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**IN BRIEF**  
LG, CM extend  
wishes on Herath,  
Mahashivratri

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri, which will be celebrated tomorrow on February 15.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "On the sacred occasion of Mahashivratri, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all. I pray for the health, happiness, and prosperity of every citizen."

The sacred festival, celebrated as 'Herath' by Kashmiri Pandit community, is a symbol of our spiritual tradition and communal harmony. Mahashivratri holds a place of profound significance in our life. The holy festival provides opportunity to pause and reflect the timeless virtues Lord Shiva exemplifies. The teaching Lord Shiva embodies is one of universal service. The holy ► P11

## Posters of wanted JeM terrorist emerge in Doda



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**JAMMU:** Police in Doda district have pasted posters at several strategic locations seeking information about a Pakistani commander of the banned outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), an official

said on Saturday. Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda Sandeep Mehta said the Pakistani terrorist, identified as Saifullah, is believed holed up in Chatroo belt of adjoining Kishtwar district with intelligence inputs suggesting that he is ► P11

## Drone dropped 6.5 Kg heroin seized along IB

**JAMMU:** A major cross-border narcotics smuggling attempt was foiled along the International Border on Saturday with the seizure of over 6.5 kg of heroin worth over Rs 40 crore in the R S Pura sector here, officials said.

The contraband was recovered during a joint operation of the 165th battalion of Border Security Force (BSF) and police from Nai Basti Karotana village in Baspur area, following information about a drone dropping material from across the border, they said.

Police received information about the suspected drone ► P11

## US trade deal to affect J-K: CM hopes for better India-Bangladesh relations

Omar inaugurates GON'GUL-2026 at SKUAST-K

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**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday expressed hope that the new government in Bangladesh will improve relations with India, and said having stable neighbours benefits our country.

He also said the India-US trade deal will adversely affect the Union Territory.

"The more stable our neighbouring countries are, the more it benefits us. No one wants to have wars and fights, or to have unstable neighbours -- be it Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal or any other country," Abdul-



lah told reporters after inaugurating the annual agritech festival 'GON'GUL' at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Tech-

"We hope that after their government formation, both the countries will improve their relations, which had otherwise witnessed some bitterness," he added.

To a question about the Indo-US trade deal, the chief minister said that while he does not know how the deal would benefit the rest of the country, for Jammu and Kashmir "as of now, we can only see losses".

"The items that will be allowed to enter here duty-free are all what Jammu and Kashmir produces --" almonds, walnuts, apples, fresh fruit, dry fruit. You (government) are saying there will be no ► P11

## DM imposes curbs along 5 km IB zone

**KATHUA:** Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Saturday imposed restrictions on "unnecessary movement" within a five-kilometre belt along the International Border, citing the possibility of cross-border firing and the need to prevent anti-national activities and safeguard villagers.

Kathua District Magistrate Rajesh Sharma issued the order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS), which empowers executive magistrates to take preventive measures in urgent cases of apprehended danger to maintain public order and safety. "The security situation in the border ► P11

## Army Cdr reviews security grid, operational readiness in Valley



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**SRINAGAR:** Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma reviewed the security framework and operational preparedness of the forces deployed in the Kashmir valley, the Army said.

The Army commander also visited a strategic logistics echelon in Kashmir to review its operational preparedness, it said.

## NSG holds specialised anti-IED drill

**JAMMU:** The National Security Guard (NSG) successfully conducted a two-week advanced training programme on Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED) for personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police in Udhampur district, officials said on Saturday.

A total of 53 officers, officials belonging to Bomb Disposal Squads (BDS) of all the revenue and Police districts, Government Railway Police, Police Control Room Jammu and ► P11

## CDS: Tibet's recognition led to border row

**DEHRADUN:** Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said the border dispute with China followed India's recognition of Tibet as part of the that country in 1954 with the signing of Panchsheel Agreement.

The chief of defence staff (CDS) was delivering a lecture on 'Frontiers, Borders and LAC: The Middle Sector' under the India Himalayan International Strategic Forum think tank at Lok Bhawan here on Friday.

Chauhan said, "In 1954, India officially recognised Tibet as part of China, the two countries signed the Panchsheel Agreement."

Following the agreement, "India considered itself to have ► P11

## Media's role goes beyond reporting facts to shaping opinion: IAS Rajora DIPR organises workshop for media persons

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**JAMMU:** Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on Saturday organised a day-long workshop on 'Ethical Journalism and the Evolving Landscape of Journalism', for media persons of Jammu at Media Complex here.

The objective of the workshop was to sensitise the media professionals and communication practitioners about the changing dynamics of journalism and the critical importance of ethical standards in the present digital age.

During the workshop, Re-



gional Director IIMC Jammu, Dr Dilip Kumar and Assistant Professor, Vishav were the resource persons.

The resource persons enlightened the participants on emerging trends in journalism, challenges posed by mis-

information, and the growing influence of digital platforms on news consumption and dissemination. ► P11