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THOUGHT of the DAY

I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse.

–Florence Nightingale

LG: Every section must be part of country's progress

Sinha unveils statue of Vijay Bahadur Singh

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday called for building India which our freedom fighters once dreamed of and in which every section and every individual is part of the mainstream of progress.

"India is moving decisively towards becoming a developed nation. The goal of 2047 is not merely a date; it is a national resolve," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the statue unveiling ceremony of Shri Vijay Bahadur Singh, a well-known social worker and the founder of Mahamandaleshwar Shri Bal Krishna Yati Inter College at Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.

Paying homage to Vijay Bahadur Singh, the Lieutenant Governor that he discharged his duties without any expectation, served without any desire for fame, and built not for himself but for the coming generations.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized that we ▶ P11

Memorial honours Pahalgam victims

PAHALGAM: A memorial has been erected in the hill resort of Pahalgam as a sombre tribute to the 25 tourists and a local pony-wallah who lost their lives in a brutal terror attack last year, even as authorities beefed up security across Kashmir ahead of one-year mark.

The April 22 attack not only sent shockwaves across Jammu and Kashmir but also dealt a severe blow to the region's tourism industry— a key pillar of the local economy— which is now showing signs of revival following sustained efforts by the National Conference government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

Although all ▶ P11

SP Smart School excels in JKBOSE 10th Class results

74 score above 98% marks, 97 cross 97% mark

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JAMMU: In a display of its exceptional education model, which lays emphasis on research, and a comprehensive approach to student development, SP Smart School has once again demonstrated its excellence, with its students posting an impeccable tally of accolades in the Class 10th results announced on Tuesday.

The success story of decades was repeated by the students from the Exchange Road, Sarore and Sidhra campuses of SP Smart School in the class 10th result which was announced by the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) today.

In total 74 students of the school have secured 98% or above marks, 97 students have crossed 97% or above marks, with Ipshita Thakur among the students scored an impressive 99.6% marks.

A total of 145 students scored 95% or above ▶ P11

Atal Akhada Peethadheeshwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj leading religious procession to mark the birth anniversary celebrations of Adi Guru Shankaracharya Ji in Srinagar.

BSF detains 50-yr man near border

JAMMU: A 50-year-old man was detained by the BSF after he was found moving under suspicious circumstances in a forward area near the International Border here, officials said on Tuesday.

The man was spotted by a Border Security Force (BSF) patrol in the Mayan Border Out Post area in Makwal forward belt of sub-sector Phallian Mandal on Monday evening and was subsequently taken into custody after failing to provide a satisfactory explanation for ▶ P11

SMVD devotees seek probe into 'cheap metal' offerings

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JAMMU: A major controversy has erupted which brought the revered Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine again in discussions. As per media reports, an investigation has revealed that much of the silver ornaments donated by devotees at the Shrine contains impurities like Cadmium and other metals.

The news has sent shock waves among the devotees who felt betrayed by the jewellers, shopkeepers and vendors within the vicinity of the shrine and across country who for their personal gains played with the sentiments and emotions of devotees.

According to the reports, a large-scale discrepancy has been uncovered in offerings made by the devotees at the Shrine. When the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) sent nearly 20 tonnes of donated 'silver' to a government mint for processing, officials found that the metal contained just 5–6% actual silver.

The remaining composition was largely come out to be cadmium and iron, metals that cost a fraction of silver's price. While silver trades at around Rs 2.75 lakh per kg, cadmium is priced at barely Rs 400–500 per kg, making this a significant case of alleged consumer fraud.

The finding not only slashes the estimated value of donations from around Rs 500 crore to about Rs 30 crore but also raised question mark over the supply chains which are managing such ornaments.

Talking a serious note of the development, the devotees demanded a thorough probe must be initiated by the Shrine Board at all levels right from the ▶ P11

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