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LG Sinha flags off first batch of pilgrims as Amarnath Yatra begins

Amid multi-tier security, 5,485 pilgrims reach twin base camps in Pahalgam, Baltal



GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 02
Amid multi-tier security cover, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday flagged off the first batch of Amarnath pilgrims numbering over 5,485,

marking the beginning of this year's pilgrimage from here. The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and blissful journey. "This sacred pilgrimage is a journey of faith and

self-discovery. Wishing all spiritual seekers a safe and comfortable journey to the holy abode of Lord Shiva and a deep soul-stirring experience," the LG said. The Lieutenant Governor said the

First batch of pilgrims for SANJY-2025 reaches Baltal Base Camp

District administration accords warm welcome to devotees

GY CORRESPONDENT GANDELBAL, JULY 02: The first batch of pilgrims for the Shri Amarnath Yatra 2025 successfully arrived at the Baltal Base Camp Wednesday, marking the formal commencement of the annual pilgrimage. In a spirit of devotion and hospitality, the District Administration Gandebal extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to the Yatis at the base camp. The welcome ceremony was graced by the presence of Deputy Commissioner Gandebal, Jatin Kishore, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihani, SOM Kangan, along with officers from the Civil Administration, Police and



Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan, CM Omar Abdullah jointly review Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Sector in J&K



GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today jointly chaired a high-level review meeting of the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sectors of Jammu & Kashmir here at Srinagar, Civil Secretariat. The meeting was attended by Minister for Agriculture Production &

Panchayati Raj Javid Ahmad Dar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Secretary Gol Alka Upadhyay, Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Secretary (CDD/IT) and other senior officers from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department J&K Shailendra Kumar, Vice Chancellors of SKUAST-K and SKUAST-

J, and heads of allied departments were also present. Addressing the meeting, the Union Minister underlined the immense untapped potential in J&K's livestock and fisheries sectors and assured full support from the Centre. "We are here today to listen, understand your challenges, and work together. Where there is scope, there must be action," he stated. He called

BMO Under Probe for Harassment, Extortion

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
The Directorate of Health Services, Jammu, has constituted a three-member enquiry committee to investigate serious allegations of harassment, extortion, and salary

Nine Months On, Jammu Kashmir Still Without Advocate General

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
Nearly nine months after the formation of an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir, the position of Advocate General, the Union Territory's

All officers on ground to ensure peaceful Amarnath Yatra: DGP Prabhat

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat, on Wednesday said that all officers are on the ground to ensure peaceful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra.

Police establishes helpline for victims of terrorism in Kashmir parts

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
In a significant initiative aimed at providing timely support and assistance to the families affected.

Summer break extended till July-05 for Kashmir colleges

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
In view of soaring temperatures, the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Department Wednesday extended the summer break till July-05 for colleges of Kashmir division. According

DB stay writ Court order to Repatriate 63-Year-Old Woman Deported to Pakistan After Pahalgam Attack

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 02
A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajesh Oswal stayed the order of Writ Court whereby writ Court had directed the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to repatriate a 63-year-old Pakistani-origin woman, who was deported following the Pahalgam attack. This direction has been passed in a LPA filed by Union of India Through Secretary, Ministry of

Home Affairs challenging the order of Writ Court dated June 6, 2025 whereby Writ Court had directed to repatriate a 63-year-old Pakistani-origin woman, who was deported following the order of Writ Court whereby writ Court had directed the Union Ministry of Home Affairs is aggrieved of the impugned order and challenges the same on the following amongst other grounds, which are enumerated herein below and are taken without the prejudice to each other the impugned order proceeds on an erroneous assumption that

J&K Law Deptt assigns CJ's Court to two assisting counsels

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 02
In order to ensure proper representation to the cases of the Government, the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Department of the Jammu and Kashmir Government has assigned to two assisting counsels the court of Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Srinagar (Court number 1). As per an order, the assisting counsels Shailesh Sharmam and

Shivraj Singh Chouhan to visit J&K on July 3-4 for key agriculture and rural development initiatives

NEW DELHI, JULY 02
Union Minister for Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir on 3rd and 4th July 2025. During his visit, he will chair high-level meetings and participate in key programmes related to agriculture, rural development, and academia. On the morning of July 3, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will hold a review meeting at the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar with senior officials from the Ministry



of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and the Department of Rural Development. In the afternoon, he will attend a meeting of the Consultative Committee

of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on Natural Farming and the National Oilseeds Mission. In the evening, he will attend a courtesy meeting hosted in his honour by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan. On the second day of the visit, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be the chief guest at the sixth convocation ceremony of Sh e r e - k a s h m i r University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-K), Srinagar, which will be held at the university's

Encounter underway in Kishtwar

GY CORRESPONDENT KISHTWAR, JULY 02
An encounter is underway between terrorists and security forces at Chatroo area of Kishtwar district on Wednesday, officials said. An official told the news agency that an exchange of fire took place after the security forces launched a Cordon and Search Operation in the area following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists. They said the joint operation is being carried out in

14 BJP MLAs meet CM Omar Abdullah, stresses to make Urdu non-compulsory for the post of Naib Tehsildar with other two issues

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
A high-level delegation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), comprising 14 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), met with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at his office in Srinagar. The delegation comprising BJP National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP Vice-Presidents Sham Lal Sharma, Yudhvir Sethi, and, Shakti Parihar, General Secretary Dr. D.K. Manyal, and MLAs Chander Prakash Gangra, B.S. Mankotia, Pawan Gupta, Vikram



Randhawa, Prof. Charu Ram, Baldev Sharma, Satish Sharma, Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, and Surinder Bhagat presented strong objections to recent administrative decisions

that have triggered widespread concern among the public. At the forefront of the discussion was the controversial and divisive advertisement marking

Urdu a compulsory qualification for the post of Naib Tehsildar. The BJP leaders condemned this move as regressive, exclusionary, and in direct

Lieutenant Governor pays obeisance at Daati Maa Dev Sthan in border village of Changiya, Arnia Jammu

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 02
Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today visited the border village of Changiya in Arnia Jammu and paid obeisance at Daati Maa Dev Sthan of Mahajan Phagetra. The Lieutenant Governor prayed for the well-being of all and peace and prosperity of J&K UT. I also pray to Mata Daati for a safe and smooth pilgrimage for all the devotees of Shri Amarnath Ji, he said. The Lieutenant Governor lauded the courage displayed by the residents of border villages during



Operation Sindoor. He reiterated the commitment of the Government of India to the inclusive development of the border areas. "Border areas are the first line of defence. Vibrant

Village Programme is transforming our border villages through improved infrastructure, and it will be ensured that the villages of this area will be taken up under the programme," he said. Responding

J&K Medical Council issues over 1600 registrations in last two months

3,886 registrations issued in 2024; council accelerates process to meet rising demand; plans digitisation, staffing enhancements

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
The Jammu & Kashmir Medical Council is actively streamlining the issuance of various registration certificates following a mandatory directive issued last year through a public notice, stating that no allopathic doctor shall be allowed to practice in Jammu and Kashmir without a permanent registration certificate issued by the Council. To expedite the

registration process, the Medical Council has implemented several applicant-friendly measures within the framework of the regulations set by the National Medical Commission (NMC). Over the past two months, a total of 1,688 registration certificates have been issued, including 542 permanent registrations, 863 provisional registrations, 132 additional

Ladakh Admin initiates filling vacant posts after formalizing Domicile and reservation rules

Kicks Off Recruitment for 359 Gazetted Posts

GY CORRESPONDENT LEH, JULY 02
Pursuant to putting in place a comprehensive legal framework to ensure fair, inclusive, and transparent recruitment to public services, the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh has initiated a large-scale recruitment drive for 359 Gazetted posts through the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). This marks the first-ever recruitment of Gazetted posts through UPSC since



the formation of the Union Territory. This milestone follows the establishment of a unique and dedicated legal framework specifically designed for Ladakh. The

framework ensures maximum local representation in public employment, while aligning with the aspirations of the people of

State Taxes Department Raids Fake ITC Networks Across Kashmir

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 02
In an effort to safeguard public revenue and ensure compliance with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the State Taxes Department, Kashmir, today conducted massive raids on business entities involved in fraudulent Input Tax Credit (ITC) practices across the Valley. The "meticulously planned" raids unearthed significant instances of tax fraud, officials said. According to a press release issued to new

agency, "the raids were initiated based on credible intelligence inputs pointing to widespread misuse of ITC provisions, particularly in Kashmir, where certain commodities such as iron, cement and steel have been identified as highly susceptible to tax evasion. The investigation cell of the State Taxes Department conducted thorough research over the past 30 days to identify entities involved in generating fake invoices and passing ineligible