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Sinha briefs Modi on J&K situation



LG Manoj Sinha today met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and briefed him about the overall situation

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Teen injured in bear attack

A 14-year-old boy was critically injured in a bear attack in a forested area of Jammu's Ramban district today.

He was identified as Akram Ahmad Chopan, a resident of Seeri village.

According to officials, he was attacked by the wild bear at Asher in Banihal area, where he

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DGP reviews operational preparedness of TOBs



DGP Nalin Prabhakar today conducted a comprehensive operational and security review of Temporary Operating Bases (TOBs) in the Chattergul and Wangan

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Saxena launches 'Zhabstok Ladakh' portal



LEH, AUG22: Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today launched 'Zhabstok Ladakh', the first of its kind official Youth Internship Portal of the Union Territory of Ladakh, which seeks to institutionalise a collaborative form of governance by creating a structured platform for youth to work

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Rs 15.20 lakh grant-in-aid for AYUSH boards

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The government has sanctioned an advance drawal of Rs 15.20 lakh for the financial year 2026-27 in favour of the director, AYUSH, J&K, for onward disbursement of grant-in-aid to the concerned AYUSH boards.

A government order issued in this regard says: "Sanction is hereby accorded to the advance

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'Chennai Declaration' adopted

India reaffirms BRICS commitment to future-ready framework

CHENNAI, AUG 22: India today announced the unanimous adoption of 'Chennai Declaration', reaffirming BRICS commitment to build an effective, resilient and future-ready framework in science, technology and innovation.

The 'Chennai Consensus', adopted under India's BRICS Chairship, places a people-centred and humanity-first approach at the heart of the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation, with emphasis on sustainable development, resilient and high-quality growth, social inclusiveness and the use of



innovation and technology to improve the welfare and quality of life of people across BRICS nations.

Delivering his remarks at the closing session of the 14th BRICS Science Minis-

terial Meet chaired by India, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said the deliberations had reaffirmed the central role of STI in building a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future.

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Chhari Mubarak leaves for Amarnathi cave



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After traditional prayers & rituals, the sacred Chhari Mubarak (holy mace) of Almighty Shiva today left Dashnami Akhara in Srinagar for the holy cave shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas.

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Rajnath flags risks of self-diagnosing via ChatGPT

NOIDA, AUG 22: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today spoke about the growing tendency among people to turn to the internet and ChatGPT to diagnose their ailments, and, on a lighter note, narrated how patients in rural areas often describe symptoms to doctors in ways that can make diagnosis challenging.

"People now often search their symptoms online before visiting a doctor," he said while addressing the inauguration of an Imaging and Labs facility here.



"Now ChatGPT has also come. Whatever happens, the first thing people do is to search online," he said, adding that increased awareness about one's health was a positive development but also posed a

challenge.

Singh said a person experiencing mild chest pain could search the symptom online and soon conclude that he was suffering from a "serious" heart disease, although such pain could also result from anxiety or muscle-related problems.

He said patients sometimes reached doctors not merely with their symptoms but with the diagnosis they had arrived at through internet searches.

"Instead of telling the

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'Nyaya-Nomics' needed to promote economic growth through adjudication: CJI

NEW DELHI, AUG 22: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant today said enormous growth that nations are expected to sustain cannot solely arrive by the luck of geography and underlined the need for "Nyaya-nomics", or the economics of justice, to ensure a level playing field through consistent adjudication.

"Institutions are not scaffolding erected around growth, but they are its architecture," he said while addressing the 11th BRICS+ Legal Forum here.



The theme of the forum was 'Rule of Law Frameworks and Institutional Capacity Building for Economic Resilience, Innovation and Sustainability'.

The scale at which the

country is progressing, and this holds true for each of the BRICS+ nations, owes itself to the nature of institutions, the judiciary being chief among them, he said.

"The enormous growth that our nations are expected to sustain cannot solely arrive by the luck of geography or the accident of resources. It is built, deliberately, out of institutions strong enough to be trusted. Perhaps numbers and statistics can make the point better than words alone,"

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J&K Tourism Deptt bags best 'Pilgrimage, Religious Tourism Destination' award

MUMBAI, AUG 22: The Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department has bagged the prestigious "Best Pilgrimage & Religious Tourism Destination" award at the Travel & Tourism Fair (TTF) Mumbai, reaffirming the Union Territory's strong position as a leading destination for pilgrimage and religious tourism.

The award was presented during the concluding ceremony of the three-day TTF



Mumbai 2026, held at the Jio World Convention Cen-

tre, BKC, from August 20 to

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Terror conspiracy case NIA searches 10 locations in Kashmir

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The National Investigation Agency today conducted searches at 10 locations across Kashmir in connection with the investigation of a cross-border terror conspiracy case involving

Pakistan-based handlers and a network of local Over Ground Workers (OGWs) providing logistical

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Rs 5 cr to suppress rape case NHRC directive to probe allegation against CM's wife

NEW DELHI, AUG 22: The NHRC has issued a notice to the Punjab government and its police chief over a complaint alleging that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's wife demanded Rs 5 crore to suppress a rape case.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) directed the authorities to inquire into the allegation and submit an action taken report within two

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Pulwama terror attack

Special NIA court rejects bail plea of accused

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A special NIA court here has rejected the bail plea of Insha Jan alias Insha Tariq, an accused in the 2019 Pulwama suicide attack that killed 40 CRPF personnel, observing that sufficient material existed on record to presume that the accusations against her were prima facie true.

In his 15-page order, Special Judge Prem Sagar held that the statutory bar under Section 43-D(5) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) also operated against the accused and prevented her release on bail at this stage.

Jan, a resident of Harkipora in Kashmir's Pulwama district, was arrested along with her father, Peer Tariq Ahmad Shah, on March 3, 2020.

She is facing trial on charges under the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC), the UAPA, the Arms Act and the Explosive Substances Act. The court framed charges against her on December 10, 2022.

According to the NIA's chargesheet, Jan was involved in the terror conspiracy and remained in constant contact with Pakistani terrorist Muhammad Umar Farooq, who, along with another Pakistani terrorist Mohammad Kamran Ali, was involved in planning

the Pulwama attack before they were eliminated in separate encounters by security forces.

She is also accused of providing food, shelter and other logistical support to the two terrorists and other Jaish-e-Mohammed operatives.

Besides, a viral video of suicide bomber Adil Ahmad Dar, which went viral after the February 14, 2019, attack, was allegedly recorded at her house on January 28 and 29.

The court's decision came after it considered the arguments from both the defence and the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

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Gorkhaland meet

New panel will draft political solution afresh: Shah

SILIGURI (WB), AUG 22: Union home minister Amit Shah today chaired a tripartite meeting with Bengal CM Suwendu Adhikari, Centre-appointed interlocutor & former deputy NSA Pankaj Kumar Singh and political parties of the region, and decided that Singh would steer the move for a permanent political solution for the Hills within the framework of the Constitution.



Adhikari reiterated that Bengal government would not accept any proposal on the state's division but was ready to work towards any

other permanent solution.

A committee led by Singh will draft the political solution afresh after consulting political parties, social organisations and stakeholders before submitting its recommendations to Centre.

The Gorkhaland statehood demand has driven Hills politics for decades, sparking major agitations in 1986-88, 2007-11 and 2017.

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More strain on wallets

Govt announces 6.83 pc power price hike from Sep 1

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Electricity consumers across Jammu and Kashmir are set to face higher power bills from September 1 as the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) has approved a revised retail electricity tariff for the Jammu Power Development Corporation Limited (JPDC) and Kashmir

Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC) for 2026-27.

The revised tariff provides for an average increase of 6.83 per cent and will remain in force from September 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, unless modified or extended by the Commission.

For metered domestic consumers, the energy charge has been fixed at Rs 2.45 per unit for consump-

tion up to 200 units, Rs 4.20 per unit for 201-400 units and Rs 4.60 per unit beyond 400 units. A fixed charge of Rs 10 per KW per month will also apply.

The commission has retained concessional rates for BPL households and small agricultural consumers. Eligible BPL consumers using up to 30 units a month will pay Rs 1.40 per unit with a fixed charge of

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Education must create responsible leaders, not just professionals: Kavinder

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Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called upon the Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM Jammu) to emerge as a leading centre of management education, research, innovation and entrepreneurship, with a special focus on the development challenges and opportunities of Jammu and Kashmir and the wider Himalayan region.

"The growth of institutions such as IIM Jammu reflects the importance accorded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to



strengthening India's higher education ecosystem and building institutions capable of contributing to the nation's development," he said while addressing the 10th

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