

The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity.

—Amelia Earhart

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SHRI AMARNATH JI YATRA

# Manoj Sinha performs the 'Pratham Puja' at the Holy Cave

'Fully prepared to welcome devotees for spiritually journey'

Registration token distribution to begin today  
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**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday performed the 'Pratham Puja' at the Holy Cave of Shri Amarnath Ji, marking the ceremonial start of the annual pilgrimage.

The Lieutenant Governor sought the divine blessings of Baba Barfani and prayed for the peace, prosperity, health and well-being of all.

The Lieutenant Governor extended a heartfelt invitation to all devotees of Baba Barfani, encouraging them to join the holy pilgrimage in great numbers and experience the spiritual journey.



"As the Yatra commences on July 3rd, Administration, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Army, Police, Security Forces, Local Community, Service Providers, Volunteers are working in complete syn-

ergy. Every stakeholder is devoted to ensuring a safe, hassle-free and a memorable pilgrimage for all pilgrims.

With significantly upgraded infrastructure, enhanced facilities, and inval-

able support of people of Jammu Kashmir, we are fully prepared to welcome devotees for a spiritually fulfilling journey," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) organizes the Pratham Puja annually at the Holy Cave on Jyeshtha Purnima. This year's 57-day pilgrimage will formally commence on July 3rd, 2026, simultaneously via both traditional routes- the Pahalgam axis in Anantnag district and the Baltal in Ganderbal district. The Yatra will culminate on August 28th, 2026, on Raksha Bandhan.

Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; S.J.M.Gillani, Special DG Coordination PHQ; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant



**100-DAY NASHA MUKT JK ABHIYAAN**

**STOP DRUGS**

**DAY 80**

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

## Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign continues across Edu institutions

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**SRINAGAR:** As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), District Administration Bandipora on Monday intensified its anti-drug awareness campaign by organizing rallies, pledge ceremonies, awareness programmes and parent-teacher meetings across various educational institutions of the district.

The activities were aimed at sensitizing students, parents and the local community about the harmful effects of drug abuse, while promoting a healthy, responsible and drug-free lifestyle.

Awareness programmes, pledge ceremonies and community outreach activities were conducted at High School Ketson, High School Panar, High School Achoora, Higher Secondary School Gadakhud, Higher Secondary School Quilmuqam and High School Koragbal. Students, teachers and members of the local community actively participated in the programmes by carrying placards and banners displaying anti-drug messages and raising slogans against substance abuse.

At Higher Secondary School Gadakhud, an anti-

drug awareness rally was organized, with active participation from students, faculty members and civil society representatives. The rally passed through nearby villages to spread awareness regarding the social, physical and psychological consequences of substance abuse and concluded with a collective anti-drug pledge.

Similarly, Higher Secondary School Quilmuqam organized a Community Awareness Rally under the 100-Day Nasha Mukta Abhiyan. Students and staff participated enthusiastically, encouraging the public, particularly the youth, to stay away from drugs and adopt a healthy and responsible lifestyle. The programme concluded with a collective pledge in support of the vision of a Nasha Mukta Bharat.

Parent-Teacher Meetings were also held at PM SHRI Government High School Odina and High School Panar, where parents and teachers discussed the academic progress and overall development of students. During the meeting at PM SHRI Government High School Odina, parents appreciated the Government's Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and expressed

## Police destroy seized Narcotic Drugs, reinforces zero tolerance

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**BARAMULLA:** In a significant step towards combating drug trafficking and substance abuse, Baramulla Police Monday destroyed 10.570 kilograms of seized heroin, having an estimated market value of crores of rupees, at the authorised Drug Disposal Facility of M/s Kashmir Health Care System, IGC Lassipora, Pulwama.

The destruction of the seized contraband was carried out by the UT-Level High-Level Drug Disposal Committee (HLDDC) in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Special Court (NDPS), Baramulla, and in accordance with the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985 and the NDPS Rules, 2022, after completion of all prescribed legal formalities.

The disposal process was conducted under the supervision of the Inspector General of Police, Crime, J&K, in the presence of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, North Kashmir Range, Baramulla, SSP, ANTF, J&K, and other designated members of the Committee, ensuring complete transparency and strict adherence to all statutory procedures.

Baramulla Police reiterates its unwavering commitment to a zero-tolerance policy against narcotics and will continue its sustained efforts under the Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan to dismantle drug networks and safeguard society from the menace of drugs.

Baramulla Police Organizes Anti-Drug Awareness Rally at Kunzer Under Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan

Baramulla: Continuing its sustained campaign against drug abuse under the Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan, Baramulla Police, in collaboration with the Hon'ble Special Court (NDPS), Baramulla, and in accordance with the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985 and the NDPS Rules, 2022, after completion of all prescribed legal formalities.

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During the programme, participants were

## PM Modi to chair high-level meet on major reform push

Concludes visit to Seychelles with 'substantive outcomes'



**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is learnt to have called a meeting of the secretaries of all central ministries and departments on Tuesday to discuss various is-

ssues, including reform initiatives taken to improve ease of living and ease of doing business.

Sources said some of the secretaries will make presen-

tations on their respective ministries, giving details on the functioning as well as on the progress made on various reform measures and other people-centric steps.

Modi has already set the government's goal of turning India into a developed country by 2047, when it celebrates 100 years of its independence.

The prime minister will review with the secretaries the next-generation reforms through which the government wants to make people's lives more comfortable and ensure ease of doing business, the sources said.

He is expected to advise the secretaries to remain focussed on governance

## India leads major democracies: CEC

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Monday said India was leading the world's major democracies with a transparent electoral process in which every stage of the exercise is audited by the political parties and candidates.

"We discussed the components of the world's most transparent electoral process — preparation of the voter list, polling and counting. These are concurrently audited by all political parties and candidates," Kumar, who is on a three-day visit to Kashmir, told reporters here.

Earlier in the day, Kumar addressed a gathering of booth-level officers (BLOs) in Budgam

## Day-3 of Shri Shiv Mahapuran Katha Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati expounds Shiv Vivah at Baba Budha Amarnath Shrine



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**POONCH:** Atal Akhada Peethadheeshwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj on Monday ex-

pounded the spiritual, philosophical and cultural significance of the Shiv Vivah during the third day of the ongoing Shri Shiv Mahapuran Katha at the Shri Baba Budha Amarnath Shrine, where a large congregation of



saints, pilgrims and local residents assembled to attend the discourse.

Drawing from the Shiv Mahapuran, the religious leader described the divine union of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati as a pro-

found representation of the harmony between supreme consciousness and divine energy (Shakti). He said the episode continues to serve as a source of spiritual guidance, encouraging devotees to uphold the values

## HM Shah dials Himanta to discuss flood-like situation

**NEW DELHI:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday called Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to discuss the flood-like situation in parts of the state, officials said.

Shah sought to know the extent of damage, if any, caused by the swelling rivers of the state, and offered all help from the Centre in handling the situation, they said.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), nearly 16,000 people have been affected by floods in 69 villages across four revenue circles in Dhemaji.

"I've been closely moni-



toring the flood situation ever since it unfolded in Dhemaji. We are deeply saddened by the impact it has had on the lives of our people. In this diffi-

cult time, we stand firmly with them," Sarma had posted on X on Sunday.

The state government is "mobilising all its

## Nitin Nabin to visit Jammu next month

**JAMMU:** BJP national president Nitin Nabin will visit Jammu on July 6 and 7 on his first visit to the Union Territory after assuming charge of the party earlier this year, a senior party leader said on Sunday.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Sat Sharma announced at a meeting of party office bearers here, a party spokesperson said.

The meeting, attended by Union Minister Jitendra Singh, was convened to review ongoing organisational activities and finalise the roadmap for upcoming programmes. Earlier, the party also held a core

## Dr Jitendra calls for stronger global tech partnerships for Viksit Bharat

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**JAMMU:** India's growing stature as a global innovation hub and its leadership in emerging technologies provide an ideal opportunity for industry organisations to build stronger international partnerships that contribute to national growth and global development. Union Minister of State (MoS) PMO Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday



announced a delegation of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI) called and discussed ways to strengthen industry-led global engagement and collaboration across the BRICS and BRICS Plus ecosystem through innovation, StartUps, emerging tech-

nologies, research collaboration and entrepreneurship. The delegation, led by Sameep Shastri, Chairman of BRICS CCI, included Atul Bansal, Vice Chairman; Shabana Nasim, Vice Chairperson; and other office-bearers of the Chamber. The representatives briefed the Minister on

## Int'l Buyer-Seller Meet: CM Omar launches Global push to make JK export powerhouse

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**SRINAGAR:** Reaffirming the government's commitment to transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a globally competitive export hub, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday inaugurated the two-day Jammu and Kashmir International Buyer-Seller Meet-2026 at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC).

The CM reaffirmed that the government is committed to transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a globally competitive export hub by expanding market access for local artisans, women Self-Help



Groups (SHGs), handicraft producers and agro-based enterprises.

The international trade event is being organised by

the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (J&K TPO) in association with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).

More than 30 international and national buyers from over 14 countries are participating in the meet, which also features over 20 live demonstrations under the 'Know Your Artisan' initiative and showcases more than 100 handicrafts, handloom and agro-food products from across Jammu and Kashmir.

The event featured dedicated pavilions established for women Self-Help Groups and the specially curated 'Know Your Artisan' initiative, aimed at creating direct engagement between buyers and the craftsmen behind the region's world-renowned products.

## VHP defends Champat Rai

**NEW DELHI:** The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Monday said the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust itself has been pushing for a fair probe into the alleged embezzlement of donations at the temple, claiming that the Trust carried out an internal inquiry and sought the formation of an SIT.

The RSS affiliate also defended senior Trust functionaries Champat Rai and Anil Mishra, saying they voluntarily resigned to ensure a fair probe into the case, and asserted that the first FIR in the matter was lodged by the Trust itself after the SIT submitted its preliminary findings.

The VHP also hit out at opposition leaders,