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SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, APR 23:

The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the New School Building of Swami Pranavanand Vidyamandir in Panjgrain, Nagrota. The School is run by Bharat Sevashram Sangha, a renowned socio-cultural and philanthropic organisation. Bharat Sevashram Sangh started pre-primary to Class 8 education here in 2014 under 'Har Ghar Shiksha'. Over half the students are from poor families; they have illuminated countless lives.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor said that new higher secondary



building and skill infrastructure will ensure disadvantaged students get quality education.

"Once all the floors of building are complete, it

will serve more than 1,500 students transform thousands of lives. With future residential facilities for 100 boys, local economy will get a boost, backward areas

will be transformed, and society will advance with new confidence," the Lieutenant Governor said.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor called upon students and teachers to contribute to nation-building and adapt classrooms to today's changing global landscape, positioning India as the world's leading knowledge economy.

"We must strengthen cultural awareness in students, as unity in diversity defines global society. Promote communication skills for clear expression, enabling the new generation to improve lives, uphold democratic values, and foster collaboration for a

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J&K set to spread red carpet for International Film Festival this year

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, APR 23:

In a significant initiative to promote cinema, culture, and tourism, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has initiated plans to host a prestigious international film festival through the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR).

The decision was taken during a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, which was attended by the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance; Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism; Commissioner Secretary, Information; Director, Information & Public Relations, and other senior officers.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed



the Information Department to begin preparations for this maiden film festival in the Union Territory. He emphasized the need for a professionally managed event of national stature,

drawing parallels with the International Film Festival of India held in Goa.

To ensure seamless execution, it was decided that a dedicated committee will be constituted at

the earliest to oversee all arrangements related to the festival. The committee will be responsible for planning, coordination, and overall supervision to

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LG Offers Prayers at Holy Temple, Seeks Peace, Prosperity for All



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JAMMU, APR 23:

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today attended the foundation day of Sarv Shakti Chandani Mata Mandir at Dhammi, Nagrota.

The Lieutenant Governor paid obeisance at the holy temple and prayed for peace, prosperity and well-being of all.

The religious proceedings were marked by the lighting of the Akhand Jyot and the traditional reciting of Ved Path.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor also reviewed the ongoing construction works of Yatri Halls, being developed by the Temple Committee, to facilitate the devotees traveling to the Shri Amarnath Ji and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. He assured all the necessary support and assistance from the administration.

Shri Sanjay Gandotra, President, Sarv Shakti Chandani Mata Mandir, and temple committee members including Dr DS

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West Bengal records historic 91.91% voter turnout, TN sees 84.80%; ECI thank voters

NEW DELHI, APR 23:

Polling for the Assembly elections concluded at 6 pm on Thursday, with West Bengal recording a significantly higher voter turnout of 91.91 per cent in Phase I polling compared to Tamil Nadu, which recorded 84.80 per cent turnout, according to the latest data by the Election Commission of In-



dia. The high turnout figures underline an active electoral exercise as polling drew to a close amid tight security arrangements across constituencies. Chief

Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said that the Commission salutes each voter of both states for coming out in large numbers to take part in the Democracy festival. "Highest ever percentage of polling in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu since Independence, ECI salutes each voter of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu," CEC Gyanesh Ku-

mar said. Several districts in West Bengal recorded over 90 per cent voter turnout. Dakshin Dinajpur led with 94.85%, followed by Cooch Behar at 94.54%,

Birbhum at 93.70%, Jalpaiguri at 93.23%, and Murshidabad at 92.93%. The figures reflect consistently high voter participation across the state, with all major districts comfortably staying above the 90% mark. Tamil Nadu also recorded strong turnout across key districts, with Karur leading at 92.48%, followed closely by Salem at 90.42%, Dharmapuri at 90.02%, Erode at 89.97% and Namakkal at 89.63%. In the 2021 Assembly elections, West Bengal recorded a voter turnout of 85.2 per cent while Tamil Nadu recorded 76.6 per cent. The numbers reflect an overwhelming voter turnout across districts, reinforcing both states' consistent trend of high electoral participation. Meanwhile, in the by-elections, the Umreth constituency in Gujarat recorded a voter turnout of 59.04%. Whereas, in Maharashtra, Rahuri saw 55.70% polling, and Baramati reported a turnout at 57.77%. Polling for the 234 Assembly

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Chief Secy reviews 3440.43 Cr plan for flood restoration works



SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, APR 23:

The Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the comprehensive plan for utilization of funds earmarked for works related to the permanent restoration of damages caused by floods and associated calamities in 2025.

The meeting besides the ACS, PDD; ACS, Finance; ACS, PWD; Principal Secretary, DMRR&R was attended by Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, YS&S; Commissioner Sec-

retary, School Education Department.

The Deputy Commissioners also attended the meeting through video

Calls for strict timelines in execution of projects

conferencing from their respective offices. The Chief Secretary emphasised upon all Departments to accord necessary administrative approval and technical sanction to ensure that works are tendered and completed without any delay.

He called for submission of work-wise completion details in due course and stressed that each project must be executed strictly as per the approved list and within the prescribed estimates. He enjoined upon the Departments to expedite approvals so that tendering is completed promptly and execution of works is taken up by June this year.

The Chief Secretary stressed the importance of strict adherence to the guidelines issued by the Disaster Management

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Languages not only means of expression but guardians of our history, identity and culture: Sakeena

DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON 'RELATION OF URDU WITH REGIONAL LANGUAGES'



SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, APR 23:

Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena

Ittoo today remarked that languages are not merely a means of expressing thoughts but they are the guardians of our history, identity and culture.

The Minister stated this while delivering the Keynote address during One-day Seminar on 'Relation of Urdu with Regional Languages'.

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Narcotic Dog Squad Deployed in Shopian to Strengthen Action Against Drug Trafficking

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR APR 23:

Police in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district has deployed a canine unit to bolster efforts against drug trafficking and trade.

"Intensifying efforts under the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, Shopian Police in coordination with the CRPF 14th Battalion, has deployed its canine unit (Narcotic Dog Squad) to strengthen ac-

tion against drug trafficking in the district," an official statement issued Thursday said.

Officials said as part of a special enforcement drive, trained sniffer dogs have been deployed at multiple checkpoints to detect concealed narcotics.

"The canine unit plays a crucial role in identifying hidden contraband, enabling timely recovery and apprehension of those involved in illicit drug trade," they said.

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BJP Leader Rajyavardhan Rathore Demands Apology From Kharge For Remarks Against PM Modi

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR APR 23:

BJP leader Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore on Thursday said AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's terrorist remark against Narendra Modi was an attack on crores of Indians who elected the prime minister.

Addressing a press conference here, Rathore, Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Rajasthan, said the Congress president had indulged in "verbal violence" against Prime Minister Modi, and



should apologise.

"There is physical violence, and then there is verbal violence. Such a senior politician indulging in such behaviour against a constitutional post is electoral frustration, and that

too against a constitutional post that has been elected by crores of Indians. You can see where thinking, wisdom and culture have gone," he said.

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Chief Justice flags off Multi Utility Vehicles for strengthening legal aid outreach across J&K

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, APR 23:

In a significant step towards strengthening access to justice and expanding outreach of legal services to the grassroots level, Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority and other Companion Judges of the High Court at Jammu today flagged off a fleet of Multi



Utility Vehicles for District Legal Services Authorities

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Dr Jitendra addresses Jamia Millia students, highlights emerging option of 'Green Jobs'

NEW DELHI, APR 23:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that "Green Jobs" and "Green Entrepreneurship" are set to become the defining driver of the Green Economy of future, with sectors such as renewable energy, electric mobility, green fuels and circular economy



creating large-scale employment opportunities for the youth.

The Minister said, this transition will not only generate jobs but also accel-

ate India's shift towards sustainable and low-carbon growth. Dr. Jitendra Singh was addressing the

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Historic achievement: Jammu Division books 28 parcel vans for Bandra Terminus

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, APR 23:

Establishing close coordination with cherry fruit growers in Jammu & Kashmir, the Jammu Division of Northern Railway has successfully booked requisitions for 28 parcel vans for the transportation of cherries to Bandra Terminus during the 2026 season. Each parcel van has a capacity of 23 tons. Currently, the processing

of these parcel van requisitions for cherries is underway. This represents an increase of approximately 100% compared to the previous season. All 28 requisitions have been duly registered by the users. These requisitions for Bandra Terminus are primarily intended for the cherry season, spanning from May 25 to July 10, for consignments originating from Jammu and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra.

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