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NARENDRA MODI TOOK OATH AS PM:
On May 30, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was sworn in for his second consecutive term at the historic forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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Delegations call on LG Sinha



SRINAGAR: S. Surinder Singh Channi, Senior Congress Leader called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Friday and projected various issues related to development of Tral and employment opportunities for the local youth. Goverdhan S. Rawat, Deputy Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha. Meanwhile, a delegation of Kashmir Road Safety Foundation (KRSF), led by its Chairman Shri Nasir Ali Khan, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The members of the delegation briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the upcoming "Youth Against Drugs National Sports Festival 2026," aimed at strengthening the fight against drug abuse among youth. The initiative is expected to witness participation from teams representing eight states as well as two teams from Nepal, promoting the message of a healthy, drug-free society through sports and youth engagement.

SSP Joginder reviews security for SANJY

JAMMU: In view of the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 3 July 2026, SSP Jammu Joginder Singh on Friday visited Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp to review the security and logistical arrangements being put in place for the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage. During the visit, the SSP Jammu conducted a comprehensive inspection of the security deployment and interacted with officers and officials deployed at the base camp. Officers from CRPF and civil administration were also present during the review meeting. Detailed discussions were held regarding the overall security strategy, crowd management, traffic regulation, surveillance mechanisms, emergency response preparedness and coordination among different agencies to ensure the safety and convenience of the pilgrims. The SSP Jammu stressed upon the importance of timely completion of all arrangements and directed officers to maintain high levels of alertness and coordination during the Yatra period. Emphasis was also laid on ensuring proper facilities, smooth movement and hassle-free assistance to the devotees arriving at the base camp. The officers were instructed to work in close coordination with all stakeholder agencies to provide a safe, secure and comfortable environment for the pilgrims undertaking the holy yatra.

Mahila Morcha convenes meet on Govt's 12-year achievements

JAMMU: BJP President and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Sat Sharma on Friday chaired an important organizational meeting of BJP Mahila Morcha in the presence of BJP General Secretary Sanjita Dogra. The meeting was held under the leadership of BJP Mahila Morcha President Adv Neha Mahajan. The meeting was also attended by Mahila Morcha Prabhari Venu Khanna, Co-Prabhari Shailja Gupta, and Mahila Morcha General Secretaries Er Urvashi Gupta, Poonam Gupta and Geeta Bhagat along with State office bearers, District Presidents and Mandal presidents with their General Secretaries of Mahila Morcha. During the meeting, extensive discussions were held regarding the upcoming programmes and campaigns being organized to mark the successful completion of 12 years of the visionary and transformative leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the achievements of the Central Government. Sat Sharma called upon the Mahila Morcha cadre to strengthen public outreach and take the welfare schemes, achievements and vision of the Modi Government to every household through coordinated efforts and active grassroots engagement.

Dr Jitendra to inaugurate 4th Lavender Festival at Bhaderwah on June 6



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JAMMU: The CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu, is set to organise the 4th Lavender Festival on 6th-7th June, under the theme, "Lavender goes global", at the Government Degree College, Bhaderwah, Doda, celebrating the continued success of the Purple Revolution and lavender-based rural entrepreneurship in Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing a curtain raiser press conference at CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM, announced that the

4th Lavender Festival will be inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Vice President CSIR. Dr Ahmed said that through CSIR-Aroma Mission, a flagship programme of Union Ministry of Science & Technology, under the mentorship of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister and Vice President CSIR, and guidance of Dr. N. Ka-

laiselvi, Director General CSIR & Secretary DSIR, GoI, the CSIR-IIIM has implemented Aroma Mission in J&K thus empowered the rural communities through lavender cultivation by engaging over 5,000 farmers and young entrepreneurs in remote areas, providing free Quality Planting Material (QPM), support in cultivation, processing, value addition, and marketing. During the three phases of this mission completed, more than 50 fixed and mobile distillation units across J&K were installed to support local-level processing of lavender produce.

The Director said the event will feature startup exhibitions, live demonstrations, buyer-seller interactions, technical sessions, farmer-industry networking and displays of value-added lavender and aromatic products developed by local entrepreneurs and startups. Dr Ahmed said the Lavender Festival 2026 aims to further promote agri-based entrepreneurship, sustainable livelihoods and innovation in the aromatic crops sector.

He said several startups, farmer producer organizations, self-help groups and research institutions will showcase products related to essential oils, herbal wellness, floriculture, cosmetics, organic products and aroma technologies during the festival. During the curtain raiser event, the web portal of "Lavender Festival 2026" was launched and the Lavender Festival Brochure was also released.

Dy CM inspects dev projects, reviews healthcare facilities



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RAJOURI: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Friday conducted an extensive tour of Nowshera, inspecting various developmental works and healthcare facilities in the region. During the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister met several delegations and individuals who apprised him of various public issues, development needs and local concerns. He also visited Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Nowshera to assess the healthcare facilities and patient care being provided at the institution. During interaction with the patients, attendants and hospital staff, the Deputy Chief Minister sought feedback regarding functioning of the hospital and the quality of services being delivered. He directed the concerned authorities to ensure better healthcare services, avail-

ability of essential facilities and timely treatment for the patients. He emphasised that public welfare and efficient healthcare delivery are among the top priorities of the government. The Deputy Chief Minister also inspected the Dak Bunglow Nowshera to review the ongoing works, maintenance and overall facilities aimed at improving public convenience and hospitality standards. He stressed the need for timely completion of works while maintaining quality standards to enhance the public utility and facilities for the visitors. "The government is committed towards responsive governance and grassroots development. Meaningful public interactions immensely help in understanding the aspirations of the people and ensure that governance remains people-centric and result-oriented," maintaining the Deputy CM.

SC verdict exposes Congress; SIR crucial for national security: Gaurav

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JAMMU: BJP Spokesperson and Convener, International Affairs, Gaurav Gupta on Friday said that the Supreme Court's observations on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls have completely exposed the Congress party and its allies, while also underlining the importance of addressing demographic changes caused by illegal infiltration and unlawful settlements.

In a statement issued here, Gaurav Gupta said the Congress and the Opposition ecosystem had attempted to create fear and confusion over the Special Intensive Revision process only to hide their own political failures and organisational weaknesses. He said the Supreme Court proceedings have effectively demolished the false narrative being spread against constitutional institutions and democratic processes. "The Congress party tried to politicise the SIR process and mislead the people by questioning the integrity



of democratic institutions. The Supreme Court's stand has once again reaffirmed that constitutional mechanisms function within the framework of law and transparency," Gupta said. Gupta said the issue of SIR cannot be viewed in isolation and must also be understood in the context of growing concerns regarding illegal infiltration and demographic imbalance in certain parts of the country. Referring to Union Home Minister Amit

Shah's statement on the constitution of a High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes, Gupta said the Centre has taken a historic and timely step to address "artificial demographic changes" caused by illegal immigration and other unnatural factors. "The demographic structure of any nation directly impacts its security, resources, social stability and electoral integrity. Illegal infiltration and organised demographic manipulation cannot be ignored in a sovereign democracy," Gupta said. Taking a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Gupta said instead of repeatedly attacking democratic institutions and using provocative language, the Congress leadership should introspect over its continuous electoral defeats and growing disconnect from the people. "The BJP strengthens democracy through grassroots engagement, transparent governance and nationalism, whereas the Opposition survives on misinformation campaigns and attempts to create distrust in constitutional bodies," Gupta said.

PCI invites claims for 15th term reconstitution; deadline June 19

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JAMMU: The Press Council of India is a statutory quasi-judicial authority constituted by an Act of Parliament i.e. the Press Council Act, 1978, with the mandate for preserving the freedom of the press and maintaining and improving standards of press in India. The 14th term of the Press Council of India concluded on October 5, 2024. The Council in order to be reconstituted for its 15th term vide Advertisement Notice dated 09.06.2024 had invited claims from eligible Associations of Persons for filing of claims under Section 5(3)(a), (b) and (c) of the Press Council Act, 1978. However, no claim

was filed under Section 5(3)(c) of the Press Council Act, 1978. The Chairperson of the Council in terms of Section 5(4) of the Act read with Press Council (Procedure for Notification of Associations of Persons) Rules, 2021, has invited claims from eligible Associations of Persons who manage news agencies/ News Agency itself from all over the country under Section 5(3)(c) of the Press Council Act, 1978, for notification in the Official Gazette. The claims in sealed envelope should reach the Chairperson, Press Council of India on or before 19th June, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. The advertisement has been released on 17.05.2026 in newspapers pan India.

Forest fire breaks out in Poonch

JAMMU: A massive forest fire broke out in the upper reaches of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir, but prompt action from the forest department, aided by residents, helped bring the fire under control, officials said on Friday. The blaze ignited along the Mughal Road, damaging forest areas and causing temporary panic among commuters as flames and thick smoke billowed close to this historic route connecting Poonch with Shopian district. Officials confirmed that the Mughal Road remains safe for traffic, and no casualties or major disruptions were reported. Teams of the forest department remained engaged for several hours in controlling the fire, while local villagers also joined the efforts to prevent the flames from spreading further, the officials said. Personnel continue to monitor the affected area to prevent any new flare-ups, especially given the prevailing dry weather conditions. The district administration has urged travellers and residents to stay calm and advised them to exercise caution when moving through forested areas.

MLA Mankotia inaugurates power transformer in Samroli



CHENANI: MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia inaugurated a newly installed electricity transformer in Panchayat Samroli, developed at a cost of Rs 8.82 lakh sanctioned from his MLA Constituency Development Fund (CDF). A large number of local residents and prominent citizens were present on the occasion including Ex DDC, Ex PRIs. Addressing the gathering, MLA Mankotia said that providing better basic facilities to the people remains his top priority and that development works will continue across the constituency. He stated that the installation of the new transformer will greatly improve the power supply in Panchayat Samroli and nearby areas, providing relief to residents from low voltage and frequent electricity-related issues. On the occasion, the local people expressed their gratitude to MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia for addressing the long-pending demand of the area. They appreciated his continuous efforts towards public welfare and development and thanked him for prioritizing the needs of the common people. Several Panchayat representatives, youth members, and respected citizens were also present during the inauguration ceremony.

'Mann Ki Baat' powerful tool to inspire masses on important issues: MP Sat

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma chaired a meeting of senior party leaders and office bearers at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to assess and finalize preparations for the forthcoming broadcast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Mann Ki Baat", scheduled to be aired on Sunday, May 31. J&K BJP General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, "Mann Ki Baat" Convener Vibodh Gupta, Secretary Arun Sharma, Treasurer Prabhath Singh Jamwal, All Cells Incharge Ved Sharma, Co-Incharge Munish Khajuria, senior leaders Venu Khanna and Narayan Dutt Tripathi, Social Media Incharge Dr. Makson Tickoo, IT Incharge Gourav Balgotra, along with sev-



eral other senior functionaries participated in the meeting. Sat Sharma, while reviewing the preparations, directed party leaders to ensure widespread organization of mass programmes at both levels throughout Jammu

and Kashmir. He said the initiative has become one of the most effective mediums through which Prime Minister Narendra Modi establishes a direct emotional and intellectual connection with citizens across the country.

Sharma remarked that through "Mann Ki Baat", the Prime Minister regularly highlights subjects linked to social transformation, innovation, environmental protection, youth participation, women empowerment, healthcare awareness, cultural pride, and citizen-led development. He added that the programme consistently motivates people to contribute positively towards national progress. Sat Sharma further stated that the radio programme has emerged as a platform that recognizes inspiring efforts of common citizens and brings local success stories to national attention. He stated that several nationwide campaigns, including cleanliness drives, promotion of indigenous products, water conservation, fitness awareness, and environ-

mental consciousness, received tremendous public momentum after being highlighted in "Mann Ki Baat". Sat Sharma asked the party leaders to involve people from every section of society so that the Prime Minister's message of collective responsibility and inclusive development reaches every household across the Union Territory. Vibodh Gupta, while speaking during the meeting, emphasized the importance of effective booth-level coordination and smooth organizational arrangements for the programme. He said BJP workers are enthusiastically preparing across Jammu and Kashmir to ensure that the upcoming episode witnesses extensive outreach and active public engagement.