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## INBRIEF

**LG Sinha, CM greet citizens on Shri Krishna Janmashtami**

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**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings on the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, which will be celebrated tomorrow, on September 4, 2026.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "On the joyous occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all.

The life and teachings of Lord Krishna carry a universal message

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*India, Belgium decide to expand defence ties*

## Country's economic growth story inspires Global confidence: Modi

**NEW DELHI:** India and Belgium on Thursday vowed to expand cooperation in trade, defence, critical minerals, clean energy and technologies following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's wide-ranging talks with his Belgian counterpart Bart De Wever.

In his media statement, Modi highlighted India's 7.8 per cent economic growth in the last quarter and framed the country's rise as a source of confidence and new opportunities for the world.



The Belgian prime min-

ister described the conclusion of the India-European Union free trade pact as a major milestone and said New Delhi and Brussels are building a relationship that is broad and more strategic than ever before.

"Today, the world is going through a period of great upheaval. Conflicts continue to persist in many parts of the world. Whether it is food, fuel, or supply chains, every sector is being impacted by uncertainty," Modi said.

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**PM urges auto sector to "thrust" Viksit Bharat**

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday exhorted India's automobile industry to continue innovating, pursue excellence, and proactively chart a bold pathway towards the Viksit Bharat vision by 2047.

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## Sinha meets Union Minister Puri, discusses key J&K devp priorities

**NEW DELHI:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday met Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri at his office in New Delhi, with development and governance-related issues concerning the Union Territory coming under discussion.

Union Minister Puri shared details of the meeting on social media and described the interaction with the Lieutenant Governor as a pleasant one.

"Very happy to receive the Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Sh. Manoj Sinha Ji, in my office today. It was a pleasure to interact with him," Puri said in a post on X.



Although no official details of the agenda were released, but sources informed that the meeting was part of the ongoing engagement between the Jammu and Kash-

mir administration and the Centre aimed at strengthening coordination on development-related matters.

Moreover, the interaction provided an opportunity to

## LG clears LAHDC in all districts

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**LEH/JAMMU:** Seven districts of the Union Territory of Ladakh will soon get autonomous hill development councils, paving the way for elected local self-governance in five newly-created districts, officials said.

Lt Governor VK Saxena on Thursday approved creation of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) in all seven districts.

The move follows the Centre's July 13 announcement to extend the LAHDC framework to all districts of

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## Home Secy takes stock of GLOF, avalanche readiness

**NEW DELHI:** Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan reviewed the preparedness of Himalayan states and Union Territories against the risks of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) and snow avalanches on Thursday.

During the meeting, he took stock of early warning systems, monitoring of vulnerable glacial lakes and snow-covered areas, identification of high-risk locations, flow path, timely dissemination of alerts, evacuation preparedness and strengthening of response mechanisms, the home ministry said.

The chief secretaries and State Disaster Management Authorities of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, along with senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Central Water Commission (CWC), India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Defence Geoinformatics Research Establishment (DGRE) attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the states and UTs

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## Pak intruder held near IB; ammo recovered in Reasi

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**JAMMU:** Security forces on Thursday apprehended a suspected Pakistani intruder along the International Border (IB) in the Kanachak sector of Jammu district, officials said.

The man identified as Nazir Sadhir from Sialkot district in Pakistan is being questioned, they said.

Meanwhile, security forces today unearthed a weapons cache during a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, recovering a pistol,

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## Dr Jitendra Singh launches BIO-NIVESH to catalyse Biotech investment, innovations



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**JAMMU:** Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister

of State, PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday held a joint round table with StartUps and In-

*"India must not be a late entrant in the next Biotechnology-Driven Industrial Revolution"*

vestors, and also launched BIO-NIVESH, a strategic platform aimed at strengthening engagement between biotechnology innovators and the investment community and catalysing the flow of private capital into

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## Master Plans to focus on growth, business ease, environment: CM



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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday chaired the 91st Board of Directors meeting of Jammu Development

Authority (JDA) and 85th Board of Directors meeting of Srinagar Development Authority (SDA), to discuss proposals regarding amendments to be made in the Master Plans of Jammu and

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## 'Youth must look beyond J-K Govt jobs'

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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday laid the foundation stone for developmental works at Kashmir Government Polytechnic, Srinagar, and e-inaugurated infrastructure upgrades worth ₹4.20 crore across Government Polytechnics in

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## Malik denies involvement in murder, seeks death penalty

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**SRINAGAR:** Jailed chief of banned Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Mohammad Yasin Malik, an accused in the murder of a Kashmiri Pandit woman, has submitted a detailed 25-page affidavit before a special court here, pleading not guilty but refusing to contest the case and asking for capital punishment.

He claimed that the charges read more like a fabricated story than a legitimate police investigation, arguing that the case was constructed decades later purely to frame him.

In the affidavit, 60-year-old Malik, who is lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail, also announced his decision to dissolve his marriage with his wife, Mushaal Hussein Mullick,

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## British Hindu groups back Bhagwat; UK defends visa



**LONDON:** Over 100 British Hindu and community organisations on Thursday welcomed the Rashtriya

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## 6 IPS officers elevated as Special DGs in CAPFs, IB

**3 IAS from J-K transferred to Arunachal**

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**JAMMU:** Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Thursday has approved appointment of several IPS officers of 1995 batch as Special Director Generals (DGs) in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Intelligence Bureau (IB).

As per order issued by Government of India, Secretariat of Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, dated 03.09.2026, reference Ministry of Home Affairs OM No.I-21019/04/2026-IPS-III dated 12.08.2026.

The committee has approved proposal of MHA for appointment of Sandeep Khirwar IPS (HY:1995), ADG CRPF as Special Director General CRPF (Level-16 in pay matrix) from date of assumption of charge of post and till date of his superannuation i.e. 31.05.2033 or until further orders, whichever is earlier; Puneet Rastogi IPS (TR:1995), ADG BSF as Special Director General BSF (Level-16) from date of assumption of charge and till date of his superannuation i.e. 30.06.2030 or until further orders, whichever is earlier; Satish Shriramaji Khandare IPS (AGMUT:1995), ADG BSF as Special Director General BSF (Level-16) from date of

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## JeI-linked properties attached

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**SRINAGAR:** Police on Thursday attached several properties including a school linked to proscribed terror outfit Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) in Baramulla district.

Police attached two buildings, six shops and two kanals of land in Sopore area of the north Kashmir district, after completion of due legalities under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), a spokesman said.

He said the properties surfaced during investigation into a case under various sections of the UAPA registered at Sopore police station.

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## India ready to extend 'any help' to end Russia-Ukraine war: Jaishankar

**KYIV:** India is ready to extend "any help in any manner" to end the Ukraine-Russia war, which is now in its fifth year, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday as he held wide-ranging talks with his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha in Kyiv.

"India has consistently maintained that this is not an era of war, and that solutions will not emerge from the battlefield," he said in a joint press statement alongside Sybiha after their talks.

Jaishankar recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi just two days ago declared that endless war must now give way to the end of war during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Bishkek on the margins of the Shanghai Cooper-



ation Organisation summit.

"Every passing day of conflict only means more deaths and more destruction. Understandably,

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## Nepal Floods: Toll soars to 1,252 mark

**KATHMANDU:** The death toll due to the devastating flash floods in Nepal rose to 1,252 on Thursday as more bodies were recovered from the affected areas, while risks of fresh floods loomed due to incessant rainfall in the upstream areas of the Bhotekoshi River.

The flash floods, triggered by an ice-rock avalanche near the Nepal-Tibet border on August 26, devastated towns and villages in northern and central Nepal, leaving a trail of destruction.

As the upstream areas of the Bhotekoshi River are continuously receiving rainfall on Thursday, there is

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