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## Developed India, prosperity of society criteria for usefulness of education: LG



LG Manoj Sinha delivering inaugural address at 22nd Foundation Day of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on Tuesday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha delivered the inaugural address at 22nd Foundation Day of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University through

video conference. Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor said Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University today stands as a beacon of knowledge, innovation, inspiration

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► Delivers inaugural address at 22nd Foundation Day of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University  
► Announces that long pending persistent demand of non-teaching employees belonging to lower middle level and below has been fulfilled  
► As per approval accorded all non-teaching employees of this category who were earlier on 05 years contract system and whose contract period were continuously renewed shall now be regularised and the contract system is hereby removed  
► Says, SMVDU playing important role in creating human resources in accordance with global changes  
► We have onerous responsibility of preparing the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, architects and skilled professionals

Five JKAS officers recalled, six deputed to Ladakh

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government recalled five Junior Scale JKAS officers from the Union Territory of Ladakh while deputing six others from J&K to Ladakh.

According to the order issued by, M Raju, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), the recalled Junior Scale JKAS officers from the

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Property of designated terrorist attached under UAPA

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: A property of designated terrorist Asif Maqbool Dar, who is presently operating from across the border, was attached in Baramulla district on Tuesday, police said.

The action has been taken in connection with an FIR registered at Parimpora police station under various sections of the IPC and Unlawful

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## We need to uplift Govt schools for imparting quality education: CM



CM Omar Abdullah addressing Educational Stakeholders Meet on NEP at SKICC.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday emphasized the need to uplift government schools to a standard where parents consider enrolling their children in them as the best choice for their future.

The Chief Minister stated this while addressing a day long Educational Stakeholders Meet on NEP 2020- Challenges and Prospects in Jammu and

Kashmir, organised by Directorate of School Education Kashmir in collaboration with Bal Raksha Bharat (Save the Children) supported by HCL Foundation at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC).

Addressing the gathering of educationists, Principals, Chief Education officers, Lecturers, Masters, Teachers and students, the Chief Minister said that education

and health sectors form the core for the development of any society in the world.

He added that as soon as this elected government came into power, prime attention is being given to education and health sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I always say that keep everything else aside. If we do not have education, if we are not healthy, then we have nothing", Chief

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## Full Court designates 25 Senior Advocates after five years

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in its Full Court meeting on Tuesday, designated 25 lawyers as Senior Advocates, nearly five years after the last such exercise was undertaken in December 2020.

The exercise, conducted in terms of the J&K and Ladakh (Designation of Senior Advocates) Rules, 2025, followed a rigorous selection process that evaluated 45 applications. The criteria included professional standing, length of practice, quality of advocacy, merit, integrity, reputation, and due

emphasis on diversity and inclusiveness at the Bar.

Among those designated are Surrinder Singh, Shabir Ahmad Naik, Tahir Majid Shamsi, Syed Manzoor Ahmad, Mushtaq Ahmad Chashoo, Aseem Kumar Sawhney, Deepika Mahajan, Ravinder Sharma, Rakesh Kumar Chargoitra, Masooda Jan, Amit Gupta, Tasaduq Hussain Khawaja, Chander Sheikher Gupta, Vishal Sharma, Nirmal Kishore Kotwal, Rameshwar Prasad Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Shah Mohd., Sakal Bhushan, Rajnish Raina, Shabeena Nazir, Rohit Kohli,

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## Govt to introduce 4 Bills including J&K Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill 2025 in LS today

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on Tuesday requested the Lok Sabha Secretariat to include important items related to Jammu and Kashmir in the agenda for the sessions scheduled on August and August 21.

On August 20, among several key bills, the House will see the introduction of The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which aims to amend provisions related to the region's governance structure.

Alongside this, the

### Govt to ban money-based online gaming, bill likely in Parliament on today

NEW DELHI: The proposed promotion and regulation of online gaming bill, cleared by Union Cabinet on Tuesday, prohibits online money gaming or its ads, and prescribes imprisonment or fine, or both, for those offering or advertising them, as it seeks to differentiate such games from eSports or online social games, according to a source.

At the same time, the bill calls for promotion of eSports and online social games, the source said, adding that it acknowledges that formal recognition of eSports will enable India to tune into global competitive gaming landscape, spur innovation, create opportunities for

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Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025,

and the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025 will also be introduced.

Following the introduction,

RDD sounds alarm on fake NMMS MGNREGA App, FIR lodged

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department overseeing the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in Jammu and Kashmir has sounded an alarm over the circulation of unauthorised clone applications being misused in place of the official "National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS)" app in the Kashmir division.

According to officials, these illegal applications are being sold to individuals

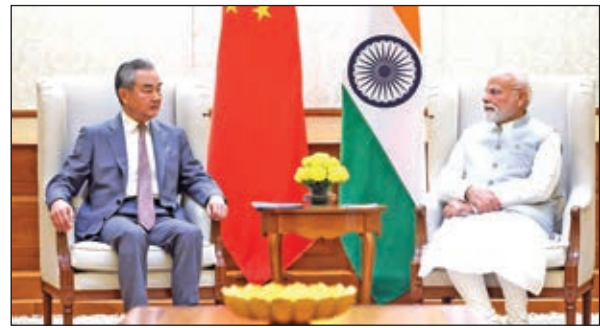
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## India, China ties made steady progress; looking forward to meeting President Xi: Modi

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday underlined the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity along the frontier with China and reiterated India's commitment to a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable resolution to the boundary question as he met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Modi said stable, predictable and constructive ties between India and China will contribute significantly to regional as well as global peace and that he was looking forward to meeting



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi calling on PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Chinese President Xi Jinping on the margins of the upcoming summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the

Chinese city of Tianjin. Wang, who landed in Delhi on Monday on a two-day visit, handed over a

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Police detains elder sister after 14-year-old girl found murdered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Two days after a 14-year-old girl's body was discovered by locals in Ganderbal district, her elder sister has been detained for the murder, police said.

According to police, the girl killed the victim in a fit of rage.

The body was found on August 17 in the bushes at the Batsar-Sehpora area, triggering outrage among residents.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Ganderbal, Khalid Poswal, said a case was registered and a special investigation team (SIT) was formed after the body's discovery.

Forensic experts examined the scene and CCTV footage of the area was analysed which showed that the victim had gone out with her elder sister.

The sister initially claimed that the victim was abducted by some people. However, upon thorough investigation it was found that her

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## CB books 18 including 4 police officials for criminal breach of trust, fraud

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch has booked 18 individuals, including four police officials, for criminal breach of trust and frauds by registering six separate FIRs.

"On the communication received from Police Headquarters (PHQ) J&K, an FIR has been registered against HC Mohan Singh, Follower Vijay Kumar, Follower Sohan Lal and Assistant Incharge CPPP Jammu Shalinder Dogra for criminal breach of trust."

"CB has also registered an FIR against Prop. of M/s Mala Enterprises Auction

Group (chit fund type company) Vijay Khokher, who is Follower in Police Department, for committing criminal breach of trust by misappropriating Rs. 34.25 lakh deposited in his company by the complainant Sanjeev Sharma, resident of Bishnah Jammu," Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh confirmed.

"Crime Branch has registered a formal case on the complaint of Raj Kumar Mehra of Channi Himmat, Jammu who became victim of filmy style fraud. He was befriended on facebook by a

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lady from United Kingdom who later pretended to be arrested by customs officers at Mumbai International Airport while coming to India to meet the complainant and demanded & received Rs. 48.80 lakh from the complainant fraudulently for managing escape from the customs department. Accused named in the FIR are Alka Joshi, daughter of Chandra Prakash Joshi, resident of H.No 84 Bans Maitoli Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, Chandra Bhan, son of Tikam Singh, resident of Shakupur

## Kishtwar cloudburst: Death toll rises to 65 with recovery of two bodies, search area extended

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHASHOTI: Two bodies were recovered in this cloudburst-hit village in Kishtwar district on Tuesday, taking the toll to 65, officials said, as the search operation was extended to cover a larger area on the sixth day.

The day started with the recovery of a mutilated body of a woman downstream, while sniffer dogs also helped trace a lower body part of another victim under the debris of a collapsed house, they said.

Officials said that one more body and two body parts were recovered from different locations during the day.

However, the officials said the recovered parts are suspected to be of bodies that have already been recovered. The remains would be sent for a DNA test.

The rescue teams are working at multiple locations, especially the major impact spot near a community



kitchen site, sifting through the rubble using heavy machinery, including earth movers, and sniffer dogs.

A cloudburst struck Chashoti, the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata temple, on August 14, leaving a trail of death and destruc-

tion. Among the 65 dead, three are CISF personnel and one Special Police Officer (SPO) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

A total of 167 people have been rescued, and 39 were still marked

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### Flashfloods in Poonch, Rajouri: Bodies of girl, boy recovered

JAMMU: The bodies of an eight-year-old girl and a 20-year-old man, who were swept away in flash floods on Monday, were recovered in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, officials said.

Massive operations were launched by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), police, and locals to trace the minor girl and the man who were washed away in the rising waters of Suran River and Mubarakhpura Nallah in Poonch and Rajouri districts, they said.

The body of 20-year-old Atif Shah was recovered on Tuesday from Munawar Tawi at Kalhar-Dalogra, around 15 km downstream from the incident site, officials said.

The body is being handed over to the family. "A massive search operation by

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## Opposition announces former SC judge B Sudershan Reddy as VP candidate



### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Former Supreme Court judge B Sudershan Reddy is the joint candidate of the Opposition parties for the Vice-Presidential polls, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge announced on Tuesday, as he called the upcoming election for the country's second-highest

office an "ideological battle". Reddy is a former judge of the Supreme Court and the first Lokayukta of Goa. He is also on the Board of Trustees of the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre in Hyderabad.

Reddy will file his nomination on August 21.

The joint opposition would hold a meeting in the central hall of Samvidhan Sadan (old Parliament building) on Wednesday afternoon. "All Opposition parties have decided to have a common candidate; the decision has been taken unanimously. I am happy that all opposition parties have agreed on one name. It is a big achievement for democracy," Kharge said. "Whenever democracy and the Constitution

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 32.2°C Min: 24.0°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 80 Min: 76

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 24.1°C Min: 16.1°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 91 Min: 84

Sunset : 19:12 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:57 Hours