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Linguistic diversity preserves cultural heritage, contributes to nation-building: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday addressed the 'Bhartiya Bhasha Samagam', organised by Hindusthan Samachar Group, at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi.

In his keynote address, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on the linguistic harmony and mutual respect and understanding of diverse languages and dialects to foster national unity and inclusive growth.

"A linguistically harmonious society lays the foundation for rapid socio-economic growth, strengthens the social bonds and promotes social equality. Linguistic diversity preserves cultural heritage and enables people to contribute to nation-building," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed



LG Manoj Sinha at the 'Bhartiya Bhasha Samagam' organised by Hindusthan Samachar Group at Varanasi on Saturday.

that under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is not only rising as a major economic power but is also reclaiming its past glory.

"Prime Minister's Panch Pran outlines a clear path for India's future. It is a call to action for every citizen to shed the vestiges of colonial

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Search to trace suspected terrorists underway

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA/JAMMU: Security forces have launched a search operation in a remote village in Doda district following information about the movement of three suspected terrorists there, a senior police officer said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Sandeep Mehta, said the operation was launched in the Bhallara area of Thathri on Friday evening and was continuing.

Officials said police, assisted by the Army, cordoned off a vast area of the village and adjoining forests, but there has been no contact with the suspected terrorists so far.

The situation in Doda remained tense following AAP state president and local MLA Meraj

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Pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi postponed amid incessant rains

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The pilgrimage to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, which was scheduled to restart on Sunday after remaining suspended for 19 days, has been postponed again till further orders amid incessant rains, the shrine board said on Saturday.

The pilgrimage was suspended on August 26, hours before a major landslide hit the route leading to the shrine that resulted in the death of 34 pilgrims and injuries to 20 others.

In a post in C, the Shrine board said, "Due to incessant rain at Bhawan and the track, commencement of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra scheduled

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CEO SMVDSB reviews Yatra preparedness ahead of Shardiya Navratra

KATRA: To ensure seamless pilgrimage during the upcoming Shardiya Navratras, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), presided over a joint meeting on Saturday at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra with security agencies and local authorities for a comprehensive

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2,39,533 cases settled in 3rd National Lok Adalat held across J&K

Justice Sanjeev Kumar inaugurates National Lok Adalat at Kupwara

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its endeavour to fulfil the constitutional commitment of providing swift, cost-effective, and efficient dispute resolution to the masses in general and the litigant public in particular, the J&K Legal Services Authority-under the patronage of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority), the dynamic leadership of Justice Sanjeev Kumar,

Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, organized the 3rd National Lok Adalat of the year 2025 across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, to promote amicable settlements in a wide range of cases, including MACT claims, matrimonial disputes, cheque bounce cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act, money recovery, commercial disputes, and compoundable criminal offences. Justice Sanjeev Kumar,

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Modi Govt stands steadfast with flood-hit people: Union Minister Bambhaniya

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya on Saturday said the Narendra Modi-led government stands steadfast with the flood-hit people and will leave no stone unturned in ensuring their relief and rehabilitation.

The Union Minister along with MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat, MLA Jammu North Sham Lal Sharma, visited the flood-affected



Union Minister Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat during visit to flood-affected areas of Garhkal.

areas of Garhkal and Pargwal to assess the widespread devastation caused by the breach of the Chenab embankment.

During the visit, Union

Hardcore criminal detained under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An alleged criminal was detained under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) here on Saturday, police said.

Arjun Kumar alias "Billu", a resident of Kalyana village of Arnia, is a hardcore criminal with a history of involvement in violent and heinous offences, a police spokesman said.

He said despite multiple arrests and legal actions, he has consistently shown a blatant disregard for the law and continued his involvement in criminal activities, posing a serious threat to public peace and security.

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CJ inaugurates New Court Complex in Handwara

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HANDWARA: Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli on Saturday inaugurated the newly constructed Court Complex at Handwara in district Kupwara in presence of Administrative Judge for District Kupwara, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi; Registrar General J&K High Court, M. K Sharma; Principal and District Sessions Judge Kupwara, Manjeet Singh Manhas; DIG North, Maqsood Ul Zaman; DC Kupwara Shrikant Balasaheb Suse; Additional Session Judge Handwara, Mansoor Ahmad Lone; SSP



Chief Justice Arun Palli speaking during a programme at Handwara on Saturday.

Handwara, Chaudhary Mushtaq, officers from Judiciary/ District Administration Kupwara, members of the Bar Association Kupwara and representatives from the legal fraternity.

On his arrival, Chief

Justice was given guard of honour by the Police.

After the inauguration, the Chief Justice inspected various sections of the Court Complex Handwara including Court Rooms, E-Court Room, Record Room,

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Hope Centre will respect aspirations of J&K people, restore statehood: Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Ruling National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said he is hopeful the Centre will respect the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and restore its statehood.

The three-time former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was in Pahalgam as a guest of honour at a golf tournament in which around 50 golfers from across the country are participating.

Asked if he was hopeful of restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, Abdullah told PTI Videos, "God willing, that will also happen one day. We are hope-

ful that Delhi will pay attention to it. The prime minister will see to it that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want statehood to be restored".

To a question on whether controversies like Hazratbal or Doda divert attention from real issues, the NC president said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been living in difficult times since 1947, and "this is not something new".

"However, we have to come out of that... nothing is static, things move. God willing, the situation has improved here, and I am hopeful that the leadership of our country will understand this

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Authorities order closure of unlicensed brick kilns within 8 km radius of Srinagar airport

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The authorities in Kashmir on Saturday ordered immediate closure of all unlicensed brick-kilns within an 8-km radius of the Srinagar airport to improve air quality and visibility for aircraft, officials said.

The direction was passed at a meeting of the airfield environment management committee chaired by Kashmir Divisional Commissioner Anshul Garg, who is also the chairman of the panel, an official spokesman said.

The meeting emphasised the need for collaborative efforts among the stakeholders to ensure aerospace safety around the airfield, he said.

At the meeting, Garg issued a slew of directions aimed at enhancing airfield safety, particularly with regard to visibility, bird hazards, dog menace, and

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.9°C Min: 25.5°C

Humidity
Max: 86 Min: 74

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.2°C Min: 18.6°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 45

Sunset : 18:40 Hours
Sunrise : 06:13 Hours

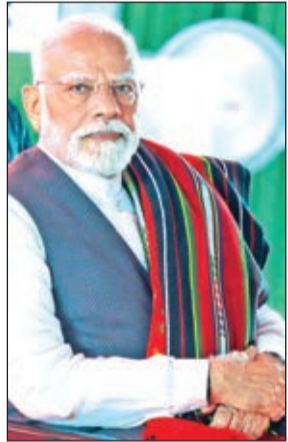
Karki's appointment as Nepal PM shining example of women empowerment: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

IMPHAL: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated Nepal's interim PM Sushila Karki on assuming office, calling her appointment "a shining example of women empowerment".

Addressing a rally in Manipur capital Imphal, Modi said India and Nepal have been close friends bound by shared history, faith and cultural ties, and New Delhi stood firmly with the people of the neighbouring country during its transitional phase.

"I want to congratulate



Sushila Karki on behalf of 140 crore Indians. I am confident that she will pave the

way for peace, stability, and prosperity in Nepal," the PM said.

Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki on Friday night became Nepal's first woman prime minister to lead an interim government.

"Karki occupying the top post of that country is an example of women's empowerment," Modi asserted.

The PM also lauded the resilience of the Nepali people, noting how citizens, especially young men and women, were taking part in cleaning and painting buildings in the past few

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DIG-DKR Range, DC discuss issues of public importance with Doda Civil Society

Beopar Mandal, Transport Association, other stakeholders assure cooperation with administration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Deputy Inspector General of Police DKR Range Shridhar Patil along with Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and SSP Sandeep Kumar Mehta today convened a meeting with the representatives from Beopar Mandal, Transport Association and prominent citizens & civil society of Doda here at District Police lines.

The discussions focused on strengthening mutual trust and maintaining harmony in the district, besides resolving issues of public importance.

Representatives of Beopar



DIG Shridhar Patil flanked by DC Harvinder Singh, SSP Sandeep Kumar Mehta addressing meeting.

Mandal, Transport Association and others assured their active support and cooperation to the District administration in maintaining public order and

requested for phase wise lifting of restrictions imposed under section 163 BNSS, so that government and private business may run smoothly and the general

public feels relieved.

The representatives highlighted that the general public have suffered significant losses in the recent flood like situation in the district and

people have high hopes from the Government in this time of distress. They push for immediate restoration of services including Internet, transport, while stressing on the opening of schools and the market.

The civil society representatives assured to extend their active support and cooperation to the administration in bringing the situation back on track.

SSP Sandeep Mehta exhorted the participants to keep eye on the miscreants who are hell bent to disrupt the peaceful situation

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