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Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

-Buddha

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INBRIEF
SMVD Yatra resumes after brief halt

JAMMU: The pilgrimage to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SDVD) shrine atop Trikuta Hills in Reasi district resumed on Sunday after its temporary suspension due to heavy rush, officials said.

Authorities on Saturday suspended the pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine due to a heavy rush at the Bhawan, as 39,000 devotees paid obeisance at the temple till late in the afternoon.

Chaitra Navratri started on March 19 and will end on March 27.

"The Yatra has been resumed after temporary suspension due to a heavy rush at the Bhawan," a shrine board official said. He said that registration for the yatra resumed this morning in Katra.

Nearly one lakh devotees have paid obeisance so far, with authorities ensuring smooth and safe

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West Asia conflict: PM Modi chairs CCS meet to take stock of fuel, power supply



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday reviewed with senior ministers the situation related to crude, gas and other petroleum products, and power and fertiliser sectors in view of the evolving West Asia situation.

Government sources said the focus of the meeting was on ensuring uninterrupted supply, stable logistics and efficient distribution across the country.

Union Ministers Rajnath Singh (Defence),

India receives LPG shipment from US

MANGALURU: An LPG cargo ship from the US arrived at the New Mangalore Port on Sunday, amid the supply constraints due to the ongoing war in the Middle East. The vessel "Pyxis Pioneer", which left Port of Nederland in Texas on February 14, brought 16,714 metric tonnes of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for discharge to Aegis Logistics, officials said. The vessel follows the

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Amit Shah (Home), Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Agriculture), S Jaishankar (External Affairs), Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance), J P Nadda (Health), Piyush Goyal (Commerce and Industry) and Ashwini Vaishnav (Railways) were among those who attended the high-level meeting, sources said.

Union ministers Sarbajit Sonowal (Ports and Shipping), Manohar Lal Khattar (Power), Pralhad Joshi (Food and Consumer Affairs), Kinjarapu Ramohan Naidu (Civil Aviation) and Hardeep Singh Puri (Petroleum), NSA Ajit Doval and the prime minister's two principal secretaries, P K Mishra and Shaktikanta Das, were also present.

The situation related to crude, gas, petroleum products, and power and fertiliser sectors was reviewed in view of the evolving West

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LG flags off Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Pavitra Chhari Yatra



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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha on Sunday flagged off the 24th Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Pavitra Chhari Yatra from the historic Kol Kandoli Temple in Nagrota.

The Lieutenant Governor participated in the 'Pratham Pooja' of the Chhari Yatra, marking the commencement of the spiritual journey. He paid obeisance at the holy temple

and prayed for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of all.

The Lieutenant Governor also interacted with the devotees and extended his heartiest greetings on the auspicious occasion.

Carrying the sacred Holy Jyot, the Chhari Yatra proceeded along the traditional heritage route to reach the Oli Mata Temple in Bamyal.

Devyani Rana, Member of Legislative Assembly, Nagrota; members of

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Shrines Sanstha, senior officials, prominent citizens and devotees in large number also joined the flag-off ceremony.

Pertinently, the Lieutenant Governor recently attended Shri Raghunath Ji's Jammu Aarti organised by 'Shri Raghunath Ji Ki Jammu Aarti Sanstha'. He expressed his gratitude to the organisers and observed that this unique

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Expose any anti-people stance of NC-led Govt: BJP to its MLAs

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday directed its MLAs here to remain proactive in highlighting people's concerns and also expose any anti-people stance of the Jammu and Kashmir government.

This directive was communicated during a meeting convened by J-K BJP President and MP Sat Sharma, along with General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, at the party headquarters in Jammu, a spokesperson said.

During his address, Sharma stressed that the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir requires a vigilant and com-



mitted approach and asked legislators to 'forcefully expose any anti-people stance of the government' while ensuring accountability at every level.

Additionally, Sharma urged MLAs to pressure the National Conference (NC)-led government to fully commit to

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Syllabus revamp: JU panel flags removal of key topics

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JAMMU: A committee set up by the University of Jammu to review the syllabus of MA political science has recommended the removal of topics related to former Pakistan president Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and Mohammad Iqbal from the course content.

The decision follows protests by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), which on Friday staged demonstrations demanding the withdrawal of a chapter on Pakistan's founder Jinnah. The chapter was included in the

revised postgraduate syllabus under the National Education Policy 2020.

Head of the department (HoD) Prof Baljit Singh Mann said a meeting of the faculty and departmental affairs committee was held on March 22 (today), and they have unanimously resolved to recommend the removal of topics concerning Jinnah, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and Mohammad Iqbal from the course content of the one-year postgraduate programme and the two-year postgraduate programme.

The recommendation has been forwarded to the Board of Studies (BoS) for

Kashmiri film 'Batt Koch' receives strong response

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SRINAGAR: Kashmiri film "Batt Koch", which explores the life of a displaced Kashmiri Pandit family, received a strong response on Sunday as it was screened at the lone multiplex here. The film has been written and directed by young Kashmiri Pandit filmmakers Siddharth Koul and Ankit Wali.

It explores the life of the displaced Kashmiri Pandit family living in Jammu, focusing on an elderly man suffering from memory loss and his journey to revisit his ancestral home in Kashmir. The screening was also attended by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Akshay Labroo. Speaking to reporters, Labroo appreciated the efforts of the

young filmmakers and welcomed the film's screening in the city.

"We feel very fortunate that two young directors from Kashmir, Siddharth and Ankit, have made a film based in Srinagar. The movie is called Batt Koch. The story is set in Srinagar and tells the emotional tale of a family," he said.

"It is a very happy moment for all of us that the film was made in Srinagar, is based in Srinagar, and that we are able to screen it here in Srinagar with a large audience," he added.

Film director Koul said the story is about the longing of the Kashmiri Pandit family and their deep emotional bond with their motherland. "They

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Mughal Road reopens after fresh snowfall

JAMMU: Mughal Road, a vital alternative route connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, reopened for vehicular traffic on Sunday after remaining closed for around 10 days due to heavy snowfall, officials said.

The 84-km road links south Kashmir's Shopian district with Poonch and Rajouri districts in the Jammu region.

Officer Commanding of GREEP, Ashish Gupta, said that the snow clearance work was completed after an improvement in weather conditions.

"As the weather cleared, we removed snow from the

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RSS chief hails Fadnavis' for public service vision

NAGPUR: The late Gangadharrao Fadnavis, father of Devendra Fadnavis, shaped the thinking of the Maharashtra Chief Minister as well as Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, enabling them to view politics as a means of social service, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Sunday.

Speaking after inaugurating the Gangadharrao Fadnavis Diagnostic Centre in Nagpur, Bhagwat said the facility, which is for public service, is aptly named after a person who demonstrated through his life how a social and political worker should function.

"It was Gangadharrao who shaped the minds of



Devendra Fadnavis and Nitin Gadkari, who can confidently say that politics means social service. Gangadharrao was skilled in connecting with people and keeping them engaged in social work. He remained honest and worked without self-interest while pursuing a larger social goal."

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IAF staffer arrested for spying

JAIPUR: A civilian employee posted at an Indian Air Force station in Assam has been arrested for allegedly spying and sharing sensitive information with Pakistani handlers, Rajasthan Intelligence said on Sunday.

Additional Director General of Police (Intelligence) Prafull Kumar said the accused was arrested in a joint operation by Rajasthan Intelligence and Air Force Intelligence.

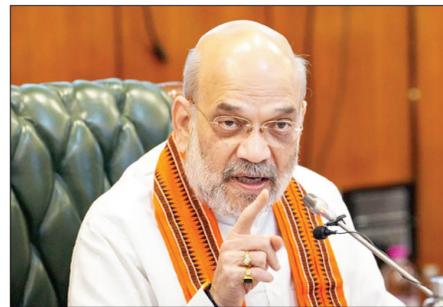
Investigation began with the arrest of a suspect from Jaisalmer in January 2026, which led to the

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Milestone rooted in hard work: Shah lauds Modi's 8,931 days in public life

NEW DELHI: Terming it a milestone rooted in service, hard work and unwavering commitment, Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that Narendra Modi setting a record of 8,931 days in public life, first as the Gujarat chief minister and now as the prime minister, reflect a deep dedication to nation-first governance, integrity in action, and tireless service to every citizen.

In a message on X, Shah said Prime Minister Modi on Sunday surpassed the 8,930-day record of former Sikkim chief minister Pawan Kumar Chamling to



become the longest-serving head of a government in India.

"Modi Ji's decades of Seva have shaped an era of

his own. Whether it is giving the poor their rights, setting new landmarks in development or enhancing

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CM condoles demise of MLA's father

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the father of Payare Lal Sharma, MLA from Inderwal.

In his condolence message, the Chief Minister extended his heartfelt sympathies to Sharma and his family during this difficult time. He described the loss as irreparable and prayed for strength and courage for the bereaved family to bear the grief.

The Chief Minister also prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, several political leaders and public

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Lok Bhavan celebrates Bihar Diwas LG pays tributes to legendary revolutionaries, great leaders

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Lok Bhavan on Sunday hosted a vibrant celebration of Bihar Diwas, at Jammu.

Celebrating the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the cultural evening brought together senior Government officials, students, and the people of Bihar living in the UT of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha extended his heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people of Bihar on the occasion.

He paid tributes to the great revolutionaries and



towering personalities from Bihar and recalled their valuable contributions to nation's growth and building of a modern India.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that, from the era of Chandragupta

Maurya and Chanakya to the independence movement, Bihar has remained the "shield of the nation" and an epicenter of India's unity and spiritual, cultural, intellectual, and

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