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LG Kavinder asks officials to remain vigilant, responsive, people-friendly approach

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99th Birth Anniversary of Rishi Kumar Koushal marked with grand educational outreach in Reasi

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Dr. Sushil emphasizes lifestyle changes, equitable access to cardiac care

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FARM EQUIPMENTS NOW MORE AFFORDABLE FOR KISAN

FESTIVAL OF SAVINGS, SEASON OF JOY

COMBINE HARVESTER THRESHER CHEAPER BY UPTO ₹1.25 LAKH

TRACTOR CHEAPER BY NEARLY ₹40,000

EIGHTH NAVRATRA

Maa Maha Gauri

Eighth incarnation of Maa Durga is Maa 'Maha Gauri'. Her clothes as well as ornaments are white in colour. To have Lord Shiva as husband, she mediated so hard that her body turned black, but when Lord Shiva washed her body it started glittering and got white by virtue of which, she is called 'Maha Gauri'. By her worship one gets all pleasures of life and gets rid of all the sins. Mantra to be recited nine times of 'Maa Maha Gauri' is :-

"Om Aing Hreeng Kleeng Chamunday Bhagwati Maha Gauri Mum Sarvam Samridhim Vardhay Vardhay Swaha"

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चामुण्डायै भगवती महगौरी मम सर्वम् समृद्धिं वर्धयै वर्धयै स्वाहा

CM inaugurates, lays foundation of Rs 36 Cr dev projects

"Distt Ganderbal will be set on steady growth path"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday inaugurated and laid foundation stone for more than a dozen development projects worth ₹36.50 crore during an extensive tour of Ganderbal district, reaffirming his government's commitment to strengthening infrastructure in sports, power sectors and improving road connectivity in the district.

At Beehama, the Chief Minister inaugurated six major sports infrastructure projects including the upgradation of Beehama Stadium, Madr-e-Meharban Stadium, and playgrounds at Gund Rehman, Manigam, Wakura, and Batwina. These projects mark a significant investment in nurturing local sports talent and promoting a healthy sporting ecosystem across the district.

Unveiling new sports equip-



CM Omar Abdullah after inaugurating, laying foundation stone of development projects in Ganderbal on Monday.

ment for youth, the Chief Minister also witnessed impressive performances in Judo, Thang-Ta, and Yoga, showcasing Ganderbal's vibrant sporting spirit.

At Saloora, Chief Minister

Omar Abdullah inaugurated and dedicated a 33/11 KV, 1x6 MVA receiving station to the public.

Later, he inaugurated the Pre-Fab Indoor Badminton Hall at the Government

College of Physical Education (GCOPE), Gadoora, and even participated in a friendly badminton match. In the same complex, the Chief

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LG vows to bridge gap between rural and urban J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, graced and addressed the 'Swachhata Vijayotsav' organised by the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj under 'Sewa Parv' on Monday in Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed his commitment to bridge the gap between Rural and Urban J&K and to ensure prosperity. He said truest evidence of the Central Government's commitment to J&K can be seen in performance over the last 5-6 Years.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the significance of cleanliness drives to promote public health and well-being and fostering community participation for happier and healthier villages.

"Initiatives under Education, Social Welfare, Rural Development, Urban Development, Healthcare are integral to build a just and



LG Manoj Sinha attending Swachhata Vijayotsav organised by RDD in Jammu.

inclusive society. We must push through challenges to achieve the goals of prosperous rural J&K," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor directed for a dedicated environmental protection awareness campaign for rural J&K.

"Sewa Parv should not be viewed in isolation. It must be integrated into life. We must work towards creating a unified national identity to

ensure the welfare and prosperity of all," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He exhorted the officials for a crackdown on encroachments along the water bodies. Citizens must report encroachments on natural resources in their respective areas to the authorities. Let us unite to rebuild a stronger, more secure future, the Lieutenant Governor

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Northern Railway to resume 8 long-distance trains from Jammu on October 2

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Northern Railway on Monday ordered the resumption of eight long-distance trains from Jammu station starting October 2, after ensuring the safety and continuity of tracks damaged by heavy rains and floods in August this year.

Heavy rainfall in the Jammu-Pathankot and Jammu-Katra sections had severely affected rail services in the division, with tracks and bridges bearing the brunt of the floods. More

than 50 trains were suspended, leaving hundreds of passengers stranded at the Jammu railway station in late August.

Railway officials said that eight trains will now be restored in the fourth phase of resumption of services. The decision was taken after periodic reviews of various sections by Divisional Railway Manager, Jammu, Vivek Kumar and other officials. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager

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Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra: Over 1.25 lakh pilgrims pay obeisance during Navratri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in the Trikuta hills of Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district is going on smoothly, with over 1.25 lakh devotees having paid obeisance at the temple during the past one week of Navratri.

Navratri, being observed from September 22 to October 1, is dedicated to the worship of Goddess Durga and holds special significance at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, which records one of its highest pilgrim footfalls during this period. "The yatra is going on smoothly as

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Rohit Gupta posted as Inspector LMD Akhnoor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Legal Metrology Department on Monday transferred Inspector Rohit Gupta.

"Pursuant to approval of the competent authorities, conveyed vide above referred to communication dated September 24, 2025, Rohit Gupta, Inspector, Legal Metrology Department, Dayalchak, is shifted and posted as Inspector, Legal Metrology Department, J&K, immediately," read an order issued by Rajinder Singh Tara, Controller, Legal Metrology Department, J&K.

Warfare now measured in hours and seconds, not months: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said that warfare is now "measured in hours and seconds, not months", with satellites, drones and sensors redefining the nature of conflict, as he urged the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) to develop a futuristic roadmap that anticipates new challenges, integrates cutting-edge tech-

nologies and continuously adapts strategies.



In his address at the 42nd ICG Commanders' Conference held at the force's

headquarters here, Singh also underlined that cyber and electronic warfare are "no longer hypothetical threats", but present-day realities.

"A nation may attempt to paralyse our systems not with missiles, but through hacking, cyber-attacks and electronic jamming. The ICG must continuously adapt, upgrade its training and

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Soldier dies in accidental grenade blast

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: An army personnel lost his life in an accidental grenade blast in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday evening, officials said.

The soldier was on sentry guard duty at a post inside a camp in the Surankote area when the grenade reportedly went off due to his mishandling around 7.45 pm, they said. They said the troop-er died on the spot.

Modi to release commemorative postage stamp, coin to mark RSS' centenary year

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release a commemorative postage stamp and coin to mark the centenary year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) this week.

The RSS, founded on Vijayadashmi in 1925, will complete 100 years on Thursday.

Sources said the prime minister will release the commemorative stamp and coin



on Wednesday in the presence of RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on the eve of the organisation's centenary year celebrations.

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Kashmir Police Chief stresses proactive intelligence to deal with emerging threats

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Police chief V K Birdi on Monday reviewed the security scenario across the valley and called for proactive intelligence gathering and swift response mechanisms to effectively deal with emerging threats.

Birdi, the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, chaired a security review meeting at the Police Control Room here, a spokesperson said.

At the onset of the meeting, range deputy inspectors general of police (DIGs) and senior superintendents of

police (SSSP) briefed the chair about the overall crime and security situation in their respective jurisdictions, he said.

Detailed reviews were presented on law and order management, ongoing anti-terror operations, and public safety measures, he added.

The deliberations also focused on critical issues, including actions under the NDPS Act, achieving zero-terror recruitment, strengthening district-level security grids, property attachment proceedings against terror elements, and other

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.1°C Min: 23.6°C

Humidity
Max: 67 Min: 61

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 30.5°C Min: 12.8°C

Humidity
Max: 72 Min: 38

Sunset : 18:19 Hours
Sunrise : 06:23 Hours

Sustainable urban planning, execution on ground-bold roadmap for future cities: Sinha

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha graced the 'Sewa Parv' celebrations organised by Housing & Urban Development Department.

The Lieutenant Governor laid the foundation stone for 60 projects of AMRUT 2.0 worth Rs 699.79 crore.

In his address the Lieutenant Governor lauded the efforts of Housing & Urban Development Department and Jammu Municipal Corporation for fostering inclusive growth and improving their infrastructure and services for city's residents. He said our sustainable urban planning and execution on the ground is a bold roadmap for future cities.

"Under the guidance of Prime



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at 'Sewa Parv' celebrations organised by Housing & Urban Development Department in Jammu on Monday.

Minister Narendra Modi, my mission is to ensure

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► Lays the foundation stone for 60 projects of AMRUT 2.0 worth Rs 699.79 Cr

► Calls for sustainable urban infra, integration of smart technology to develop more liveable and vibrant cities and mitigate environmental challenges

► Says, under guidance of PM, my mission is to ensure that 'No one should be left behind'

► We will ensure that marginalized are reached and included in development process for greater progress and prosperity