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Sinha wishes speedy recovery to injured pilgrims

Directing the administration to provide them the best medical treatment, LG Manoj Sinha has wished the six Amarnath pilgrims, who were injured in a road accident near Toldi Nallah in Udhampur district, a speedy recovery. He took immediate cognizance of the incident and spoke to senior administrative and medical officials, and directed them to ensure all necessary and best possible treatment for the swift recovery of those injured.

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Shopian operation enters day 7

Searches launched by security forces in Mee-mandar-Chanapora area of Shopian district of the valley on July 4, continued for the 7th day today. A Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist was killed by the forces in an encounter in the area on July 8. As one more terrorist of the outfit was believed to be still hiding in the area, security forces are continuing their search.

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3 JKAS officers transferred, posted

The government today ordered transfers and postings of three JKAS officers. As per a GAD order, Maxium Gorkie, who was under orders of transfer as Chief Sports Officer, J&K Sports Council, is posted as General Manager, J&K Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC), Jammu, against an available vacancy. Swati Gupta, who was under orders of transfer in the J&K Sports Council, is transferred and her services placed at the disposal of relief and rehabilitation.

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Departmental inquiry ordered against retd Xen

The government has ordered a regular departmental inquiry against retired executive engineer Rajinder Kumar, who was posted in the public works (R&B) construction division-IV SSA/RMSA (Samagra Division III and IV), Jammu. According to an official order, Abhishek Gupta, in-charge superintending engineer, PMGSY Circle, Jammu, has been appointed as Inquiry Officer, while Sandeep Gupta, in-charge superintending engineer, PMGSY Circle, Jammu, has been appointed as Inquiry Officer.

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Saxena inaugurates 5 EV charging stations

LEH, JUL 10: Reaffirming the administration's commitment to clean energy, environmentally responsible transportation and preservation of Ladakh's fragile Himalayan ecosystem, LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today inaugurated five Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations across the Union Territory. The charging stations, inaugurated by Saxena, are located at various points in Leh. He expressed his satisfaction with the initiative and its contribution to sustainable development in the region.

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Modi arrives in NZ; visit set to unlock new avenues of cooperation

AUCKLAND, JUL 10: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in New Zealand today on the final leg of his three-nation tour, his visit to the country was set to unlock new avenues of cooperation in several areas, especially trade, defence, sports, culture & education.

This marks the first visit by an Indian prime minister to New Zealand in 40 years. He is scheduled to hold talks with Prime Minister Christopher Luxon.

Modi was received by Luxon at the airport, where the two leaders exchanged a warm hug.

"Reached Auckland a short while ago. Thankful to Prime Minister Luxon for the welcome at the airport," the PM said in a post on X.

"This visit is historic, being the first Prime Ministerial visit to New Zealand in four decades. I look forward to holding talks with Prime Minister Luxon and discussing the complete range of the India-NZ friendship. I will also be addressing a community programme tomorrow in Auckland," he said.



In a post on X, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, "This historic visit is set to strengthen bilateral ties and unlock new avenues of cooperation across several areas especially trade, defence, sports, culture, education, and people-to-people exchanges."

Calling it as a "special welcome in Auckland!", the MEA in another post on X said the iconic Sky Tower was illuminated to mark Modi's visit to New Zealand, "symbolising the friendship between our two countries."

In his departure statement in New Delhi, the prime minister had said that his visit would "meaningfully build" upon the strong momentum in India-New Zealand ties pursuant to Luxon's visit to India in March 2025. Modi said his visit to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand will further strengthen India's Act East Policy, MAHASAGAR Vision, as well as its outlook towards a free and open Indo-Pacific.

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Amarnath Yatra crosses 2-lakh mark 9th batch of 8,796 pilgrims leaves for darshans of ice-Shivalingam

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 10

While the holy Amarnathji Yatra today crossed the two-lakh mark, the ninth batch of 8,796 pilgrims, including 33 foreigners, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here for darshans of naturally formed ice-Shivalingam in South Kashmir Himalayas.

They left the base camp amid tight security in 354 vehicles, and included 6,046 men, 2,042 women, 228 sadhus, 56 sadhvis, 10 children, one transperson, and 33 foreigners.

The convoy departed in two groups. The Baltal axis convoy carrying 3,450 pilgrims left at 3:35 am, while the Pahalgam axis convoy with 5,346 pilgrims departed at 4 am amid chants of 'Bam Bam Bhole', 'Har Har Mahadev' and 'Jai Barfani Baba Ki'.

With today's departures, a total of 61,612 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for Kashmir since the yatra commenced on July 2. Meanwhile, LG Manoj Sinha informed that the pilgrimage had crossed the two-lakh mark within just eight days of its commencement.

"In a remarkable testament to faith, the holy Shri Amarnathji Yatra has crossed the 2-lakh pilgrim mark in just 8 days. With the pilgrimage running smoothly on both the routes, the spiritual celebration is set to welcome a steady arrival of devotees in the coming weeks. Har Har Mahadev!" he said in a post on X.

The administration has

Vande Mataram turned patriotism into duty: VP



SHIMLA, JUL 10: Vande Mataram transformed love for the motherland into a sacred national duty, inspiring generations of freedom fighters with courage, sacrifice and hope, said Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Friday. He was virtually addressing the inauguration of the

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NMC approves 50 addl MBBS seats for GMC Sgr

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 10

The health & medical education department today announced that the National Medical Commission (NMC) had granted permission to increase the annual MBBS intake capacity at the Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar.

The Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) of the NMC has issued the Letter of Permission (LoP) under Section 28(3) of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, approving

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Awaiting nod for protest at Jantar Mantar: Omar



Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 10

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that NC was seeking permission for a protest at Jantar Mantar, but alleged that some people were trying to "sabotage" their plan.

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Amarnathji Yatra boosting J&K economy, uplifting lives of people: LG

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 10

Reviewing the arrangements for pilgrims at Baltal Base Camp in the valley, LG Manoj Sinha today said that 'Shri Amarnathji Yatra is not only transforming the spiritual lives of devotees but also uplifting the lives of the people of Jammu & Kashmir'.

He inspected Base Camp Hospital, on-spot registration counters, tents and other facilities, along with the senior officials and directed all line departments to ensure seamless inter-departmental synergy for a hassle-free and memorable pilgrimage experience.

"The comfort of Shri Amarnathji's devotees must remain the highest priority. From registration to accommodation, from smooth movement to darshan, every step of the journey should be seamless and free of any obstacles. The shrine board and every department involved are united in their dedication to making this spiritual



journey a safe, seamless, and deeply memorable experience for all," the LG said.

On the occasion, he also interacted with service providers, sanitation workers, doctors, and the volunteers who run langars. "Their spirit of selfless service is truly inspiring. This year's larger crowds are also bringing new opportunities and positive economic change for local traders and service providers," he said.

"Shri Amarnathji Yatra is a living symbol of aspirational Jammu & Kashmir," he said and added, "It is woven into the very soul of

this land, and preserving its sanctity and cleanliness is our collective duty."

He directed the authorities concerned to take strict legal action against anyone involved in overcharging pilgrims or executing fraudulent registrations. "Whether it is a service provider, a government employee, or an individual associated with any institution, make no exceptions. Register a case immediately," he said.

The LG emphasised a comprehensive audit of all sanitation arrangements and ordered officials to ensure an uninterrupted,

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One Nation, One Election panel eyes rollout by 2029 LS polls

PANAJI, JUL 10: The joint committee of parliament, examining the bills on simultaneous elections in the country, today said that 'One Nation, One Election' mechanism could be ready for rollout by 2029 Lok Sabha polls.

"The joint committee is working to create a mechanism that could make the 'One Nation, One Election' reform fully operational by the 2029 general elections," committee chairperson P P Chaudhary said today while speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the panel's two-day meeting in Goa.

He said nearly 99 per cent of civil society stakeholders consulted so far had backed the proposal, which aims to curb an estimated Rs 7 lakh cr economic loss caused by frequent polls.

The committee began its deliberations in Goa on the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024, with an interaction with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and members of his cabinet, seeking their views on the challenges involved in implementing simultaneous elections and ways to address them.

"We had an informal in-

teraction with the chief minister and cabinet ministers, who represent the people of Goa. We discussed how 'One Nation, One Election' can be implemented, what challenges exist and how they can be mitigated while maintaining a fine balance acceptable to all," Chaudhary said.

He said that the committee has visited several states, including Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhanda, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi, where it interacted with constitu-

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Srinagar violence case

NIA files charge sheets against 6 Kashmiri separatists

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 10

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) today filed charge sheets against six separatists of Hurriyat Conference, including Shabir Ahmad Shah, in connection with a 1996 case of mob violence and firing on police personnel in Srinagar.

Besides Shah, the charge sheets filed before the NIA Special Court, Jammu, has named Syed Ali Shah Ge-

lani, Abdul Ganie Lone, Mohammad Yaqoob Wakeel alias Mohammad Yaqoob Vakil, Javid Ahmad Mir and Shakeel Ahmad Bakshi, according to a statement issued by the probe agency.

All six were charged with criminal conspiracy, attempt to murder, rioting and assault on public servants, it said.

The charges against Geelani, Lone and Wakeel stand abated as they passed away during the pendency of the proceedings.

However, the charge

sheet clearly established their roles in the criminal conspiracy and the common object of unlawful assembly, along with supporting evidence, the anti-terror agency said.

The NIA, during investigation, ascertained that all six accused had led an unlawful assembly and instigated large-scale violence against police personnel during the funeral procession of slain terrorist Hilal Ahmad Beigh in Srinagar on July 17, 1996.

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Trump agrees to fresh Iran talks, says ceasefire over

WASHINGTON, JUL 10: US President Donald Trump said on Friday he had agreed to further negotiations with Iran, even as he repeated his assertion that the ceasefire between the decades-old foes was over.

While there have been no direct talks between Iran and the United States since last month, Iranian media reported that a delegation from mediator Qatar was in Tehran on Friday after the warring sides exchanged strikes again this week.

It is just over three weeks since Washington and



Tehran signed an agreement aimed at turning a months-long ceasefire into a durable peace, but the trading of fire for a second day in a row on Thursday threatened a return to full-scale regional war.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has asked us to con-

tinue 'talks.' We have agreed to do so, but the United States has stated to them, in no uncertain terms, that the Cease Fire is OVER!" Trump posted on his Truth Social platform on Friday.

Earlier this week, at a NATO summit, he also declared the ceasefire was over, but said of Tehran: "It's just a waste of time dealing with them."

He had also called Iranian officials "scum" and "sick people".

US and Iranian delegations have held one round

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Sheikh Hasina eyes return to B'desh despite death sentence

NEW DELHI, JUL 10: Bangladesh's deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina is preparing to voluntarily return to Dhaka by December this year to revive her Awami League.

Hasina, 78, has been living in India after she fled Dhaka following the collapse of her government in August, 2024 in the face of a massive anti-government agitation.

It is completely a voluntary decision by her to return home, sources close to her said on Friday.

In November last, Hasina was sentenced to death in absentia by a spe-



cial tribunal in Dhaka for alleged "crimes against humanity" over her government's brutal crackdown on student-led protests in 2024.

Since the verdict, Dhaka has been urging New Delhi to extradite her to face the law.

She was not afraid to face

any consequences, sources said.

"We are all prepared to welcome our leader back. Whatever instructions our leader give us, we will follow them," Kazi Nasim Rupa, a member of the publicity sub-committee of the Awami League party, said. "Our leader has already said that she is prepared for everything, and we are prepared for everything as well," he said.

The relations between India and Bangladesh witnessed major downturn after the interim government headed by Muhammad

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India's strength lies in unity in diversity: Kavinder

SHIMLA, JUL 10: Stating that Sardar Patel has laid the foundation of a United India, Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said that 'India's strength lies in unity in diversity'.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was not only the architect of India's political integration but also a strong champion of Indian federalism, he said while addressing the inaugural session of international seminar on "Sardar Patel's Vision of Integration, Integrity and Federalism" and the inauguration of the "Vande Mataram: Ek Ya-



tra" exhibition at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla.

"India's federal structure is unique in the world, where diverse languages, cultures and traditions are united by the Constitution, which serves as the founda-

tion of national unity," the LG said.

Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan, who was scheduled to grace the occasion, could not come due to inclement weather. His video message was pre-

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