

**"All our dreams
can come true if
we have the
courage to pur-
sue them."**

—Walt Disney

Inking the Truth

IN BRIEF

**LG, CM greet
people on
Shab-e-Qadr**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the occasion of Shab-e-Qadr.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Qadr, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all.

This holy night epitomizes the virtues of selfless service, compassion, and divine grace. May the Almighty accept our prayers on this blessed night, and continue to guide us on the path of love, unity, and communal harmony."

CM Omar Abdullah has extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, on the sacred occasion of Shab-e-Qadr (Lailat-ul-Qadr), which is being observed tonight.

In his message, the ► P11

**LG unveils bust of Maharaja Ranbir Singh Ji
Youth must lead principled path
for safer, prosperous J&K: Sinha**



■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that the Nation owes Shri Maharaja Ranbir Singh Ji a profound debt for his re-

forms, building vibrant culture and forging a robust and thriving Jammu Kashmir.

"Shri Maharaja Ranbir Singh saw Jammu Kashmir as a living entity-not mere land, but a vibrant structure

where culture breathed life and reforms channeled energy. For him, its soul resided not just in mountains and rivers, but in intellectual and spiritual values," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the unveiling ceremony of the bust of Shri Maharaja Ranbir Singh Ji at the Central Sanskrit University, Jammu Kot Bhalwal and renaming of the University's Jammu Campus as 'Shri Maharaja Ranbir Singh Campus'.

The Lieutenant Governor said that Shri Maharaja Ranbir Singh did not merely rule Jammu Kashmir but he bestowed it a new vision, restructured it, illuminated it with knowledge, adorned it with cultural abundance, and left a legacy for generations which is rich on material, intellectual, and spiritual planes. "Renaming of Central Sanskrit University's ► P11

**CM directs for strict vigil against
black marketing of LPG cylinders**

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a high-level meeting to review the stock position of essential commodities and petroleum products in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the upcoming festivals of Eid and Navratras and the prevailing geopolitical situation in West Asia.

The meeting was attended by Ministers Sakina Itoo and Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Principal Secretary Home, Commissioner Secretary Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Commissioner Secretary Information, heads of departments, Deputy Commissioners of all districts, Director Information, Executive Director Indian oil Corporation Ltd Ashutosh Gupta, representatives of oil companies, and other concerned officers. ► P11



**Omar opens Asia's
largest Tulip garden**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday threw open Asia's largest tulip garden on the banks of Dal Lake here for visitors, and hoped that the tourism sector bounces back from the setbacks of last year. Abdullah was accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues and National Conference MLAs to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden on Cheshma Shahi Road, officials said. "This will be a new start for those associated with the tourism industry. They had to go through a very tough phase. However, the situation keeps changing. ► P11

**Two killed,
28 injured in
road mishap**

JAMMU: Two persons were killed and around 28 others injured after a speeding passenger bus traveling from Jourian to Akhnoor collided with a Scorpio vehicle and overturned near Kot Garhi village in Akhnoor area of Jammu division on Monday.

Sources said that the accident occurred when the bus, reportedly moving at high speed, hit the Scorpio near Kot Garhi and lost control before overturning on the road.

Two people died in the accident, while around 28 passengers sustained injuries. The injured were rushed to nearby hospitals for treatment, officials said.

The deceased were identified as Vijay Kumar s/o unknown r/o Kolkata, ► P11

**1.60L voters added
in yearly roll revision**

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: More than 1.60 lakh voters were added to the electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir during the recent special summary revision (SSR), while 67,690 names were deleted and 2.29 lakh corrections carried out, according to official data.

Jammu district recorded the highest number of deletions, which included "duplicate" and "shifted" entries, in the annual voter list revision. The special summary revision is separate from the special intensive revision (SIR) carried out in some states.

According to the district-wise breakup of the current voter enrolment, Jammu district has the highest number of electors at 11,89,555, followed by Srinagar with 7,53,222 and Baramulla with

7,20,500 voters.

Among the districts, Srinagar registered the highest number of additions with 30,077, followed by Jammu with 16,855 and Baramulla with 11,854.

Jammu recorded the most deletions at 10,430, followed by Budgam with 7,762 and Anantnag with 5,241, it said.

The data reveals that a total of 1,60,974 additions, 67,690 deletions, and 2,29,920 corrections were recorded across the Union Territory during the revision exercise.

Of these, 10,639 duplicate voter entries and 34,675 shifted entries were detected and deleted across the Union Territory, the data revealed.

Jammu district reported the highest number of shifted entries at 6,840, ► P11

**550 Indians evacuated; Embassy
warns over Iran border crossing**

DUBAI: India has evacuated over 550 of its nationals from Iran through Armenia, with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar thanking Yerevan on Monday for facilitating the land-border transit.

New Delhi has been urging Indian nationals stuck in Iran to cross over to Armenia for subsequent travel to India in view of the escalating conflict in West Asia.

"Thank the Government and the people of Armenia for facilitating the safe evacuation of over 550 Indian nationals from Iran so far," Jaishankar, currently on a visit to Brussels, said.

"Appreciate their support in these challenging times," he said on social media.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said last week that



around 9,000 Indians were staying in Iran, and the government of India is assisting those who want to travel to Azerbaijan and Armenia for their subsequent return to India.

"These 9,000 Indian nationals comprise students; they also comprise seafarers, some business people, some professionals, and some pilgrims," he had said.

India has already shifted several Indian nationals, including students and pilgrims, from Tehran to other safer locations and cities in Iran.

India on Monday asked its citizens currently in Iran not to approach or attempt to cross any land border for onward travel without prior and explicit coordination with the Indian ► P11

**Govt rolls out PM-RAHAT
to save accident victims**

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has launched the PM-Road Accident Victims Hospitalization and Assured Treatment (PM-RAHAT) Scheme, aiming to provide timely medical aid to the road accident victims.

According to an official communique received in this regard from Transport Department, the initiative ensures cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh per victim in over 140 designated hospitals during the critical "Golden Hour", covering up to 7 days from the accident date, thereby ensuring immediate medical care and significantly improving the chances of survival.

All the concerned departments including the Transport, Health, Police and district administration

shall work in close coordination for effective implementation of the scheme besides ensuring prompt response in case of road accidents.

The government has urged the public to report road accidents to the nearest police station or control room, helping the victims reach the designated hospitals quickly so that timely treatment can be provided under the scheme.

The good Samaritans, a Rah-Veer, assisting the accident victims will receive ₹25,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation. In case more than one person assists in rescuing the victim, the award amount shall be shared equally among them. In addition, 10 National Level Awards of ₹1,00,000 each will be given annually to the most deserving Rah-Veers. The scheme will facilitate ► P11

**Dr Minu gets
2-yr extension
as BOPEE chief**

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has reappointed Dr. Minu Mahajan as Chairperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examination for a further period of two years.

According to a notification issued by the General Administration Department Jammu and Kashmir, the reappointment has been made under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examination Act, 2002.

Notification reads, In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 4 read with ► P11

**Custody of man who fired
on Dr Abdullah extended**

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: A man accused of firing at former J&K CM Dr Farooq Abdullah, who is also the president of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, was on Monday remanded to seven days' police custody after being produced before a court, sources said.

Sources said that the accused, identified as Kamal Singh Jamwal, was produced before the court and was granted seven days of police custody to the accused to facilitate further investigation into the matter.

He was arrested follow-

ing the firing incident on Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday incident and later produced before the court for remand.

Earlier on Saturday, Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the attempted firing incident involving former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah in Jammu earlier this week.

The 63-year-old accused Kamal Singh, a resident of Jammu, was overpowered and arrested on the spot. A revolver used in the crime was also recovered from his possession.

**'RSS conducting over
88,000 daily Shakhas'**

JAIPUR: The RSS has witnessed significant expansion in the past year with the number of daily 'shakhas' increasing by about 6,000 to cross 88,000, a Sangh leader said on Monday.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader Rameshchandra Agrawal said that the number of locations where Sangh's activities are held has also grown to over 55,000 in the country.

He said that RSS activities have now reached remote regions including the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh, besides tribal areas, where regular 'shakhas' are being con-

ducted. Agrawal said that Rajasthan has 12,109 'shakhas' and 5,950 weekly gatherings, while a large number of Hindu conferences have been organised to strengthen outreach in society.

He said that the three-day meeting of the Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha, the highest decision-making body of the RSS, held in Samalkha in Haryana from March 13 to 15, focused on issues of organisational expansion, social harmony and greater participation of society in nation-building.

He said that along with organisational expansion, the RSS is also working to enhance social ► P11

**'UK won't be
drawn into
wider war'**

LONDON: Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Monday said that he will not allow the UK to be drawn into a "wider war" in the Middle East, asserting that he is working with European allies to develop a "viable plan" to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Addressing a press conference at 10 Downing Street, the prime minister said that the Strait of Hormuz must be reopened to "ensure stability in the markets", but added that it is not a "simple task".

He said the UK is working with "all of our allies, including our European partners, to ► P11

**Sixth Schedule, Statehood
LAB-KDA hold massive
rallies in Leh & Kargil**

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

LEH: Two days after the release of activist Sonam Wangchuk, rallies were held in Leh and Kargil towns on Monday on a call given by agitating groups to press the Centre for early resumption of talks on their demands for statehood and extension of the Sixth Schedule to Ladakh.

Kargil and adjoining Drass also observed a complete shutdown, even as security was tightened across the Union Territory in view of the protest call given by Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) -- the two groups

that are spearheading the agitation over the past five years.

No untoward incident was reported from anywhere, officials said.

It was the first major rally by LAB since violence had erupted during protests in September, prompting a clampdown by authorities, and came two days after Wangchuk was released by the Centre after nearly six months in detention under the National Security Act (NSA).

The LAB and KDA had called the protest before Wangchuk's release to demand the next round of talks with the ► P11

**Red Fort blast:
Duo sent to
15-day custody**

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Monday sent two Red Fort blast conspiracy accused to 15 days of judicial custody.

Special Judge Pitambar Dutt sent Zameer Ahmad Ahangar and Tufail Ahmad Bhat to jail after the completion of their five days in NIA custody.

Ahangar and Bhat, both from Jammu and Kashmir, were formally arrested by the NIA in February for their active involvement in the conspiracy related to the Delhi blast.

On February 25, they were sent to NIA custody for 10 days, after which their custodial interrogation ► P11

**'Robust KYC practices vital to curb cyber fraud, money laundering'
J&K Bank hosts CERSAI Programme
on CKYC, KYC and AML compliance**

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Reinforcing its commitment to strengthening compliance frameworks and promoting regulatory awareness across the financial sector in the region, J&K Bank today hosted the 23rd Awareness Programme on Central KYC Record Registry (CKYCRR) conducted by the Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) at its Corporate Headquarters here.

Notably, this was the first-



ever such programme on CKYC held in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, aimed at providing comprehensive insights on KYC/AML compliance, effective

utilization of CKYC data available at CKYCRR, and the processes to be followed by regulated entities.

The inaugural session of the programme was chaired

by the Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta and attended by senior officials from the financial regulatory ecosystem including Deputy Director, Financial Intelligence Unit - INDIA G. Anand, DGM & Chief Technology Officer CERSAI Vijendra Pal Singh, and the Bank's General Manager & Group Compliance Officer Peer Masood Ahmad, besides senior officials from banks and financial institutions operating across the Union Territory.

AGM RBI Anmol Chopra and his team joined ► P11

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