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LG enquires about health of bus accident victims



LG Manoj Sinha today visited Government Medical College & Hospital, Udhampur, and enquired about the well-being of those injured in the April 20 road accident in Ramnagar area of the district.

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35 IAS, JKAS officers assigned to VVP

The government has assigned 35 IAS & JKAS officers to oversee implementation of the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II) in villages located along the Line of Control and the International Border during May and June.

A GAD order issued in this regard says: "With a view to ensure comprehensive and sustainable development of villages located

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Shabir Shah's remand extended by 10 days

A special NIA court today extended the remand of separatist Shabir Ahmad Shah by 10 more days in connection with a terror case.

He was produced before the court on the expiry of his previous 10-day remand. He has moved a bail application which was likely to be taken up on the next date of hearing.

During the proceedings, NIA sought further custody of Shah for more questioning. The court, after hearing the submissions, granted the agency an additional 10 days of

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HC quashes PSA against MLA Mehraj Malik

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The High Court of J&K and Ladakh today quashed PSA against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislator Mehraj Malik.

Malik, who is AAP's Jammu and Kashmir unit president, was detained under the stringent PSA on September 8 last year for allegedly disturbing public order and was subsequently lodged in the Kathua jail.

On September 24, he filed a habeas corpus petition in the high court, challenging

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India 2nd country to operate fast breeder reactor: Jitendra



NEW DELHI, APR 27: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that after Russia, India would be the second country in the world operating a commercial-level fast breeder nuclear reactor.

Delivering keynote address at a workshop of MPs and MLAs, on "Small

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Citizens will be protected; infiltrators won't be spared: Modi

Says TMC running 'syndicate raj'

KOLKATA, APR 27: Asserting that Indian citizens would be protected and infiltrators won't be spared, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today accused the TMC government of running a 'syndicate raj' and perpetuating violence in the state.

He exuded confidence that BJP would form the next government in West Bengal after assembly polls.

"I will return to the state for oath-taking ceremony after results are announced on May 4," he asserted while addressing a poll rally at Barrackpore in North 24 Parganas district on the final day of campaigning for the second and last phase of assembly elections.

Modi launched a sharp attack on the ruling TMC, accusing it of presiding over 'syndicate raj', political violence and economic decline.

He also struck a strong note on illegal infiltration, saying that genuine Indian citizens will be protected



and illegal immigrants would face action. "No Indian, irrespective of caste or religion, will face any problem, but infiltrators will not be spared," Modi said.

Seeking a change, people of Bengal were voting against corruption, misgovernance, and political violence, he said and urged voters to participate in large numbers and strengthen democracy.

"The mood that I have sensed in West Bengal, I

can say that I have to come again during the oath-taking ceremony of the BJP government after May 4," Modi said, drawing loud cheers from the crowd.

Invoking the historical significance of Barrackpore, the prime minister said the land had played a key role in India's first war of Independence in 1857 and was now preparing the ground for political change in West Bengal.

Modi said West Bengal's

progress was essential for India's overall development and stressed that the rise of the eastern region was crucial for the country's future.

"My destiny and responsibility are to serve, secure and save West Bengal," he said.

Drawing parallels with recent BJP gains in neighbouring states, Modi said, "After Odisha and Bihar, the lotus will bloom in West Bengal too this time." He alleged that the TMC had betrayed its founding slogan of 'Maa, Maati, Maanush' and had no vision for the state's development. "TMC has no vision for West Bengal's development," Modi said.

Claiming that industries were shutting down while criminal networks flourished, Modi said, "On one hand, mills are closing down and on the other, crude bomb factories are coming up, employing goons, and the TMC's syndicate is expanding." He

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Rajnath reaches Bishkek for SCO defence meet

BISHKEK (KYR-GYZSTAN), APR 27: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday was

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Society must embrace spirit of 'Nasha-Mukt J&K Abhiyan': LG

Joins padyatra at Udhampur

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LG Manoj Sinha, who today joined 'padyatra' at Udhampur, about 65 km from here towards Patnitop, asserted that every section of society must embrace the spirit of 'Nasha-Mukt J&K Abhiyan'.

The today's padyatra was part of an anti-drug campaign launched by the LG on April 11. He joined thousands of residents in the padyatra and urged every citizen to recognise Nasha Mukt Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan as a shared war against narcotics.

"Together we must win this battle," he said while addressing a gathering on the occasion.

"Every section of society must embrace the spirit of Nasha-Mukt J&K Abhiyan so that history records that on April 27, the flame of hope, unity, and determination was kindled in Udhampur district," he said.

"In the war against drugs, unity will be our shield, resolve our weapon. Let us commit to shaping a Jammu & Kashmir



where young people carve out free destinies for themselves, families remain whole, communities thrive strong, and aspirations blaze anew. We stand unwavering for our youth, for our future," the LG said. "The battle against drug menace de

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Interstate LeT module

NIA takes over case, gets remand of 5 terrorists

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NIA today taken over the case related to recent unearthing of an interstate Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror module and secured custody of five arrested ter-

rorists, including two Pak-

istanis, for questioning. The development marks a significant escalation in India's counter-terror efforts, following a major breakthrough by the J&K police earlier this month.

On April 7, police had achieved a major success in

its counter-terror campaign by arresting five LeT terrorists, including Abdullah, alias Abu Hureira, who was on the run for 16 years and had been able to set up bases outside the Union Territory.

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Accelerating J&K's Growth Story

"Roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana are not just a piece of physical infrastructure. Each of these roads lift the rural economy and increase Ease of Living."

- Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Launch of

PMGSY-IV, Batch-II in J&K

Number of Roads	Road Length	Project Value	Habitations benefiting
330	1,600 Km	₹3,550+Cr	363

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Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India

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Jenab Omar Abdullah

Hon'ble Chief Minister, J&K

&

Shri Surinder Kumar Choudhary

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, J&K

April 28, 2026 | SKICC, Srinagar

Legacy of Connectivity in J&K since 2000

3,328 Roads Constructed | 19,851 km Road Network Created | 257 Bridges Built

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Iran offers to end chokehold on Strait of Hormuz

Asks US to lift blockade

CAIRO, APR 27: Iran has offered to end its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz if the US lifts its blockade and ends the war in a proposal that would postpone discussions on the Islamic Republic's nuclear programme.

With a fragile ceasefire in place, the US and Iran are locked in a standoff over the strait, through which a fifth of the world's traded oil and gas passes in peacetime.

The US blockade is designed to prevent Iran

from selling its oil, depriving it of crucial revenue while also potentially creating a situation where Tehran has to shut off production because it has nowhere to store oil.

Iran wants the US to end its blockade of the country as part of its proposal, said two officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door negotiations.

The new proposal, passed to the United States by Pakistan, likely won't be supported by US President

Donald Trump, who wants to end Iran's atomic programme as part of an overall deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and make the ceasefire permanent.

"We have all the cards. If they want to talk, they can come to us, or they can call us," Trump said.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency said Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi landed in St Petersburg on Monday morning ahead of a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

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Omar bats for lasting peace in West Asia

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Stating that violence had no place in politics, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today batted strongly for lasting peace in West Asia.

"Dialogue must continue even if it is through alternative means," he said while bating strongly for facilitating lasting peace in West Asia.

The chief minister also condemned the shooting incident at a venue in Washington where Donald Trump was present, saying



violence had no place in politics and expressing relief that the US President survived.

"Thank God, he survived, and I did not want anything to happen to him," Abdullah said while responding to a query on the sidelines of a function here.

Trump, First Lady Mela-

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Guv, CM accord warm welcome to Murmu on arrival in Shimla

SHIMLA, APR 27: President Droupadi Murmu, who arrived on a five-day visit to Himachal Pradesh, was accorded a warm welcome on her arrival at Kalyani Helipad at Chharabra here today.

After she reached the helipad at about 11.30 am, Governor Kavinder Gupta, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and senior officers of the civil administration & Army received the President and extended to her a warm welcome on behalf of the people of the state.



Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Anirudh Singh, who has

also been designated as the Minister-in-Waiting for the President's visit, MP Suresh Kumar Kashyap, Shimla Municipi

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