

"Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025"**Lieutenant Governor flags off the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra from Jammu**

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of devotees for the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas today. The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually fulfilling journey. "The sacred journey to the abode of Mahadev is an enlightening experience. I strongly believe, this pilgrimage is the greatest alchemy and unveils secrets of life before the devotees," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated the meticulous work done by Baba Amarnath and Budha Amarnath Yatri Niwas tourism department, district administration, other stakeholders and organisations serving pilgrims.

The arrangements have been made for the annual pilgrimage and Budha Amarnath Ji Mela, the annual festival. Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said, "In the first batch, more than 1000 pilgrims from across the country set off for the holy yatra of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji. Till

yesterday, 3.77 lakh pilgrims have performed darshan at holy cave of Shri Amarnath ji. I hope that pilgrims from across the country will also arrive to pay their obeisance at Shri Budha Amarnath ji and pray to Bholenath for the peace and progress of J&K and the nation. Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of civil administration, Police, security forces, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present at the Flag-off ceremony.

'Operation Sindoor' Changed India Narrative Militarily, Diplomatically: Dr Jitendra

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In a powerful and evidence charged keynote address, as chief guest, commemorating "Kargil Vijay Diwas" with theme "EK Bharat - Shreshtha Bharat - Akhand Bharat" seminar organised at the Delhi University today, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh declared that "Operation Sindoor" had changed India narrative, both militarily as well as diplomatically.

The seminar was organised by People's Forum and presided by Vice Chancellor, Delhi University Prof Yogesh Singh. Dr Jitendra Singh outlined four major shifts, during the last one decade of the Modi Government, that have redefined India's strategic posture. First, he noted a decisive change in India's narrative—both militarily and diplomatically, where India now commands respect and influence on the global stage. Second, Dr Jitendra Singh emphasized that earlier, the enemy chose the time and place to strike, today India chooses the time and place to strike. Third, he pointed out that India



has moved from a reactive stance to an active proactive approach. Finally, he stated that while earlier India bought peace at a price quoted by the enemy, today India hands down peace on terms and conditions laid down by her. The day marks the 26th anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict and the successful conclusion of Operation Vijay. Earlier the separatists were sought to be wooed by appeasement, today they too have quietly fallen in line," Dr. Jitendra Singh remarked confidently. India's technological capabilities were put on

full display during Operation Sindoor, said the Minister. These capabilities, acquired over the last 11 years, are a testament to the new India," he added. "Both the Departments of Atomic Energy and Space, which I have been associated with, have played an important role—and that fills me with certain amount of satisfaction." Calling Kargil the first departure from the apologetic approach adopted by former governments, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that for the first time, surgical strikes were executed under clear political and military resolve, which altered India's stance

towards terrorism decisively. "It is not only important to pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives," Dr. Jitendra Singh stated, "but also to introspect—whether such evil forces who support enemies from within are still amongst us." Dr. Jitendra Singh termed the mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits a unique internal exodus and called Partition one of the biggest blunders in history. "The idea of 'Akhand Bharat' is not a mere slogan or an aspiration—it is inherent to the idea of India, it is the core India's soul," Dr Jitendra said passionately. "26th May 2014—when

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took oath—was the moment of departure from pessimism to optimism, and the last 11 years are a living testimony to this transformative journey," he added. Dr. Jitendra Singh also launched a dedicated dashboard on Value Addition in Curriculum, aimed at enhancing academic integration with national priorities. The dashboard is envisioned as a dynamic platform to monitor, evaluate, and promote value-based academic initiatives that align with India's developmental vision and cultural ethos. The programme was graced by the presence of several distinguished personalities, including Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor of Delhi University; Brigadier (Retd.) Shri Brajesh Pandey; Shri Mahendra Mehta, Convenor of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Forum; and Prof. Niranjan, Chairman of VACC, Delhi University, along with other senior officials and esteemed faculty members of the University.

Promotion of Tourism in Jammu & Kashmir After Pahalgam Attack

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The data on Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits is provided by the State Tourism Department. Based on the latest information received from the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department, the number of Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits in Jammu and Kashmir is as follows. No such assessment has been made by the Ministry of Tourism on economic impact on local tourism-dependent stakeholders in Jammu & Kashmir. Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps/initiatives to promote tourism sector in the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, details of which are given below: The Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and

'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides financial assistance to State and Central Governments/Union Territories/Ministry Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country. Ministry of Tourism through its various campaigns and events promotes various tourism destinations and products of India in domestic and international markets. Some of the initiatives are Dakhn Apana Desh campaign, Chalo India campaign, International Tourism Mart, Bharat Parv. The Incredible India Content Hub was launched which is a comprehensive digital repository, featuring a rich collection of high-quality images, films,

brochures, and newsletters related to tourism in India. Promotions are also carried out through the web-site www.incredibleindia.org and social media handles of the Ministry. Thematic tourism like wellness tourism, culinary tourism, rural, eco-tourism, etc. amongst other niche subjects are promoted so as to expand the scope of tourism into other sectors as well. Enhance the overall quality and visitor experience through initiatives focused on capacity building, skill development such as Capacity Building for Service Providers, 'Incredible India Tourist Facilitator' (ITTF), 'Paryatan Mitra' and 'Paryatan Didi'. This information was provided by Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

Terrorist associate held with arms in Kupwara: Police

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KUPWARA, JULY 28
Security forces on Monday apprehended a terrorist associate during a joint Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) in village Marsary, Chowkibal, Kralpora of district Kupwara, and recovered huge cache of arms and ammunition from his possession. A police spokesperson said that the operation was jointly launched by 05 PAF, 160 Territorial Army, 98 Bn CRPF, Special Operations Group (SOG) Kralpora, and Police Station Kralpora based on specific intelligence inputs regarding the movement of a terrorist associate in the area. During the operation, he said, one individual identified as Wali Mohd Mir, S/o Mohd Sadiq Mir, R/o Marsary was

apprehended. Upon search, a huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from his possession, which includes 01 AK-56 rifle, 03 AK-56 magazines, 1150 rounds of AK-56 ammunition, and 17 UBGL grenades. The spokesperson said that preliminary investigations revealed that the apprehended individual was working as a terrorist associate for proscribed terrorist outfits and was involved in facilitating the movement of arms and ammunition to active terrorists in the region.

Army Chief visits Ladakh, reviews operational preparedness

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LEH, JULY 28
Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi has visited the Union Territory of Ladakh and reviewed the operational preparedness of the Army said on Monday. The chief of army staff (COAS) visited Leh-based headquarters of Fire and

Fury Corps and the Siachen Brigade to review the operational preparedness of the formation, the additional directorate general of public information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army wrote on X. (The COAS commended all ranks for their professionalism and

exemplary service in the world's most challenging conditions," the post read, accompanied by a few pictures and a video on the visit. Addressing the troops, Gen. Dwivedi underlined the need to embrace emerging technologies and continuously evolve to remain a future-ready force, the Army said

Thar car involved in attempt to murder case seized: Police

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JAMMU, JULY 28
Jammu Police on Monday seized a Mahindra Thar, involved in an attempt to murder case in Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu, while a massive manhunt was launched to nab the accused driver. As per officials, the incident, which has been classified as an attempt to murder, was caught on CCTV cameras, has raised serious concerns about road safety and reckless driving in the region. Speaking to media, Superintendent of police SP Jammu South Ajay Sharma as per the news agency said that the Mahindra Thar JK02DP 9594 allegedly struck an elderly pedestrian in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu has been seized while the driver, who was identified as Manoj Anand managed to flee the scene. "As per the video, the driver deliberately hit the victim, seriously injuring him and fled the scene shows the intent of crime," the officer said, adding, "The incident has been registered as a case of attempt to murder under relevant sections of the BNS at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. The vehicle has been seized and a manhunt launched



to nab the culprit," he said. Moreover, the elderly victim, who rushed to medical care, has been receiving treatment at Government Medical College and Hospital Jammu, though his condition remains critical due to head injury. Preliminary investigations suggest the driver acted with malicious intent, prompting the police to treat the case with utmost seriousness. Addressing the media at Gandhi Nagar Police Station, SP South Ajay Sharma emphasized the police's resolve to bring the culprit to justice: "This is a heinous act of violence against a defenseless elderly person. The driver of the Thar vehicle, bearing registration number

JK02DP 9594, not only endangered a life but also fled the scene, showing complete disregard for the law. We have registered a case of attempt to murder and are employing all available resources, including CCTV analysis and witness statements, to apprehend the accused. The Jammu Police will leave no stone unturned to ensure justice is served." Local MLA Bahu Vikram Randhawa also visited GMC Jammu to enquire about the health of the victim. Expressing concern over an attempted murder case reported in Jammu's Gandhi Nagar, Randhawa condemned the violent act and urged police to nab the culprit as soon as possible and punish as per law—

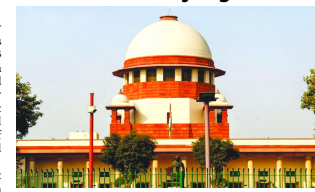
Property attached under NDPS act in Kulgam

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SRINAGAR, JULY 28
In a major action to disrupt the financial networks supporting drug trafficking, police in Kulgam, under the leadership of SSP Shri Sahil Sarangal (IPS), attached property belonging to Mushtaq Ahmad Bagow, son of Late Wali Mohammad Bagow of Redwani Payeen. The attached property includes a single-storey residential house (104 sq. ft.) and 20 marlas of land located at Chat Redwani Payeen (Survey No. 867), valued at approximately ₹79.89 lakh. The accused

is involved in two separate NDPS cases: FIR No. 62/2021 under Sections 8/15/29 at Police Station Qaimoh, FIR No. 43/2024 under Sections 8/15/21 NDPS Act at the same police station. The action was taken under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act, following proceedings initiated by the competent authority for attachment of property acquired through drug trafficking proceeds. J&K Police continue to appeal to citizens to cooperate in the fight against drugs and report any suspicious activities related to narcotics.

SC rejects challenge to J&K Civil Judge notification without 3-year practice rule, notes it was issued before judgment

NEW DELHI, JULY 28
The Supreme Court today reiterated that its direction mandating 3 years' practice as an advocate to enter judicial service will apply prospectively, and that the notifications issued before May 20 (the date of judgment) can proceed without this condition. Holding so, the Court refused to entertain a challenge to a recruitment notification issued by the Jammu and Kashmir PSC, which did not mandate the 3-year practice rule. The bench of CJJ BR Gavai and Justices K Vinod Chandran and NV Anjaria was hearing a writ petition challenging the recruitment notification issued on May 14 for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) in Subordinate Judiciary rolled out by Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission, Live Law reported. On May 20, the Supreme Court delivered its judgment mandating 3 years of legal practice before applying for judicial exams. The petitioners, who are practising advocates in the trial courts of J&K, challenged the notification dated May 14 on the grounds that the recruitment rules do not



incorporate the direction of the 3-year Practice Rule by the Supreme Court. At the outset, the bench was inclined to dismiss the matter as it verbally remarked that it is not the case that the High Court was aware of what the Supreme Court would decide on May 20. The CJJ said: "You are saying that it was done only to defeat the purpose of the judgement. Was the full court of the High Court aware that the CJJ is likely to pronounce the judgment on May 20?" The CJJ then explained that the direction will only apply prospectively to recruitments and does not disturb any selections that have already started. "We have clarified in the judgment that this will not be applicable to the process which has already started and will be applicable only for the next recruitment year,"

the bench observed in the order. The Court, however, allowed the petition to withdraw the petition. The relief sought by the petitioners were: (a) Issue a writ of certiorari or any other appropriate writ quashing Notification No. 07-PSC(DR-P) of 2025 dated 14.05.2025 issued by Respondent No. 3 for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division); (b) Issue a writ of Mandamus directing Respondent to issue a fresh notification for recruitment of Civil Judge (Junior Division) in accordance with Para 89(vii) of the judgment dated 20.05.2025 All India Judges Association v. Union of India, requiring 3 years' Bar experience; The writ petition was filed with the assistance of AOR Raj Kishor Choudhary.