

## Lt Governor visits Chandanwari, takes stock of facilities & arrangements for pilgrims

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CHANDANWARI, July 11: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today visited Chandanwari to take stock of facilities and



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha during visit to Chandanwari.

arrangements for Shri Amarnathji pilgrims.

The Lt Governor also inter-

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acted with doctors, sanitation workers, volunteers, and people running community kitchen there.

As Shri Amarnathji Yatra has resumed today morning from Chandanwari route, the Lt

Governor reached the Chandanwari and sought detailed briefing on the various facilities and services being provided to the Yatra.

It was informed that with regular meetings between Civil Administration, Police and Security Forces all arrangements from security & safety point of view have been ensured with perfect coordination among JKP, Army, CAPFs, NDRF, SDRF, SASB and Civil administration.

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Kumar Gupta briefed the Lt Governor about amenities at the camp; Services of Panywalas, Palikiwalas and Pithuwalas, arrangements for sanitation, water and food for the pilgrims.

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## 60 StartUps registered with ISRO since 'unlocking' of Space: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent

BENGALURU, July 11 : Around 60 StartUps have registered with ISRO since "unlocking" of the Indian Space sector recently by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and quite a few of them are dealing with projects related to Space debris management. The other StartUp proposals vary from nano-

(IS40M) at ISRO Control Centre, here today.

Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that only last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, during inauguration of IN-SPACe headquarters at Ahmedabad, said, "When the strength of government Space institutions and the passion of India's private sector will meet, not even the sky will be the limit".



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh formally inaugurating the "ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Operation" at ISRO Centre, Bengaluru on Monday. Also seen are ISRO Chairman S.Somanath and former ISRO Chairmen cum veteran Space scientists Dr K. Radhakrishnan, Dr K.Sivan and Dr Kiran Kumar.

satellite, launch vehicle, ground systems, research etc.

This was stated by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh while speaking after inaugurating the "ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Operation"

national development. Dr Jitendra Singh said, ISRO has been taking necessary measures to safeguard all its Space assets from intentional and accidental close approaches by space objects including operational spacecraft and space debris objects. He added that Space Situational Awareness activities have many strategic implications such as identifying and monitoring other operational spacecraft with close approaches, having overpass over Indian region, intentional manoeuvres with suspicious motives and re-entry within the Indian region.

The Minister further elaborated that IS40M facility can support all routine operations safeguarding Indian space assets, mitigating collision threats from space objects through specific collision avoidance manoeuvres, information required for strategic purposes and research activities in Space Debris and Space Situational Awareness.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the importance of radars and optical telescopes as the main ground-based facilities for tracking space objects including space debris needs to be highlighted, as accurate orbital information from such ground based sensors is a prerequisite for mitigating any collision threats to an operational space asset from other objects. The backbone of the SSA system is the network of observational facilities in which the nation is lagging behind other space faring nations. It is required to set up necessary Indian observational facilities for a meaningful development and alerts generation, the Minister added.

Secretary, Department of Space S. Somanath said, infrastructure for Space Weather monitoring and forecast plays a critical role in protecting space based as well as ground based infrastructure from critical Solar activities. On an equal footing, detection and prevention of asteroid impacts are essential for human welfare. Vision of IS40M towards space weather services and planetary defense initiative are also to be important areas of SSA.

The Minister emphasized that the facility is conceived with a holistic approach towards ensuring safety and sustainability while reaping the benefits of sustainable utilization of outer space for

## Ajit new chairman of All J&K Transport Welfare Association

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: A leading Jammu businessman and transporter, Ajit Singh has been unanimously elected as new Chairman of All J&K Transport Welfare Association, a conglomerate of all the unions of public transport and load carriers of J&K.

A resolution was passed in a meeting held today at Amar Singh Club which was attended by all the presidents and prominent members of different Transport Unions of J&K, the new chairman of the AJKTWA was unanimously declared elected. The meeting comprised of the members and presidents of all the Unions and Associations of J&K consisting 2x2, 2x3 Buses, Trucks, Tempo Travellers, Inter-State Sleeper Coaches, Oil

Buses Union, Randhir Singh; president Jammu-Katra Banihal Tempo Traveller Association Sardari Lal; president Jammu-Katra Tourism Welfare Association Raman Sharma; president Jammu-Poonch 2x2

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Deluxe Coaches Association Mohinder Singh; Chairman J&K Sleeper Coaches Association Amarjeet Singh and president Mangat Ram, Bharat Bushan Sharma president Jammu Akhnoor Bus Union, Manmohan Singh president Truck Association, Sher Singh president Jammu-Poonch 2x3 Bus Union, Kuldeep Singh president Jammu-Kathua Bus Union, Gurdeep Singh president Jammu-Banihal State Sleeper Coaches, Oil



Newly elected chairman of AJKTWA, Ajit Singh along with Transport Unions presidents in Jammu on Monday.

Tankers, Gas Tankers, Matadors, Taxis, Auto Rickshaws and Tipsters.

Speaking on the occasion, Ajit Singh said all the steps and measures will be taken in near future for the welfare of all the transporters of J&K. He further added that the transport industry of J&K has now been closely knitted in a conglomerate to address the issues of transporters and would take the issues to the right forums for logical conclusions in the larger interest of the society and members of transport unions.

Another senior member, Parvinder Singh Happy said that transporters are the vital organs of any State or government and no economy can boost without the support of transporters, but the situation of the transporters of J&K is very gloomy as of now. He assured that the new Association will bring a sea change in the situation. He welcomed Ajit Singh to the Forum of Transporters and further showed his satisfaction over his selection as Chairman of the Association.

The meeting was attended by various union heads including president J&K Transport Welfare Association Vijay Singh Chib; Chairman, Jammu-Billawar 2x2 Buses Union Balbir Singh & president Raju Mishra; presidents Jammu-Katra 2x2 Buses Union KD Singh and Ramnesh Singh; president Kathua Udhampur

Jammu- RS Pura Union, Truck Unions Samba and Kathua. Joginder Singh Dutta president J&K Goods Carrier.

All the members unanimously selected Ajit Singh as their Chairman and were confident that he would stand by the Transporters to resolve their issues and raise their voice before the Government.

## DGP sanctions meritorious scholarships

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 11: Encouraging and appreciating the hard work of the wards of serving police personnel who have excelled in the annual examinations of class 12th during the academic session 2021-2022, the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned meritorious scholarships of over Rs 7.15 lakh in favour of 113 wards of serving police personnel.

The DGP has sanctioned Rs 7200 each in favour of 31 students who have secured more than 90% marks while Rs 6000 each has been sanctioned in favour of 82 students who have secured 80% and above marks in the Annual Examination of class 12th during the academic session of 2021-22. The scholarship has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Fund.



Former Deputy CM, Dr Nirmal Singh listening public grievances at BJP Office, Trikuta Nagar on Monday.

## Dr Nirmal Singh, others listen public grievances

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister and senior BJP leader, accompanied by Anuradha Charak, BJP vice-president, secretary, Arvind Gupta (coordinator, Public Grievances Redressal Committee) and spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan listened to the public grievances at BJP Headquarter, here, today.

Numerous individuals and deputations visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various issues containing matters of individual concerns as well as development related to their respective areas.

Besides, various personal and developmental issues, other main issues related to PHE, PDD, roads, lanes, drains etc were highlighted by the visiting delegations and people. A deputation demanded that Shrine

Board be constituted for "Bawe Wali Mata Mandir". A deputation of 259 PHE workers demanded that they be included in NIC portal. A deputation of various casual workers mainly from PDD requested for including them in the SRO.

Dr. Nirmal Singh after listening to all the individuals and the deputations immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, speaking on the occasion said that these public grievances redressal camps are proving beneficial for the common masses. He said the whole exercise has connected the people with the administration and laid stress on the dedication of BJP leaders in attending to their issues.

## Don't treat holy pilgrimage as tourism: Shankaracharya

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: Govardhan Puri Peethadheswar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajnanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj, who was on a tour to visit 52 Shaktipeeths and 12 Jyotirlingas, completed his five-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir today.

During the journey, Shankaracharya was given a grand welcome at various places. Jagadguru Shankaracharya had darshan and offer prayers in many temples including Shri Amarnath, Kheer Bhavani and Vaishno Devi. During his visit, senior administrative and police officers and devotees warmly welcomed Jagadguru from place to place and took his blessings.

From Srinagar, Shankaracharya Devtirth Ji Maharaj went to Shri Amarnath by special helicopter and prayed for the happiness, peace, prosperity and upliftment of the nation by worshipping Baba Amarnath. He also went to the Mahamaya Shaktipeeth located in Amarnath itself and worshipped there also.

After coming back to Srinagar, Jagadguru went to Sri Shankaracharya temple and offered prayers there too. After this, he went to the Kheer Bhavani temple in Ganderbal and performed darshan and worship.

Shankaracharya reached Vaishno Devi today and offered prayer. Keeping in mind the stay of Shankaracharya Ji Maharaj in J&K, elaborate security arrangements were made. On reaching Jammu, Joint Secretary, Protocol Department, Anusuya Jamwal, along with officials of various departments of the Government welcomed him.

On his arrival in Srinagar, Riyaz Ahmed, Joint Secretary of Protocol and officer of Bamarnath Shrine Board received Shankaracharya ji. Apart from this, hundreds of saints and devotees, under the leadership of Mahamandaleshwar Mahant Shri Rameshwardas Ji Maharaj, welcomed Jagadguru by offering flowers-garlands and angavastras in Ram Mandir located at Purani Mandi, Jammu and Shankaracharya blessed everyone.

## 3 narcotic smugglers arrested, 40 kgs of Poppy Straw seized

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, July, 11: Continuing its drive against the narcotic smugglers, District Police Samba has arrested three narcotic smugglers and recovered approximately 40 Kgs of Poppy Straw like substance in the jurisdiction of Police Station (PS) Samba.

Police said team of Police Post (PP) Mansar during vehicle checking at Naka point, Mansar intercepted a truck bearing Registration Number JK02AF/3645. During checking of the said vehicle, approximately 40Kgs of Poppy Straw like substance in two plastic sacks were

one. Shankaracharya ji appreciated the service and religious work being done by Mahant ji.

Shankaracharya Ji Maharaj appreciated the efforts of the UT Government, Police Administration, Shrine Board, Army and Armed Forces for the best facilities and security arrangements being made under the guidance of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for the pilgrims during the Amarnath Yatra. He said Jammu and Kashmir is moving ahead towards its bright future in an atmosphere of peace and goodwill.

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Devtirth Ji Maharaj also advised the Government to brainstorm on the frequent divine calamities in the Himalayan region. He said that these divine disasters are the result of some human error. He added that maximum use of helicopters should be prohibited in the Himalayan region where Lord Shiva is present. Industrialization of this area is not justified. Shankaracharya has said that the journey to Shri Amarnath is a journey of religion and faith. It is beneficial to walk it with faith.



Jagadguru Shankaracharya praying at a temple on Monday.

In such a situation, the facility of helicopter should be available only to those people who are physically disabled, or this facility should be used for essential administrative work. He said that if nature is exploited by considering the holy pilgrimage as a tourism, then it is natural to have an adverse effect. After completing the journey of Jammu and Kashmir, Shankaracharya left for Govardhan in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. He will perform rituals of Chaturmas at Adya Shankaracharya Ashram, situated on parikrama marg of govardhan, there.

recovered which were tactfully concealed in the vehicle to avoid being noticed by the Police. The accused persons identified as Anil Kumar son of Rattan Chand of Barota Billawar, district Kathua, Deep Kumar son of Govind Ram of Prey Ramnagar, district Udhampur, Harjeet Singh son of Chanda Singh of Abtal, Ramgarh district Samba. All the accused have been arrested on the spot and the contraband item along with vehicle were also seized.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 173/2022 U/S 8/15/25 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Samba and further investigation started.



PHE workers staging protest demonstration at BC Road office of Chief Engineer in Jammu on Monday.

## PHE workers' strike enters 20th day

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: The ongoing strike and protest dhama of PHE workers entered 20th consecutive day today and despite government holiday, the PHE workers continued their protest and dhama at PHE Complex BC Road, Jammu.

Under the banner of PHE Employees United Front (Jammu province), the daily rated and consolidated workers of the PHE/ Jal Shakti department are on strike since June 22, 2022. The PHE workers apart from Chief Engineer's office Jammu, held protest demonstrations at various PHE Divisions of the region.

A large number of PHE/Jal Shakti Department daily wage workers assembled outside the office of Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Department at PHE Complex BC Road, Jammu under the leadership of Ravi Hans and other senior members and staged strong protest demonstration on the 20th consecutive day today. They were shouting slogans in support of their long pending demands and also against

the J&K UT Administration.

Several senior leaders of the United Front addressed the gathering and criticised the Government for not addressing the pending issues of the employees including daily rated/CP workers. They were demanding regularisation of the daily rated workers, enhancement of Minimum Wages as per Central law in J&K UT and release of pending wages of 70 months of PHE workers.

They condemned the rigid and anti-employee attitude of some senior Government officers. They further alleged that two senior BJP leaders including MP Jugal Kishore and Ravinder Raina also done nothing for getting their long pending issues resolved.

They said their strike will continue till their issues are resolved. With the ongoing strike of the PHE workers, the general public has been badly hit. Many areas are getting water supply hardly after 3-4 days and that too for 15-20 minutes. The UT administration has failed to resolve the issue and ensure regular and adequate water supply to the public.



Sadhus being served Prasad at Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram at Udaiwala on the occasion of Bhagawaanji's 124th Mahajayanti on Monday.

## 124th Mahajayanti of Bhagawaan Gopinath Ji celebrated

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: The 124th Mahajayanti of Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji was celebrated today at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, near, here with great fervour, gaiety and enthusiasm.

The number of devotees who came to the Ashram from early morning went on rising steadily and the congregation swelled to thousands. Devotees thronged the Ashram throughout the day to pay obeisance to the Master. This year the rush increased as during last two years people could not come in large numbers due to COVID Pandemic. The Ashram at Bohri is a Sidh-Peeth for the devotees. The prayers of the devotees are answered; their spiritual and mundane concerns get fulfilled, an Ashram handout said.

The programme started with Paduka Poojan at 8:30 a.m, that is worshipping a symbolic Paduka (a wooden Kharavoon) of Bhagawaanji. Then hundreds of Sadhus were fed, and given dakhina (cash offerings). The same has been the practice during Bhagawaanji's life-time.

Devotional songs and music followed, and continued till late in the evening. The evening Aarti concluded at 7:15 p.m. There was an intense activity throughout the day. Thousands of devotees were served the prasad. "All the function passed off peacefully, thanks to the orderly behaviour of the devotees and the presence of police personnel at the premises. We would also like to thank Jammu Municipal Corporation, Traffic Police, Power Development for the services they rendered on this occasion" an Ashram spokesman said.

The 124th Mahajayanti was also celebrated at Ashrams at Kharyar, Srinagar, Kashmir, Greater Kailash-I, Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi, Hastal Village, Vikasपुरi, New Delhi, Nande Balewadi Road, Nande, Pune, Maharashtra, Devangondi Hosahalli, White Field, Bengaluru.

The Mahajayanti was simultaneously celebrated at Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jalandhar, Jaipur, Kandivilli, Mumbai, Chambur, Mumbai, Hyderabad and also at various Satsang Mandals spread across the country and abroad.

## Police official suspended in youth's death case

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 11: A police official has been suspended to pave way for "Transparent inquiry" into the death of a youth, who was called for questioning in a theft case in Natipora area of Srinagar today.

A Police spokesman said that one Muslim Muneer son of Muneer Ahmad of Budshah Nagarwas called to the Police Station Nowgam July 9 for being involved in a theft case of a scooter under FIR 95/2022 of Nowgam Police station.

The suspect, he said, was called to the police station on the basis of CCTV footage wherein, two men were seen taking the scooter away in the Nowgam - Natipora area.

"As the person seemed to be under the influence of drugs at the time of reporting at the Nowgam Police Station for

examination in the case, his family was called who also confirmed that the person abuses drugs habitually," he said, adding, "considering these facts within a couple of hours on same day afternoon he was handed over to his family members with all legal formalities".

"Later it came to fore that he died in the evening at around 5 PM," the spokesperson said. "As soon as the news was received, inquest proceedings were started in Chanpura PS under sec 174 of CrPC to find out the reason of death. The post mortem has been conducted, whose report is awaited," Police said.

Meanwhile, he said, formal Inquiry into the matter was started and one official of Nowgam Police station has been placed under suspension for a fair and transparent inquiry.



Youth Cong activists protesting outside BJP office at Trikuta Nagar in Jammu on Monday.

## PYC protests, seeks NIA probe into militant's 'links with BJP'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: Jammu Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress today staged strong protest against BJP for its link with terrorist Talib Hussain, seeking through probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Led by National general secretary Indian Youth Congress, Jagdev Gaga and Uday Bhanu Chib, president JKPYC, the party activists assembled near Mini Market Trikuta Nagar and raised slogans against BJP for having link with terrorist Talib Hussain.

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Talking to reporters, Gaga said Congress has never been in favour of doing politics on the issue of terrorism, however, present circumstances in the wake of repeated terrorists activities and their link-up with the BJP have necessitated the need to raise questions.

Gaga said that Talib Hussain was an active member of BJP's IT cell needs no proof but it is a matter of concern and a big security lapse. "Talib Hussain's pictures with Ravinder Raina, Jammu MP and even with the Union Home Minister speak volumes about his association with the BJP which facilitated his induction into the party and also to a top post in the IT and media cell," he said and questioned the failure of the intelli-

gence agencies in detecting the presence of a terrorist in the BJP". He said BJP cannot absolve itself of the responsibility.

Uday Chib sought a high-level enquiry into Talib Hussain's connections with BJP senior functionaries. "The terrorists are penetrating the cadres of the BJP and party, which calls themselves nationalists, should tell people what are these terrorists doing in the BJP," he said.

"Whether it is the protests against the Agnipath Scheme when youths were on the streets or people were troubled by inflation, such incidents take place to divert masses' attention. People need to identify BJP's pseudo-nationalist agenda, which is hollowing out the country in the garb of nationalism," he added.

Uday said that such incidents occur whenever elections are near and the circumstances do not favour the party. He questioned BJP whether it has any link with such incidents so as to divert the masses' attention from its shortcomings. He said that BJP is only concerned with its vote bank and is not concerned with the life of either Hindus or Muslims.

Prominent among others present include Ricky Dalotra, Jatinder Chib, Sahil Singh Langah, Divyansh Jamwal, Latesh Sharma, Aniruddh Sawhney, Amit Seyal, Manav Choudhary, Happy Randhawa and others.