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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 Samridhin Vardhay Vardhay Swaha'

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चामुडायै भगवती महागौरी मम सर्वम् समृद्धिं वर्धय वर्धय स्वाहा

CM inaugurates, lays foundation of Rs 36 Cr dev projects

"Distt Ganderbal will be set on steady growth path"

GANDERBAL: 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 dis-

At Beehama, the Chief Minister inaugurated six major sports infrastructure projects including the upgradation of Beehama Stadium, Madr-e-Meherban Stadium, and playfields 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, Ganderbal's showcasing 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 Education (GCOPE), Gadoora, and even participated in a friendly badminton match. In the same complex, the Chief

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

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the significance of cleanliness drives to promote public health and wellbeing 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 Manoi Sinha attending Swachhata Vijayotsay organised by RDD in Jammu.

7 tourist spots closed after

Pahalgam attack reopened

Friday.

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

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

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu

and Kashmir administration

on Monday threw open seven

tourist spots in the valley

that were closed in the wake

of the April 22 Pahalgam ter-

The tourist spots were

opened following directions

Governor Manoj Sinha after

a meeting of the Unified

"After a thorough security

review and discussion in

today's UHQ meeting, I've

Headquarters on Friday.

Lieutenant

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

ordered reopening of more

tourist spots in Kashmir and

Jammu Divisions, which

were temporarily closed as

precautionary measures,'

Sinha said in a post on X on

shut down nearly 50 tourist

spots following the terror

attack at Baisaran in the

Pahalgam area on April 22.

in which heavily-armed ter-

rorists shot dead 26 people --

mostly tourists. The seven

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tourist spots that

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 longdistance 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

Rohit Gupta posted as

Inspector LMD Akhnoor

JAMMU: Legal Metrology

Department on Monday

transferred Inspector Rohit

"Pursuant to approval of the

competent authorities, con-

veyed vide above referred to

September 24, 2025, Rohit

Gupta, Inspector, Legal

Davalachak, is shifted and

posted as Inspector, Legal

Akhnoor, against present

incumbent Nipun Sharma,

Inspector, Legal Metrology,

who shall report to the Office of Controller, Legal Metrology

Department, J&K, immedi-

ately," read an order issued by

Singh Controller, Legal Metrology

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Max: 72

Department, J&K.

STATE TIMES NEWS

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 by Divisional sections Railway Manager, Jammu, Vivek Kumar and other offi-Senior Divisional Commercial Manager

STATE TIMES NEWS

Minister Rajnath Singh

on Monday said that

warfare is now "meas-

ured in hours and sec-

onds, 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-

NEW DELHI: Defence

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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 pas 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 vatra is going on ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

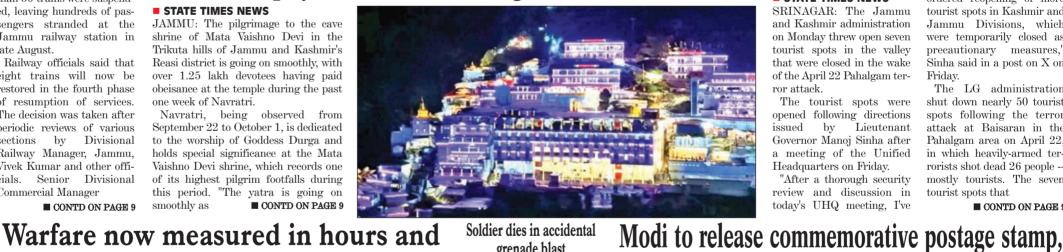
seconds, not months: Rajnath

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In his address at the 42nd

Commanders'

adapts strategies



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 trooper died on the spot.

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



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

coin to mark RSS' centenary year Prime Minister Modi had on Sunday showered praise on the RSS for its selfless service and discipline, and said "nation first" is always supreme in every action of its volunteers

> In his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' address, the prime minister said the RSS was established by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar on Vijayadashmi in 1925 to free the country from

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

headquarters here, Singh

also underlined that cyber

and electronic warfare are

"no longer hypothetical

threats", but present-day

"A nation may attempt

to paralyse our systems

not with missiles, but

through hacking, cyber-

attacks and electronic

jamming. The ICG must

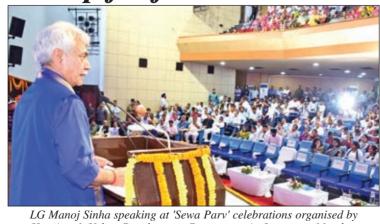
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realities

its training and

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



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

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, spokesperson said.

At the onset of the meeting, range deputy inspectors general of police (DIsG) 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 pre-

sented on law and order management, ongoing antiterror operations, and public safety measures, he added.

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

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