as per the investigations, have emerged as a major channel for terror financing in the region.

"Several of these individuals involved have amassed significant wealth through drug proceeds, despite hav-

ing negligible legitimate sources of income," the official said.

"The charge-sheet was filed against accused operating under a well organised terror network for raising funds through smuggling and selling of narcotics namely Khalid Hussain, son of Anwar Hussain, resident of Ujhan Margan, Tehsil Darhal, District Rajouri, currently residing at Rehmat Colony, Channi Himmat, Jammu; Harpreet Singh, son of Kamaljeet Singh, resident of House No. 619/F, Sector 3, Nanak Nagar,

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HC notifies new timings for Distt Courts from Monday

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has notified that from Monday (July 7, 2025), all the District Courts in Jammu Province will follow the office and court timings as per the revised schedule. The office hours will be from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM and from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM, while court working hours will be from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, with a break from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The earlier notification dated April 8, 2025, regarding court timings stands withdrawn.

Interpretation of law, Constitution has to be pragmatic, as per society's needs: CJI



has to be interpreted in the context of "problems faced by the present generation."

"The interpretation has to be pragmatic. It has to be one that suits the needs of society," he added.

Judges are expected to work as per their conscience, the oath of office and law, but "should never be perturbed once the matter is decided", he said.

A judge should cut off his mind from the matter and forget what happens to it thereafter, he added.

Talking about the appointment of judges, the CJI asserted that "at no cost the independence of judiciary shall be compromised".

While making appointments either to the Supreme court or high courts, the collegium ensures that

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Case registered over attempt to provoke unrest during Muharram procession

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A case has been registered against several individuals for allegedly attempting to provoke unrest and disturb public order and communal harmony during a Muharram procession in the city, police said on Saturday.

"In violation of laid-down conditions, certain individuals committed deliberate and unlawful acts during the Muharram procession on MA Road on Friday," a police spokesperson said.

He said the actions were aimed at provoking unrest, disrupting public order and disturbing communal harmony. Accordingly, legal action has been initiated and a case has been registered under relevant sections of

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Police attaches property in Srinagar acquired through proceeds linked to terror activities

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday attached a property allegedly acquired through illegal proceeds linked to terrorist activities here, an official said.

According to police, the attachment was carried out under relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with an FIR registered at Khanyar police station.

In a decisive move against the terror ecosystem and to dismantle its supporting infrastructure, Srinagar police has attached a residential property -- land and building structure -- estimated to be worth approximately Rs 1.5 crore, a police spokesperson said.

He said the property, located in Mir Masjid Mohalla, Shallabagh in Khanyar locality here, is registered in the name of Mohammad Yousuf Shah. It is currently in the possession of his son Masood Hussain Shah.

Investigations have established that the property was acquired through illegal proceeds linked to terrorist activities, the spokesperson said.

The property has been formally seized and attached following due legal procedure. Through this attachment notice, the owner is prohibited from selling, leasing, or transferring the said property in any manner, he added.

According to the spokesperson, by targeting and

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