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Shivraj Chouhan, CM Omar Abdullah review Agri, Rural Development progress in J&K

Centre, J&K Govt join hands to accelerate growth in farm and rural sectors

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SRINAGAR, JULY 3

In a significant move to strengthen Jammu & Kashmir's agriculture and rural development landscape, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today co-chaired a high-level review meeting at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar. The meeting was also attended by Union Minister of State for A&FW Ram Nath Thakur, Minister for Agriculture Production, RDD & PR Javid Ahmed Dar, and Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani. Chief Secretary Atal



Dullloo, Secretary DA&FW, the Government of India and GoI Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary DARE, GoI Mangi administration including Lal Jat, Additional Chief Administrative Secretaries of Agriculture Production, PWD, RDD, and heads of departments of agriculture, allied sectors and rural development were present along with senior officers from

CM Omar Abdullah flags off fleet of water tankers to strengthen drinking water supply in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, JULY 3:

Chief Minister, along-with Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana today flagged off a fleet of 10 water tankers from the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar. This special initiative has been undertaken to ensure adequate water supply especially during Muharram. The initiative aims to augment water supply services across Kashmir valley, particularly in water-stressed areas facing temporary disruptions in piped water delivery due to peak

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Second batch of pilgrims leave for Amarnath yatra from Jammu

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JAMMU, JULY 3

Amid tight security, the second batch of more than 5,200 pilgrims left the base camp here on Thursday for the Amarnath cave shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

The 38-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high shrine commenced on Thursday via the twin tracks the traditional 48-km-long Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The yatra will conclude on August 9. The pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in a cavalcade of 168 vehicles escorted by security police



and central paramilitary forces, they said. With this, the number of pilgrims who have left for the shrine from the Jammu base camp has reached 11,138, officials said. The second batch of pilgrims includes 4,074 men, 786 women, and 19 children. A group of pilgrims on way to the shrine said they were not deterred by the April 22 Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead. "We do not fear terrorists

or Pakistan, which has engineered attacks on innocent and unarmed tourists. It is a cowardly act. They cannot stop us from paying obeisance at Baba Barfani by triggering fear through terror incidents such as Pahalgam," Harish Kumar, a resident of Raipur and part of a 37-member group of devotees, said. Like him, Mukhtar Singh, who left

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Search operation underway in Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, JULY 3

A search operation was underway on Thursday to track down two to three terrorists hiding in a forested area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. The cordon and search operation follows an encounter that broke out between terrorists and security forces in the heavily forested Kanzal Mandu area of the Kuchal-Chatroo belt on Wednesday night. The operation is backed by drones and sniffer dogs, with the cordon further



strengthened by additional reinforcements. As per unconfirmed reports, one terrorist is believed to have been injured in the gunbattle, which continued this morning. The encounter started when police, assisted by the Army and CRPF, launched a cordon and

search operation in the Kuchal area of Chatroo around 7:45 pm on Wednesday following information about the presence of terrorists, they said. The officials said the terrorists opened fire on noticing the search parties, leading to a gunfight

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Dr Jitendra hosts luncheon get together for Delhi based J&K cadre AGMUT officers

NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh today hosted a warm and informal luncheon for Delhi based J&K cadre AGMUT officers from



All India Services officers (IAS, IPS, IFoS) belonging to the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir Cadre, now merged into the AGMUT cadre, at his New Delhi official residence The

gathering saw officers from diverse batches and services reminiscing about their days of service in J&K and appreciating the opportunity to reconnect. The event, infused with

nostalgia and professional bonding, carried forward a long-standing tradition initiated by Dr. Jitendra Singh - of hosting such interactions to foster unity and trust among officers beyond the confines of formal duty. Many officers recalled how such informal interactions were regularly held in Jammu & Kashmir under Dr. Jitendra Singh's initiative, allowing colleagues to

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Amarnath Yatra begins amid tight security, 38-day pilgrimage to conclude on Aug 9

SRINAGAR, JULY 3:

The annual Amarnath Yatra commenced on Thursday morning as the first batches of pilgrims set off towards the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine in the Himalayas, marking the beginning of the 38-day spiritual journey in South Kashmir.

Devotees, including men, women, and sadhus, began their trek along the two designated routes — the 48-km traditional Nunwan-

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Power shutdown JAMMU, JULY 03:

Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle-III, JPDCL Batote has informed that the power supply to Bidda, Talwara Migrant Colony and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 04 and 05 from 9 am to 5 pm.

NO: PR/DDI/J/1599/ In view of branch cutting, stabilization works and completion of balance work for Dam Toe, the Power supply from 33 KV Potushai-Gurez line to Dawar, Wanpora, Tragbal, NHPC and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 10 & 11 from 08.00 AM to 01.00 PM.

Seminar on Cooperative Empowerment and Sustainable Agriculture held at Jammu

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A one-day seminar on "Cooperative Empowerment and Sustainable Agriculture" was successfully organised today at the Auditorium, Kissan Kendra, Directorate of Agriculture, Talab Tillo, Jammu. The event was jointly hosted by Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL), setup under the Ministry of C o o p e r a t i o n ,



Government of India in collaboration with Unnatu Agri Allied and Marketing Multi-State Cooperative Society. The Department of Agriculture, Jammu actively participated in the programme. The

seminar was held as part of the Cooperative Week Celebrations (1st July - 6th July 2025), commemorating the vital role of cooperatives in strengthening India's rural and agricultural economy. The event

brought together key stakeholders including cooperative leaders, officials from the Agriculture Department, representatives of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs) and other allied government agencies. The main objective of the programme was to strengthen Agricultural C o o p e r a t i v e Societies/Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) by

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Annual Sarthal Devi Ji Yatra commences with religious fervor & enthusiasm at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, JULY 3

The revered Annual Yatra of Shri Ashtadash Bhuj Mata Sarthal Devi Ji commenced today in Kishtwar, marking the beginning of a joyous and spiritually significant event. The yatra began with a grand Hawan ceremony held at Gori Shankar Mandir, Sarkoot, where devotees fervently offered Aahuti and Puraan Aahuti (sacred oblations). Accompanied by an impressive Shoba Yatra, the Chari Mubarak (holy procession) proceeded through Chowgan Ground, Shaheedi Chowk, and the Bus Stand, starting from Gori Shankar Mandir. Thousands of devotees, including men, women, and children,



enthusiastically chanted religious slogans and bhajans, while traditional "Paddari Dance" to drum beats resonated along the procession route. Local communities from various neighborhoods extended a warm welcome to the Holy Chari.

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Three-Day Training for Internal Assessors-cum-Service Providers (IA cum SPT) Commences at Convention Centre, Jammu

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A three-day training programme for Internal Assessors-cum-Service Providers commenced at the Convention Centre, Jammu. The training is being organized by the State Health Society, National Health Mission (NHM), Jammu & Kashmir) under the insightful guidance of Mission Director, NHM J&K, Baseer ul Haq Choudhary. The training was formally inaugurated in the gracious presence of



Director General Medical Officer, Jammu. (Planning & Statistics), DHS, Jammu appreciated the efforts of the districts and NHM in quality implementation in the public health facilities and further emphasized on the importance of quality of the health care services

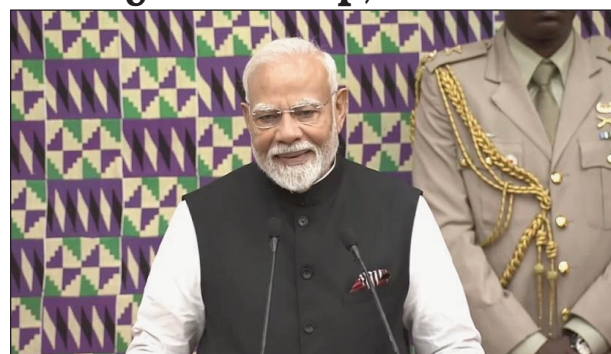
being provided to the population. The programme aims to build the capacities of healthcare professionals in conducting internal assessments and improving service delivery standards across health institutions in J&K. Participants include Block Medical Officers (BMOs), Medical Officers (MOs) and other representatives from various districts of the Jammu Division. A key component of the training will be a post-evaluation test, and

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates Ghana's highest state honour "to enduring friendship, shared values" with India

NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday addressed the Parliament of Ghana and dedicated the prestigious "Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana" conferred on him to the enduring friendship and shared values between the two countries. PM Modi was conferred with The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana, the country's highest civilian honour, by President John Mahama on Wednesday. PM Modi thanked Ghana's



President for the honour and called it a "matter of immense pride". During his address to the country's Parliament, the Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to the African nation on behalf of 1.4 billion Indians and noted the

emotional connection to the award. "Last evening was a moving experience. Receiving your national award from my dear friend, President Mahama, is an honour. I will always cherish this. On behalf of the 1.4 billion people of

India, I thank the people of Ghana for the award. I dedicate it to the enduring friendship and shared values between India and Ghana," PM Modi said. He hailed the West African nation for its enduring commitment to democracy, dignity, and resilience, calling it a "beacon of inspiration" for the African continent. "It is a privilege to be in Ghana, a land that radiates the spirit of democracy, dignity and resilience. As the representative of the world's largest

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