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**Govt amends passport rules, hikes application fees from July 1**

**NEW DELHI:** The government has revised the passport fee structure through an amendment to the Passports Rules, 1980, increasing application fee for an ordinary fresh passport containing 36 pages from Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,500.

The new rules will come into force with effect from July 1, 2026.

According to a notification dated June 20, and published by the Ministry of External Affairs on Thursday, for an ordinary fresh passport or reissue of passport containing 36 pages, the normal fee would be Rs 2,500, while for tatkal it would be Rs 5,000 for the same category.

At present, application fee for an ordinary fresh passport or reissue of a passport containing 36 pages stands at Rs 1,500, and for tatkal it is Rs 3,500 for the same category.

Similarly, application fee for an ordinary fresh passport or reissue of a passport containing 60 pages has been hiked from Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,500 and for tatkal, the revised fee will be Rs 6,000 as against Rs 4,000 for the same category.

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**Lt Gov evaluates preparations for Shri Amarnathji Yatra at Pahalgam**

Sinha reviews on-ground arrangements at Nunwan



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**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said all arrangements for the upcoming annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra are in place, and the Valley eagerly awaits arrival of pilgrims.

The L-G reviewed preparations for the yatra during a visit to Pahalgam in Anantnag district on the day. Speaking to reporters following the review, he said, "The Jammu and Kashmir administration, in coordination with security forces and the Centre, have made all arrangements for a safe and

comfortable yatra for devotees from across the country."

He expressed satisfaction with the arrangements, urging devotees from across the country and the globe to arrive in numbers for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra, saying that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were eagerly waiting to welcome them.

The 57-day yatra will begin July 3 on the twin routes of Pahalgam and Baltal. It will culminate on August 28.

The L-G on Thursday chaired a meeting at Pahalgam where he reviewed preparations for the yatra, an official spokesman said.

He said Sinha held a comprehensive review of all key sectors, including P11

**'Emergency was gravest assault'**

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said Emergency was one of the "gravest assaults" on the Constitution and democratic ethos of the country.

"Emergency imposed on 25th June 1975 was one of the gravest assaults on the Constitution & democratic ethos of our Republic," the LG said in a post on X.

Sinha paid tributes to those who "resisted authoritarianism".

"On #Samvidhan-HatyaDiwas, I pay tributes to all Satyagrahis who resisted authoritarianism with courage & played a vital role in restoring India's democracy," he added.



**100-DAY NASHA MUKT JK ABHIYAAN**

**DAY 76** The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

**Awareness drive held; women educated to battle drug abuse**

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**JAMMU:** Under the ongoing 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan', a PCPG cum Drug Awareness Drive was held at Salehar village, Arnia with women participants.

The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of local women, acknowledging their pivotal role in building a drug-free society. It was attended by SP Hqrs and SHO Arnia.

Addressing the gathering, the SP Hqrs, emphasized that the fight against the drug menace begins at the Home. He urged the women to actively step into the role of "police at home" serving as the first line of defense against substance abuse.

The SP advised mothers and guardians to remain highly vigilant regarding sudden behavioral changes in their children—such as isolation, unexplained mood swings, or P11

**Police organise Lok Darbar in Handwara**

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**KUPWARA:** In a sustained endeavour to foster stronger police-public relations, promote community-oriented policing, and intensify the campaign against drug abuse under the ongoing Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyaan, police in Handwara organised Lok Darbar (Thana Divas) across various Police Stations and Police Posts in the district.

These programmes were conducted under the

supervision of senior police officers, wherein Station House Officers and In-Charges of Police Posts interacted directly with members of the public, including students, youth, elders, traders, and representatives of civil society.

During the interactive sessions, participants highlighted various concerns pertaining to public safety, traffic management, youth welfare, and drug abuse prevention. Police officers attentively listened P11

**Army officer, soldiers booked for assaulting cops in Kishtwar**

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**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir Police has booked several Army personnel, including a commanding officer, for allegedly storming a police station in Kishtwar district, assaulting police personnel and damaging government property, officials said on Thursday.

The Army said the matter is under examination through the appropriate institutional mechanisms and assured that appropriate action will be taken based on the joint investigation.

According to the officials, the incident occurred after a police party intercepted and seized a private vehicle owned by an Army officer for alleged traffic violations.

The FIR registered at Atholi police station stated that the incident occurred on Wednesday when the Station House Officer (SHO), Inspector Amrit Kotach, was away for a meeting at the office of the Paddar block development officer, chaired by the deputy commissioner.

In his complaint, Kotach stated that he received a call in-

forming him about the "criminal conspiracy" and the violent assault that took place within the premises of the police station under the direct instructions of Commanding Officer, 17 Rashtriya Rifles (RR), N Arun Gandhi.

Around 30 to 40 personnel from 17 RR, Camp Kijayee, led by Major Vikash Sharma and Naib Subedar Shankar Gurkhe, launched a "pre-planned" attack after scaling the main gate and boundary wall of the police station. They were armed with lathis, iron rods and other P11

**Gandola restored at Gulmarg**

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday reopened the Gulmarg Cable Car project to the public, a month after a technical snag forced the closure of the popular ride to the upper reaches of Gulmarg.

"The Gondola services have resumed today after the project underwent necessary repairs and maintenance," an official of the Cable Car Corporation said. He said several tests were run on the project over the past few days to ensure it had no issues. The official said tourists can now P11

**Gol clears J-K's first NCOE in Sports**  
LG credits PM Modi, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya for landmark approval

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**SRINAGAR:** In a major boost to the sports ecosystem of Jammu & Kashmir, the Government of India has accorded approval for the establishment of the first National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) in Sports for J&K, to come up in Kashmir. The proposed Centre, to be developed in Kashmir, marks a transformative step in positioning Jammu & Kashmir as a premier destination for high altitude sports, elite athlete development, advanced sports

science, and world-class training infrastructure.

Expressing gratitude on the occasion, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, for approving the landmark project, which will create a new era of sporting opportunity for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

"This state-of-the-art Centre will bring world-class infrastructure and elite coaching right to our Union

Territory, training the next generation of Olympic and international champions," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The approved NCOE is envisioned as a premier national centre for High Altitude Sports and various athletic competitions, while also serving as a major platform for skilling thousands of local youths in multiple sporting disciplines. The Centre is expected to significantly strengthen the sports-development architecture of the Union Territory by integrating training, talent P11

**LG Sinha, Omar share messages on eve of Ashura**

**SRINAGAR:** The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha recalled the sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) on the eve of Ashura, the 10th day of Muharram.

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "The supreme sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions at Karbala remain a timeless beacon for humanity, upholding truth, justice, and human dignity.

Let us resolve to imbibe these universal ideals and work together to P11

**Two vital bridges restored on NH-44**

Gadkari reviews projects in J-K

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**SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday expressed gratitude to the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari for the restoration of two vital bridges on National Highway-44.

"Great news ahead of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The two vital bridges over the Ravi River and Sehar Khad near Kalabari on NH-44, which were damaged in last year's flash floods, have been successfully restored. Deeply thankful to Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gad-

kari Ji for reinstating this crucial link. This will immensely benefit Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrims and ensure smooth movement of passengers and freight," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Earlier, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, reviewed the quality, maintenance, and progress of National Highway projects covering 2,035 km in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, 804 km in the Union Territory of Ladakh, and 4,931 km in Telangana during separate review meetings held in New Delhi.

Minister of State for Road Transport and P11

**Omar chairs 27th LCMA board meet, reviews lake conservation initiatives**

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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday chaired the 27th Board of Directors meeting of the Jammu & Kashmir Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) at SKICC to review the progress of ongoing conservation initiatives and deliberate on policy, administrative and infrastructure-related matters concerning the Dal, Nigeen, Khushalsar and Gilsar lakes.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Finance Shailendra Kumar, Commis-



sioner Secretary Forests, Environment and Ecology Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development Mandeep Kaur and other senior officers.

The Board reviewed the action taken on decisions of its previous meeting and assessed the progress of major

conservation and restoration initiatives, including the Integrated Management Plan for the Dal-Nigeen lake ecosystem, eco-development of lake hamlets, sewerage infrastructure, lake cleaning operations and other measures aimed at improving the ecological health of the lakes. Emphasizing that P11

**Sinha attends Rudrabhishek ceremony at Shri Anandishwar Bhairav Nath Asthapan**

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**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended Rudra Abhishek ceremony on the auspicious occasion of Shivacharya Abhinav Gupta Jayanti and Nirjala Ekadashi at Shri Anandishwar Bhairav Nath Ji Maharaj Asthapan, Maisuma, Srinagar, on Thursday.

The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the devotees and extended his heartfelt greetings.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor observed that Shri Anandishwar Bhairav Nath Ji Maharaj Asthapan continues to occupy a cherished place in the collective consciousness of Jammu Kashmir.



He offered his deepest prayers for the peace, well-being, and prosperity of all. He

said the vision of great sages reminds us that our collective growth and P11