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Drug-Free J&K Campaign Reaches 19th District, LG Leads Padyatra in Kishtwar

Our agencies are hunting down every narco-terrorist and permanently dismantling their networks: LG

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
KISHTWAR, JUNE 6:

"We are breaking the chain of the drug trade at every single link. Whether it's cross-border smugglers, peddlers or the terror financiers- there is no safe haven. Our agencies are hunting down every narco-terrorist and permanently dismantling their networks," the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha said on Saturday. He observed that over the last nearly two months, citizens from all walks of life, have walked streets across the Union Territory, shared the pain of affected families, and energized our youth.

"Our goal is to foster a grassroots resistance against drug abuse and end narco-terrorism," he said.



The Lieutenant Governor was addressing the public rally at Kishtwar. The campaign has so far covered 19 districts of Jammu Kashmir, reinforcing a collective commitment to eradicate drugs from villages and towns.

"For 56 days I have pursued a single mission of eliminating every drug smuggler and narco-terrorist from this land. Narco-terrorists and drug smugglers, whether in Pulwama or Ramban, Kulgam or Kishtwar, must understand this truth that there will be no mercy for those who ruin the future of our young generation," the Lieutenant Governor said. He said under the

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LG pays obeisance at Ancient Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir in Kishtwar



Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today paid obeisance at the ancient Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir, at Sarkoot, Kishtwar. He prayed for peace and prosperity of J&K UT and well-being of one and all.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor took up the demand projected by the public representatives and local residents, and instructed the District Administration to set about appropriate measures for the

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PM Discusses with EAC Measures to further Boost Growth in Times of Global Turmoil

NEW DELHI, JUN 6:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday discussed with the members of the Economic Advisory Council various measures to further boost India's economic growth amid global turmoil, official sources said.

The members of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) also gave their assessment of the impact of the West Asia conflict on India and the world.

The Prime Minister and the EAC members dis-



cussed various ideas and measures to further boost India's economic growth in times of global turmoil, they said.

Various reforms to improve ease of living and

ease of doing business were also discussed at the high-level meeting, the sources said.

The EAC is an independent body that gives advice

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Lavender Gave Baderwah National Identity, National Role In India's Economic Growth: Dr Jitendra

BHADERWAH, JUN 6:

"Lavender has given the small town of Baderwah a national identity and a national role in India's economic growth. What was once considered a remote hill town has today emerged as a beacon of India's rural StartUp movement".

These statements were made by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, and Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh who inaugurated the 2-day 4th Lavender Festival 2026.

BCCI President Mithun Manhas, who also happens to be a son of the soil, was Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Organised by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, the two-day festival under the theme "Lavender Goes Global" celebrated the



remarkable transformation of Baderwah from a traditional agrarian region into India's leading lavender cultivation and aroma entrepreneurship hub.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Jitendra Singh described Baderwah as one of the most successful examples of technology-led rural transformation in the country. He said the Purple Revolution has demonstrated how scientific research can be translated into sustainable livelihoods and entrepreneurship in remote mountainous regions.

The Union Minister credited Hon'ble Prime Minis-

ter Narendra Modi's vision of Startup India and science-driven development for the success of the Lavender Mission. He recalled that Prime Minister Modi had dedicated a significant portion of the 99th episode of Mann Ki Baat to Baderwah's lavender success story.

Highlighting the economic impact of the mission, he noted that several young entrepreneurs associated with lavender cultivation are earning substantial incomes through cultivation, processing and marketing of value-added products.

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Properties Worth Rs 3.5 Crore of Alleged Drug Peddlers Attached



SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6:

Properties worth approximately Rs 3.5 crore belonging to two alleged drug peddlers were attached in Srinagar, police said on Saturday.

The action is part of the police's ongoing crackdown on drug traffic-

ing and efforts to target assets allegedly acquired through proceeds of the narcotics trade under the 'Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan', a police spokesman said.

In the first case, Nigteen police station attached an immovable property worth approximately

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CS reviews progress of health sector reforms in J&K

CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF TRAUMA, EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE SERVICES ACROSS HEALTH INSTITUTIONS



SRINAGAR, JUNE 06:

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress achieved under the Health Sector Reforms being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir over the past couple of years.

The meeting examined reforms aimed at strengthening tertiary and secondary healthcare services, expanding medical education, enhancing digital health infrastructure and improving access to specialized treatment facilities across the healthcare facilities of the Union Territory. The meeting besides

Commissioner Secretary, Health & Medical Education was attended by Director, SKIMS; MD, NHM; CEO, SHA; Principals of Government Medical Colleges; Director Health, Kashmir/Jammu representatives from AIIMS Jammu, SMVDIME and other senior officers associated

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Deputy CM inspects Jeevan Nagar Bridge project, assesses restoration works at Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, JUNE 6:

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today conducted an extensive inspection of the ongoing Digiana-Jeevan Nagar Bridge project from Sabzi Mandi Lane, Satwari Jammu and reviewed the pace and quality of work being executed on the vital infrastructural project.

During the inspection, the Deputy Chief Minister assessed the progress achieved on the ground. He directed the concerned officers to ensure timely completion of the bridge while maintaining the highest standards of quality. He emphasized that the project holds significant impor-



tance in improving the connectivity and easing public movement in the area.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister visited the his-

toric Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and took on-the-spot stock of the ongoing restoration and

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Ladakh Records Over 43% rise in Tourist Arrivals in 2026, May sees Over 121% Growth: LG

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
LEH, JUNE 6:

Ladakh has witnessed a historic surge in tourist arrivals this year, recording a growth of more than 43 per cent during the first five months of 2026, a development that authorities attributed to improved infrastructure, better connectivity and sustained efforts to promote the Union Territory as a premier tourism destination.

Known as the "cold desert", Ladakh remains one of India's most sought-after tourist destinations, famed for its dramatic landscapes, pristine lakes, ancient monasteries and adventure tourism. The region is of-

ten cut off from the rest of the country during the winter months due to heavy snowfall that blocks the Srinagar-Leh and Manali-Leh highways.

Sharing the figures on the social media platform X, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh V K Saxena said the region registered a remarkable increase in visitor numbers, reflecting the success of initiatives aimed at boosting tourism in the high-altitude Himalayan destination.

"Delighted to share that Ladakh has witnessed a historic surge in tourist arrivals this year, reflecting the success of our sustained efforts to position

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J&K Judicial Academy begins Pre-Appointment Induction Training for newly selected Civil Judges

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6:

The Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy today commenced the Pre-Appointment Induction Training Programme for 39 newly selected Civil Judges (Junior Division) at its Srinagar campus.

The programme was inaugurated by Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Supreme Court of India, in presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh; Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy and



other companion Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Delivering the inaugural address, Justice Arun Palli described the judicial service as a public trust and

emphasized that trial court judges represent the face of the judiciary for most citizens. Justice Arun Palli urged the newly selected officers to uphold the highest

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SHO Among 4 Police Personnel Suspended Over Alleged Compromise In POC SO Case

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SAMBA, JUNE 6:

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba, Anuj Kumar, has ordered an inquiry and suspended four police personnel, including the Station House Officer (SHO) of Ramgarh Police Station, over allegations of facilitating a compromise in a case registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Official sources said Inspector Bhopinder Singh,

SHO Ramgarh, along with one PSI and two ASIs, has been placed under suspension and attached to the District Police Lines (DPL) pending the outcome of the inquiry.

The SSP has also ordered a detailed probe into the allegations to ascertain the facts.

Meanwhile, Inspector Ajay Singh Chib has been posted as the new SHO of Ramgarh Police Station. In a related development, a Special Police Officer (SPO) has been transferred

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Half Knowledge Dangerous, NFHS-6 Reflects Healthcare Transformation: Nadda Hits back at Kharge

NEW DELHI, JUN 6:

Union Health Minister J P Nadda hit back at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday over his criticism of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-6 findings, saying "half-knowledge is dangerous" and asserting that the latest data reflects significant improvements in India's healthcare indicators under the Modi government.

The remarks came after Kharge, in a social media post two days ago, al-



leged that the NFHS-6 data has exposed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government's "absolute incompetence" and accused it of

deliberately hiding crucial data that brings to light its failures in healthcare and nutrition.

Responding to the

Congress chief's remarks, Nadda accused him of selectively reading the survey findings for political purposes and said the data demonstrates the "remarkable transformation" in India's health ecosystem under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Shri Kharge ji's half-knowledge is dangerous. Public health is too important to be reduced to political rhetoric. Selective reading may serve politics, but facts serve the nation,"

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Katra-Bound Coach Develops Crack, Partially Separates At Ludhiana; No Injuries

LUDHIANA, JUN 6:

A sleeper coach of the Delhi Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Special train developed a crack and partially separated near the toilet area shortly after the train began moving from the Ludhiana railway station on Saturday, triggering panic among passengers.

The S-2 coach of the train suffered a structural failure causing a portion near the toilets to cave in, officials said. Toilet fittings including seats, fell onto the tracks as the coach body gave way, officials said.

No passenger was hurt in the incident, they said. Passengers said they felt a sudden and violent jolt as the train started moving, prompting fears of derailment, following which several people rushed out immediately. Railway officials and emergency teams reached the spot, evacuated passengers from the affected coach and detached it from the train.

Ludhiana Station Director Aditya said a replacement coach was attached to the train, allowing it to resume its journey to Katra without significant delay.

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