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Sinha reviews Muharram arrangements



LG Manoj Sinha today chaired a high-level meeting to review the arrangements for Muharram across Jammu & Kashmir.

He directed senior officials to ensure seamless security, traffic management, law & order and availability of public amenities.

The LF stressed the

Saxena inaugurates Pratham Sindhu Kumbh



Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today inaugurated Pratham Sindhu Kumbh on the banks of the sacred Indus River, marking a historic celebration of India's civilisational heritage, said

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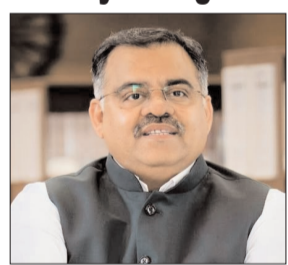
Kashmir IGP gets additional charge of armed wing

IGP, Kashmir zone, Vidhi Kumar Birdi has been given the additional charge of the head of armed wing, J&K, in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Anand Jain headed armed wing of police before his transfer to Ladakh where he has been posted as DGP.

A PHQ order issued in this regard says: "Consequent upon the transfer of ADGP (Armed) Anand Jain as DGP of Ladakh in terms of an MHA order, he is hereby relieved."

J&K govt should observe 'Holocaust Day': Chugh



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BJP leader Tarun Chugh today said the Jammu and Kashmir government should observe a 'holocaust day' in memory of the victims of the Pakistan army

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Nabin calls Art 370 abrogation true tribute to Mookerjee



NEW DELHI, JUN 23: BJP president Nitin Nabin said on Tuesday that the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership was a "true tribute" to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee's vision and sacrifice.

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Every file embodies hopes, lives of citizens: Modi tells IAS officers

NEW DELHI, JUN 23: Asking IAS officers to place people at the centre of every decision and ensure that governance remains empathetic, responsive and inclusive, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said 'every file represents aspirations, concerns and lives of countless citizens'.

"Major developmental challenges cannot be solved in silos and effective coordination across departments is essential for achieving meaningful and lasting outcomes," he said while interacting with 183 officer trainees of the IAS-2024 batch, who have been attached as assistant secretaries in various ministries and departments here.

The PM told the young civil servants to dedicate themselves to nation-building with a strong sense of purpose, innovation and citizen-centric governance, and urged them to always remember the human impact behind every administrative file.

Administration of justice must remain human endeavour: CJI

NEW DELHI, JUN 23: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said on Tuesday that the administration of justice must remain fundamentally a human endeavour and though artificial intelligence may assist judges, it cannot determine outcomes or exercise judicial discretion.

Delivering an address during his meeting with Igor Krasnov, Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, at Moscow, the CJI said if technology enhances the capabilities of courts, it is investment in people that determines how effectively those capabilities are utilised.

'Respect' from Iran key to resolving war: Trump

WASHINGTON, JUN 23: US President Donald Trump said "respect" from Iran would be key to sustaining peace after the end of the Iran-Israel war, expressing optimism about fully reopening the Strait of Hormuz to create "an oil gusher".

"As long as they respect us, I don't want to use the word fear because that's an inappropriate word, but as long as they respect us, we're not going to have any trouble," Trump told reporters at his Oval Office on Monday.

Iran effectively closed the

Shutdown in Ladakh as LAB, KDA push for 'credible dialogue'

LEH, JUN 23: A shutdown called by the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) disrupted normal life in the Union Territory of Ladakh on Tuesday, while several participated in a rally here to press for a "credible dialogue" with the Centre.

The agitating groups accused the government of deepening "trust deficit" by failing to incorporate key understandings reached during the May 22 talks in the official Minutes of Meeting (MoM), besides expressing resentment against the Lt Governor-



contributive file. "Every file represents the aspirations, concerns and lives of countless citizens," Modi said, according to an official statement.

Stressing the mantra of "Nagrik Devo Bhava", the prime minister called upon the young officers to place citizens at the centre of every decision and ensure that governance remains empathetic, responsive and inclusive, the statement said.

He urged them to constantly evaluate their own

US senators flag Pak's history of harbouring terrorists

WASHINGTON, JUN 23: Two Republican senators flagged histories of Qatar and Pakistan of "harbouring terrorists" against the backdrop of US Vice President J D Vance's remarks professing "love" for Islamabad.

"It should be clear to everybody by now who our friends really are. Qatar and Pakistan have long histories of harbouring terrorists, and right now they seem far more invested in propping up Iran's decades-long terror campaign than achieving a meaningful peace," Senator Rick Scott said in a

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India important neighbour of China: Wang

BEIJING, JUN 23: Stating that India is important neighbour of China, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has said that it is "imperative" for the two countries to respect each other's "core interests" and take concrete actions to implement the "important

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main route is still mined and closed. The lead negotiator of the Iranian delegation, Iran's parliamentary speaker, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, insisted on Monday that the Strait of Hormuz will be managed by Iran, but following international laws.

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PM must stop appeasing 'good friend' Trump: Cong

NEW DELHI, JUN 23: With US Trade Representative Jamie Green visiting India, the Congress on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi must stop appeasing his "good friend" President Donald Trump and there is absolutely no need for India to be "bamboozled" into signing any trade pact which at present is heavily against its interests.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the Modi government must seek inspiration from Malaysia which has re-buffed its own trade deal

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LG recommends 'Village Innovation Lab' for every panchayat



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Highlighting the efforts made to rebuild a powerful relationship of trust with citizens, LG Manoj Sinha today recommended to establish 'Village Innovation Lab' in every panchayat. He also said the administration had made Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) the strongest voice and largest participants in governance.

"Through 'Block Diwas' and 'Back to Village' campaigns, we tried to ensure services reach doorsteps, infrastructure meets local needs, and policies flow from the grassroots up," he said while addressing "Seva Se Samridhhi- Panchayat-led Service Delivery" Regional Workshop.

The event was jointly organised by Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj and J&K administration.

"My first recommendation is to establish

a 'Village Innovation Lab' in every panchayat. Local youth, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, and social organisations can collaborate there on low-cost solar solutions, new irrigation techniques, and other local innovations. My second recommendation is to run modern capacity-building programmes in every panchayat so that leaders grow confident and capable of building self-reliant, progressive villages. My third recommendation is to institutionalise participatory budgeting in every panchayat - an initiative we had launched in Jammu & Kashmir in 2021. When citizens decide how part of the panchayat fund is spent, governance becomes a powerful means of citizen participation."

My fourth recommendation is to mainstream sustainable development models like Green Jammu & Kashmir, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, Ek Ped Beti Ke Naam, across panchayats nationwide. My fifth recommendation is to put women in leadership roles across all schemes. In Jammu & Kashmir, we prioritised women's leadership in campaigns against substance abuse and in ensuring access to clean drinking water, dairy, health, education, and social equity."

The LG highlighted historic transformations under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the inclusive development revolution that was driven by the 3-tier Panchayati Raj system.

"In 2020, we set out to build a J&K where government reaches the citizen's doorstep. With a 'Peo

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BRICS NSA meeting

Doval calls for tackling non-traditional security threats

NEW DELHI, JUN 23: National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval on Tuesday raised concerns over emerging security threats and challenges in an increasingly digitised world, noting them as one of the key issues for deliberations at the 16th BRICS National Security Adviser meeting in New Delhi.

"The non-traditional threats have advanced against conventional responses," he said while addressing the gathering.

Noting that the innovative variants of cyber threats and



terrorism have created cross-border challenges, Doval recognised the need to navigate through these challenges.

"We need to be cognizant of the new security threats and challenges. Non-tradi-

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Vaishno Devi pilgrimage crosses 50-lakh mark

Up 27 per cent YoY

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The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra has achieved a significant milestone in the current calendar year, with the number of pilgrims paying obeisance at the revered cave shrine in Trikuta Hills of Katra crossing the 50-lakh mark on June 22.

This represents an impressive increase of over 27.3 per cent compared to the 39.84 lakh pilgrims who had visited the shrine during the corresponding period last year, an official said.

"During the same period in 2025, approximately 39.84 lakh pilgrims had visited the holy shrine, whereas the yatra during the current year has recorded 50.70

lakh pilgrims, reflecting a substantial increase of 10.86 lakh devotees," he said.

The official said the remarkable growth in pilgrim footfall was a testimony to the unwavering faith and devotion of pilgrims from across the country and abroad towards the revered shrine.

"The sustained increase in the number of pilgrims also reflects the confidence reposed by devotees in the arrangements made by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and the coordinated efforts of all stakeholders associated with the management of the Yatra," he said.

"Under the chairmanship of LG Manoj Sinha, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has undertaken extensive measures to facilitate a smooth, safe and comfort

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Kavinder pays tributes to Virbhadra Singh on his birth anniversary

SHIMLA, JUN 23: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today paid floral tributes to former state chief minister Virbhadra Singh at the historic Ridge Maidan here on the occasion of his 93rd birth anniversary.

He said Virbhadra Singh had made an unparalleled contribution to the development and progress of modern Himachal Pradesh.

"Owing to his visionary leadership, firm commitment, and people-centric policies, Himachal Pradesh has emerged as one of the leading states in the country across various sectors of



development," the governor said.

"Virbhadra Singh was one of the most respected and influential personalities in the political history of Himachal Pradesh. His long and successful tenure

as chief minister provided a new direction to the state's development," he added.

He said Virbhadra had also played a significant role in national politics, earning widespread respect

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