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Swift and coordinated action by Jammu Police and SDRF rescued three persons stranded in the River Tawi near Peer Kho, reaffirming our commitment to saving lives and ensuring public safety. #JammuPolice #SDRF #PublicSafety. @JmuKmrPolice @ZPHQJammu



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Swift Response | Saving Lives
In the aftermath of flash floods in the Rajouri region, troops of #WhiteKnight-Corps, in close coordination with @jmuKmrPolice, SDRF and civil administration, carried out multiple life-saving rescue operations. Braving challenging flood conditions and swift water currents, troops rescued 11 civilians, including five children—nine stranded across a flooded Nala near Churung Village, south of Thanamandi, and two youths marooned on a river island in the Naushera Tawi near Dhangri. Their rapid response, courage and seamless teamwork ensured the safe rescue of every life. Always standing with the people, the #IndianArmy remains unwavering in its commitment to protect lives and stand by the people in times of need. **We Serve. We Protect.**



PARTITION OF BENGAL
Announced on July 20, 1905, and implemented on October 16, 1905, by Viceroy Lord Curzon, the first Partition of Bengal divided the massive Bengal Presidency into two provinces: Western Bengal (Hindu-majority) and Eastern Bengal and Assam (Muslim-majority). Officially claimed as an administrative measure, the move was widely viewed as a “divide and rule” tactic to suppress the growing Indian nationalist movement.



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POPULATION
In the entire Samba district of Jammu division, 3.16 lakh is the total population.



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JU students visit Suchetgarh border on RAAHI: Hop Jammu

JAMMU: Students and staff members of the University of Jammu on Sunday visited the Suchetgarh border along the International Border as part of the RaahiHopJammu heritage and tourism initiative, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya said.

Sharing the update on social media, the Deputy Commissioner said the educational tour was organised through the RaahiHopJammu bus service, offering participants an opportunity to explore the historic border area and learn about its cultural and national significance.

The visit enabled the students and faculty members to experience the unique heritage of Suchetgarh, which has emerged as one of Jammu's prominent tourist destinations. The border post, known for its historical importance and ceremonial retreat, attracts visitors from across the country.

The initiative is aimed at promoting local tourism while encouraging students and residents to discover the region's rich history, culture and heritage. Through guided tours under the RaahiHopJammu programme, participants are introduced to important landmarks and heritage sites across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner said such visits help strengthen awareness about Jammu's historical legacy and inspire greater public participation in heritage tourism.

The RaahiHopJammu initiative has been organising regular tours to various destinations, including heritage monuments, religious sites and border tourism locations, with the objective of showcasing Jammu's diverse cultural and tourism potential while providing an enriching learning experience for participants.

Man, eight buffaloes rescued from Tawi river

JAMMU: A 35-year-old man and eight buffaloes were rescued safely from the Tawi River near Bahu Ki Tanki in Jammu during a joint rescue operation carried out by the Police Post Sidhra and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) on Saturday.

According to officials, the rescue operation was launched after information was received about a man stranded in the river along with his livestock amid rising water levels.

The rescued individual was identified as Khursid Ahmed (35), son of Jia, a resident of Ragoora, Bagh-e-Bahu.

A joint team led by the Incharge Police Post Sidhra, along with personnel of the NDRF, reached the spot near Bahu Ki Tanki and conducted a swift rescue operation. The team successfully evacuated Khursid Ahmed along with all eight buffaloes without any injuries.

Officials said the operation was completed safely despite challenging conditions caused by the swollen river.

LG Manoj Sinha visits historic Vichar Nag Shrine, calls it's revival bridge between Valley's past, future

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday visited the ancient Vichar Nag Shrine in Srinagar, where he offered prayers for peace, prosperity and the well-being of all people, while describing the restoration of the historic temple as a significant step towards preserving Jammu and Kashmir's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor paid obeisance at the shrine, interacted with devotees and reviewed the ongoing renovation and restoration works being carried out at the historic site.

Addressing devotees and later speaking to media persons, Sinha said the

Vichar Nag temple has remained an enduring symbol of India's spiritual, intellectual and philosophical traditions for centuries.

“For millennia, this sacred temple has anchored India's spiritual, intellectual and philosophical journey. Its revival serves as a historic bridge connecting our past, present and future. It marks the return of a consciousness that, for centuries, nurtured an unbroken tradition of reflection, dialogue and learning,” he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the restoration of Vichar Nag is an important milestone in safeguarding the diverse cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir and reviving the region's civilisational legacy.

He noted that Vich-



ar Nag occupies a special place in the cultural and spiritual history of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed satisfaction over the efforts being made to restore the

ancient shrine to its former glory.

“The revival of this historic site, once a vibrant hub of knowledge where scholars from across the

globe gathered for intellectual discourse, is deeply gratifying. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone associated with this initiative,” he said.

Sinha also highlighted the shrine's historical association with renowned philosopher and scholar Abhinavagupta, saying the site had, for more than 2,000 years, attracted eminent scholars from different parts of the world for discussions on spirituality, philosophy, mathematics and other branches of knowledge.

Referring to the religious significance of the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor said devotees had assembled at the shrine after a long hiatus to perform Yajna and Havan, describing it as a moment of spiri-

tual and cultural revival.

“I pray that this revival marks the return of that era of fostering a renewed dialogue on knowledge, mathematics, science and modernity, while ushering in peace and prosperity for the region,” he said.

The visit underscored the administration's continued focus on preserving heritage sites of historical and religious importance while promoting the cultural legacy of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by DIG Central Kashmir Range Rajiv Pandey, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, SSP Srinagar Dr G.V. Sundee Chakravathy and other senior civil and police officials.

Prevent disease before it strikes: Dr Jitendra Singh calls for national health movement

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JAMMU: Calling for a nationwide People's Movement (Jan Andolan) against cancer, diabetes, obesity and other lifestyle diseases, the Minister of State (MoS) PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh on Sunday said that India's response to the growing burden of Cancer, Diabetes, obesity and other non-communicable diseases must move beyond hospitals and become a mass public movement centred on early detection, right medical advice and evidence-based healthcare.

The Minister said the country today faces not merely a lack of awareness but also the challenge of widespread health misinformation, making scientific communication and evidence-based health communication more important than ever for realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Dr. Jitendra Singh was address-



ing the launch of “UNBROKEN: My Battle with Cancer and the Will to Lead”, authored by Cancer survivor, eminent Scientist and former Senior Adviser, Department of Science & Technology, Dr. Akhilesh Gupta. The event was attended by eminent medical professionals, academic and scientific fraternity, senior government officials, researchers and members of the scientific community, who came together to celebrate Dr. Gupta's remarkable journey of resilience after overcoming cancer.

Describing the book as much more than a personal memoir, Dr. Jitendra Singh said it chronicles an extraordinary journey of courage, resilience, integrity and unwavering faith in science. Having read the book in its entirety, he said it offers important lessons not only for patients battling serious illnesses but also for doctors, scientists, administrators and young professionals, demonstrating how determination and the right medical guidance can transform adversity into inspiration.

Referring to India's rapidly changing disease profile, Dr. Jitendra Singh said non-communicable diseases have emerged as one of the country's biggest public health challenges. Cancer, diabetes, obesity, fatty liver disease and other metabolic disorders are rising across all regions and are increasingly affecting younger populations.

Security heightened as Police conducts patrol, vehicle checks

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JAMMU: As part of its continued efforts to strengthen public safety and maintain a high state of operational readiness, Jammu and Kashmir Police conducted a comprehensive security exercise and area domination patrol in the Ghagwal border belt in Samba district on Sunday, an official said.

The operation led by an additional superintendent of police was carried out in a three-kilometre radius from Nonath to Tappal, commencing with a coordinated patrolling exercise during which Road Opening Party (ROP) personnel were thoroughly briefed to ensure effective execution of assigned duties, a police spokesman said.

To further enhance tactical preparedness, a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO)-cum-room intervention exercise was jointly conducted by the Special Operations Group

(SOG), Samba, and the CRPF's Quick Reaction Team (QRT), he added.

Following the tactical exercise, a surprise check was conducted at a strategic location to strengthen security measures and deter anti-social and unlawful activities, the spokesman said, adding that several vehicles were intercepted and thoroughly checked in accordance with established security protocols.

“Such area domination patrols, tactical exercises, cordon and search operations (CASOs), and surprise checking drives will continue to be conducted regularly across the district as part of a comprehensive security strategy. These measures are aimed at maintaining a robust and secure environment, strengthening the presence of security forces on the ground, deterring anti-national and criminal elements, preventing any attempts to disrupt peace and public order, and ensuring the safety, security, and confidence of the people.

Raina visits flood-hit Rajouri, Poonch

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Sunday visited the flash flood and landslide-affected areas of Rajouri and Poonch districts to assess the ground situation and express solidarity with the affected families.

During his visit, Raina toured several flood-hit localities, interacted with residents who suffered losses due to the heavy rains, and reviewed the damage caused to houses, roads and other infrastructure. He also met bereaved families and those displaced by the calamity, assuring them that every possible effort would be made to help them overcome the crisis.

Expressing grief over the devastation caused by the flash floods and landslides, Raina said he had reached the affected areas to personally assess the situation and stand with the people during their difficult time.

“I reached the flood-affected areas of Rajouri and Poonch to assess the ground situation, met the affected families, and stand in solidarity with them during this difficult time,” he said.

Raina lauded the efforts of the district administration, police, Army, SDRF, NDRF and other agencies engaged in rescue and relief operations. He said the coordinated response by various departments had helped in evacuating stranded residents and providing timely assistance to those in need.

Amit Sharma conferred with Ph.D, Gold medal from Maryland State University

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JAMMU: Amit Sharma, an Indian Administrative Service Officer of 2012 batch of AGMUT Cadre and previously, the topper of 2001 batch of Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Services, has been conferred Honoris Causa Ph.D alongwith a Gold Medal at Indo International Intellectual Conclave 2026 held here today by the prestigious Maryland State University of United States of America for his exceptional contribution towards Public Administration and services rendered to the society over last quarter of a century (twenty-five years) as a Civil Servant, which has been well appreciated and recognized by this top U.S.A University.

In an official communique issued by Maryland



State University U.S.A to Shri Amit Sharma, it has been mentioned that “The Doctoral Monitoring Board of Maryland State University is pleased to confirm your nomination for the Honoris Causa Ph.D. in recognition of your contributions to the field of Public Administration.” It further stated that

“We extend our heartfelt congratulations to you. You shall serve as a role model for the youth, and in view of your achievements, we are conferring upon you this degree.”

This latest and rarest conferring of Ph.D honour by a top university of U.S.A to Amit Sharma in the field

of Public Administration has come after a detailed round of scrutiny of past performances, background test-checks and testimonials wherein he was shortlisted to get this award at this juncture of his career.

On receiving his Honoris Causa Ph.D in Public Administration, Amit Sharma emotionally dedicated this award to both his late parents, Smt Santosh Sharma who passed away recently and Shri Baldev Sharma, both of whom, built a strong foundation of diligence, patience and consistency towards public welfare and social good. He also dedicated it to his family, friends and even critics, who constantly inspired him to do better and better in times to come all through these twenty-five years of public service.

People need relief, NC wants politics, BJP postpones protest, says MP Sat Sharma

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JAMMU: Launching a scathing attack on the National Conference (NC), J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma accused the ruling party of abandoning the people of Jammu & Kashmir during a humanitarian crisis and continuing to pursue its political agenda centered on the issue of statehood.

Addressing a meeting of party workers and prominent locals for Booth Nos. 73 and 78 at Shakti Kendra Trikut Nagar, Sat Sharma, was accompanied by J&K BJP Vice-President Rekha Mahajan, MLA Ch Vikram Randhawa, Mandal President Nitish Mahajan, former Corporator Lucky Puri, Shakti Kendra Pramukh Vishal Gupta, and other senior party

leaders and workers.

Sat Sharma said that while the people of Rajouri and Poonch are grappling with the devastation caused by the recent cloudburst and flash floods, the National Conference has shown little concern for the suffering of the affected families and remains obsessed with raising the slogan of “statehood” to divert attention from its failures.

Sharma announced that the BJP has postponed its proposed Secretariat Gherao March at Lal Chowk, Srinagar, along with other protest programmes across Jammu & Kashmir, as a mark of solidarity with the victims of the natural disaster. He said that the party took this decision purely on humanitarian grounds so that relief and rescue opera-

tions are not hindered in any manner.

“The BJP has always placed the interests of the people above politics. At a time when families have lost their loved ones, homes, livestock and livelihoods, our priority is to stand shoulder to shoulder with the affected people. The National Conference, instead of joining relief efforts, is busy pushing its political narrative to prevent its organizational and moral collapse,” Sharma said.

He further advised the NC leadership to stop exploiting sensitive issues for political survival and instead devote its energy to helping people in distress. He also informed that senior BJP leaders will soon visit the affected areas to assess the ground situation and extend every possible support to the victims.

2 detained for ‘obscene act’ near Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

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JAMMU: Two persons, including a juvenile, have been detained for their alleged involvement in an obscene act near the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine atop the Trikuta Hills in Reasi district, police said on Sunday.

The action came after a video showing two couples allegedly engaging in obscene and inappropriate behaviour near the Bhawan market area went viral on social media, triggering widespread public outrage and drawing criticism from devotees.

According to a police spokesperson, the Police Station Bhawan received information about the incident on July 17. The alleged act reportedly took place in the Bhawan market area, a high-security zone frequented by thousands of pilgrims visiting the revered shrine every day.

Police said the behaviour caused inconvenience to devotees and hurt their religious sentiments, prompting authorities to take immediate cognisance of the matter.

Based on the complaint and preliminary findings, an FIR was registered under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and an investigation was launched to identify and apprehend those involved.

During the course of the investigation, a special police team succeeded in tracing and detaining two of the accused. They were identified as Pritam Singh, a resident of Talwara, and a juvenile.

The juvenile was later handed over to his family after the completion of all legal formalities in accordance with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, the spokesperson said.

Police added that efforts are continuing to identify

and trace the remaining accused allegedly involved in the incident. Search operations and further investigation are underway, and authorities said additional action will be taken as more evidence is gathered.

The spokesperson said the police are committed to maintaining law and order and ensuring that the sanctity of religious places is preserved at all times.

“Strict legal action will be taken against anyone found disturbing public peace or engaging in activities that hurt the religious sentiments of devotees,” the spokesperson said.

The police also appealed to visitors and pilgrims to maintain proper decorum at religious places and respect the sanctity of the shrine, warning that any behaviour violating public decency or disrupting the peaceful atmosphere would invite stringent legal action.