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Sinha performs 'Samapan Pooja' marking culmination of Amarnath Yatra

Lauds contribution of all stakeholders, citizens in ensuring hassle-free pilgrimage

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday morning performed the 'Samapan Pooja' which marks the end of annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra, and prayed for peace, progress and prosperity of the people.

"I truly admire and appreciate the selfless contribution of all stakeholders and citizens for making this difficult Yatra hassle-free for the pilgrims", said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor lauded the efforts of J&K Police, Army, CAPFs, Airforce, NDRF, SDRF, Volunteers, Doctors, Health care personnel, Political and Religious leaders, Sant Samaj, Shrine Board officials, UT Administration, Langar organizers, Telecom service providers, Sanitation workers, Ponywalas, Pithuwalas, Civil Society Groups and other enlightened citizens from all walks of life for ensuring successful culmination of this year's Yatra.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Chief Executive Officer Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board & Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; D C Raina, Member, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board

3.65 lakh pilgrims performed Darshan, highest in past 5 years

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that this year's Shri Amarnathji Yatra has witnessed 3.65 lakh RFID registered persons performing Darshan at Holy Cave, which is highest in the past 5 years.

Addressing the media persons during a press conference at Raj Bhawan Auditorium, the Lt Governor informed 2,20,490 Yatris performed darshan in 2016. In 2017, the number was 2,60,003, while in 2018 and 2019, 2,85,006 and 3,43,587 persons performed Darshan at the holy cave respectively.

The Lt Governor said that despite inclement weather conditions for 20 days out of 44 days, the overall Yatra remained satisfactory. RAS survey by yatris shows 93 per cent satisfaction rating on various parameters, while 73 per cent of the Darshans performed in the first 20 days of Yatra.

The feedback received from the yatris about the facilities has been overwhelming for the administration, he added.

Shrine Board, Civil Administration, J&K Police, Army, CAPFs, NDRF, SDRF, Volunteers, other stakeholders, especially the locals of J&K quickly carried out rescue and evacuation operations after 8th July Flash floods and saved many precious lives. The dedication and commitment of our Police and the Security Forces had ensured safety and security of the pilgrims, observed the Lt Governor. I also express gratitude to the Central

and Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir also participated in the Samapan Pooja at the Raj Bhawan.

Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and the UT Administration had made all the arrangements for carrying out traditional religious rituals at the holy cave.

Meanwhile, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board facilitated the carriage of Holy Mace (Pavitra Chhari) to the Cave Shrine of Shri Amarnathji.



LG Manoj Sinha addressing press conference at Srinagar.

LG flags off 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally at Dal Lake; reviews preparations

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday flagged off the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally at the iconic Dal Lake in Srinagar.

Tiranga Utsav is a celebration of ideals and aspirations of the country. I appeal to everyone to join this campaign by hoisting the Tricolour on their homes from 13th to 15th August, said the Lt Governor.



LG Manoj Sinha flagging-off 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally at Dal Lake, Srinagar on Friday.

Jammu's Manjwallas-Down the memory lane



The history of kite flying in Jammu is perhaps as old as the tradition of celebrating festivals and festivities. Though much research has not been done about this sport yet it may be argued that since kite flying is a common phenomenon between Raksha Bandhan and Shri Krishna Janamasthami in the Hindu holiest month of Shraavan, the tradition must be from the times immemorial and this has not waned so far.

Kite flying is impossible without Manja-the string used for sending the kites in far-away skies- with the adventure of outdoing adversaries by bringing down their kites, known in Dogri as Pecha. But many kite fliers don't know that their fun leaves many birds maimed and humans dead due to use of

As the kite flying boom is at an all time high across Jammu region during this festive season, notwithstanding intermittent rains, the threat to people continues to remain imminent. STATE TIMES teams, which visited around 97 locations in different parts of the City where the people of different age-groups, predominantly youngsters, were engaged in the kite flying at their roof-tops, could not find a single place where Chinese Manja was not being used. When asked about the danger of Chinese Manja, the users shrugged their shoulders casually with a 'what-to-me' attitude. And when asked why they were not making use of local thread, almost everyone laughed and quipped sarcastically, where is Indian Manja; the Chinese Manja is easily available in the open market. To check the menace, police will have to maintain strict vigil and tackle firmly the unscrupulous Chinese Manja trade to discourage kite flying with the glass coated string.

Chinese string, made of glass coated nylon thread. This was not the scenario before the advent of the Dragon strings.

The City of Jammu had a very dependent and almost risk-free mechanism of flying kites with local thread (the local made Manja), which kept improving from time to time. The old timers still recall the times when the very famous Shiv Ram alias Shivo and Laali, used to make the string or Manja in Rani Talab area of the old city decades ago. Those days these vicinities formed the pride of the City of Temples. They had inherited the trade from their ancestors. They kept on improving their brands with soaring demands by the kite lovers, especially during festive seasons. The legendary Manja makers used to produce the rolls of strings from their homes and the number of clientele would always



HAR GHAR TIRANGA

Let's celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by Hoisting Tiranga at our Homes, Shops and other establishments from 13-15 August

Whenever the National Flag is displayed, it should occupy the position of honour and should be distinctly placed.

A damaged or dishevelled Flag shall not be displayed

No other flag or bunting should be placed higher than or above or side by side with the National Flag

Flag can now be hoisted in homes for 24hours

The National Flag shall not be displayed in an inverted manner

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