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Dr Jitendra holds Public Durbar, announces AIIMS Jammu Outreach Centre for Basohli

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India edge Thailand 2-1 to qualify for AFC Women's Asian Cup Finals

36 Amarnath Yatris injured after 5 buses collide; J&K to host National Tourism Secretaries' 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.

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

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of the investigation, it

"Our priority is the safety of all pilgrims. Directed the officials concerned to implement comprehensive safety measures for vehicles of pilundertaking

Amarnath Yatra and ensure

safety checks at all key locations and uninterrupted availability of food and medicines at Yatra route," he added.

Earlier, the LG spoke to

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 sadhvis and one trans gender -- left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in two separate convoys between 3.30 am and 4.05 am amid tight security

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 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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

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

Conference on July 7, 8

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant boost to Jammu & Kashmir's tourism profile, the Union Ministry for Tourism is organising two day Tourism Secretaries' Conference of all States and Union Territories Sher-i-Kashmir at the International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar, on 7th and 8th July 2025, for the first time in Jammu & Kashmir

The national event will bring together the Tourism Secretaries and Heads from across the country for highlevel deliberations on collaborative policy-making and strategic planning in the tourism sector. Senior dignitaries including the Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, the Union Home Secretary and the Secretary, Ministry for Tourism are expected to attend the event.

The conference will focus on key national-level policy areas like tourism-related

2025-26, destination development and infrastructure initiatives, review of sanctioned projects, promotion and marketing strategies, investment opportunities and film tourism promotion.

A special session dedicated exclusively to Territories will be held on 8th July, with participation from top-level officials and expected attendance of the Union Home Secretary.

In preparation for this prestigious Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Yasha Mudgal, today conducted a detailed review of the arrangements at SKICC. She was accompanied by Director Tourism Kashmir and Director SKICC, who briefed her on logistical, hospitality and security measures being put in place.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary said, "This is a proud moment for Jammu & Kashmir. Hosting tourism leaders from across the country is both an opportunity and a responsibility. We are committed towards ensuring immaculate arrangements and seamless coordination.' She added that the conference offers a unique chance to "showcase J&K's tourism potential, recent progress and its policy alignment with national tourism goals."

The event is expected to serve as a platform for collaborative dialogue, knowledge exchange and launch of new initiatives for sustainable and inclusive tourism. The scenic setting of Srinagar will also allow delegates to experience firsthand the region's renowned natural beauty and warm hospitality.

This historic gathering marks a major milestone in Jammu & Kashmir's emergence as a year-round tourism destination and a hub for national policy engagement in the tourism

Several illegal structures demolished in Jammu smugglers

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Several illegally-

built structures, allegedly

smuggling, were demolished during an antiencroachment drive here on Saturday, officials said. The drive was

jointly conducted by the Jammu

Authority Development (JDA) and police in the Khanpura area of Nagrota on the city outskirts, they

The officials said police have arrested three cattle

hottest July day in

over 7 decades

SRINAGAR: Srinagar expe-

rienced the hottest July day

in over seven decades on

Saturday as a persistent

heatwave continued across

The maximum tempera-

ture in Srinagar reached

37.4 degrees Celsius, which

is 7.8 degrees above the sea-

sonal average. This tempera-

ture marks the third highest

ever recorded in the city, and

The all-time highest tem-

perature in Srinagar is 38.3

degrees Celsius, which was

Additionally, the tourist

resort in Pahalgam, one of

the base camps for the annu-

al 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

Qazigund, the gateway

town to the Valley, also

reported the second hottest

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July day, reaching a

observed on July 10, 1946.

the highest since 1953.

Kashmir, officials said.

STATE TIMES NEWS

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 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Terrorist hideout busted in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR/JAMMU: Security forces on Saturday busted a terrorist hideout in Pooneh district and recovered arms and ammunition, officials said.

The hideout unearthed during a joint search operation by police and Army in Surankote forests, they

the operation. The security forces recovered three hand grenades, 14 rounds of AK assault rifle, six pistol rounds, a wire cutter, a multi-purpose knife, a multidata cable connector, five pencil cells, an iron rod and a

Interpretation of law, Constitution has to

be pragmatic, as per society's needs: CJI

paint box from the hideout, the officials said. Meanwhile, an anti-terror-



ist operation in the forest area of Chatroo in Kishtwar district entered the fourth day on Saturday.

operation launched on Wednesday

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Srinagar experiences hottest July day in Hizbul supremo among 11 chargesheeted HC notifies new timings for Distt Courts 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 narcoterrorism and terror financnetwork involving

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

"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 having negligible legitimate sources of income," the offi-

"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 Margan, Tehsil Ujhan Darhal, District Rajouri, currently residing at Rehmat Colony, Channi Himmat, Jammu; Harpreet Singh, son of Kamaljeet Singh, resident of House No. 619/F, Sector

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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

STATE TIMES NEWS MUMBAI: Chief Justice of

India Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai on Saturday said the interpretation of law or the Constitution has to be "pragmatic" and in a way that suits the needs of society.

Speaking at a felicitation organised for him by the Bombay High Court here, he also mentioned that recently he had received complaints about the rude behaviour of "some of the colleagues", and urged the judges to protect the reputation of the institution. Citing a past Supreme Court judgement, Gavai said any law or the Constitution

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

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", A judge should cut off his

forget what happens to it thereafter, he added. Talking about the appointment of judges, the CJI asserted that "at no cost the

mind from the matter and

independence of judiciary shall be compromised". While making appoint-

ments either to the Supreme court or high courts, the collegium ensures that

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Members of Parliamentary Standing Committee Case registered over attempt to provoke unrest during on Coal, Mines, Steel call on LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal, Mines and Steel, under the Chairmanship of Anurag Singh Thakur, Member of Parliament called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan on

The Committee is on a study visit to the Union ofJammu Territory

Kashmir Anurag Singh Thakur said that the committee's visit to Jammu Kashmir is also a part of the confidence buildmeasures by the Government of India, post the Pahalgam Terror Attack. It will also spread the message across the country that Kashmir is safe and peaceful, he added



Mines and Steel, Anurag Singh Thakur calling on LG Manoi Sinha at Srinagar on Saturday.

The members of the committee also congratulated the Lieutenant Governor for the reforms and progressive

policies implemented across the sectors in Jammu Kashmir. The Lieutenant Governor

reiterated his commitment to the inclusive and equitable development of UT of Jammu Kashmir. He also spoke on the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory.

"Common man of Jammu Kashmir wants peace. The people have immense love and dedication for the nation and they know that their future is with India. The kind of protests that were seen on the streets of Jammu Kashmir against Pakistan- sponsored terrorism in Pahalgam unprecedented,'

The Lieutenant Governor also emphasized on the need to counter fake narrative and propaganda being created by the adversaries.

Lieutenant Governor said.

Muharram procession STATE TIMÉS 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 har-

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

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

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

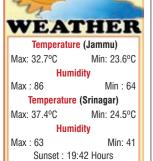
He said the property, located in Mir Masjid Mohalla, Shallabagh in Khanyar locality here, is registered in the name of Mohammad Yousuf Shah. It is currently in the possession of his son Masood Hussain Shah.

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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Sunrise: 05:28 Hours