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BLOs bedrock of democracy, says CEC Gyanesh Kumar

PATNA, AUG 17:

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Monday described booth-level officers (BLOs) as the "bedrock of democracy", who ensure that eligible electors get their voter ID cards made. Kumar made the

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One dead, 12 injured in multi-vehicle collision in Rajouri

RAJOURI, AUG 17:

A teenage boy was killed and 12 people were injured after multiple vehicles collided in a road accident in Rajouri district here on Monday, officials said. The accident occurred at Tandwal near Rajouri town along the

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Diversity is our strength and heritage; mutual trust, respect key to safeguarding it: LG Sinha

Lieutenant Governor attends Mulaqat programme for Interfaith Dialogue and Harmony, says mutual trust and respect for all faiths have been integral to Bharat's civilisational ethos

'Mulaqat' Programme Strengthens Bonds by Building Bridges Through Dialogue, calls for dialogue, shared understanding and collective efforts to bridge social divides, advocates for inclusive dialogue, mutual understanding and collective efforts to break down social barriers

LG Sinha calls for quality education, responsible technology use and character-building to empower youth for nation-building, unveils six-point roadmap, calls for institutionalized interfaith dialogue across educational and community institutions

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SRINAGAR, AUG 17:

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today attended the Mulaqat programme in Pulwama, an initiative of Save Youth, Save Future Foundation, dedicated to fostering interfaith dialogue, harmony, and the preservation of India's shared heritage. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor emphasized that dialogue is not merely an exchange of words but a bridge between hearts, a means of nurturing trust and a path to peace and prosperity. Quoting ancient wisdom from the Rig Veda- "Sangachchhadhwam Samvadadhwam, Sam Vo Manamsi Janatam", the Lieutenant Governor reminded the gathering that walking together, conversing together

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Jammu-born IAS Officer Arjun Gupta posted as Joint Commissioner Industries in Delhi

NEW DELHI, AUG 17:

Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has ordered the transfer and posting of two 2024-batch IAS officers with immediate effect, according to an order issued by the Services Department of the Government of National

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Govt destroyed ISI-backed Shahzad Bhatti network; 200 arrested ahead of Independence Day: Shah

NEW DELHI, AUG 17:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that over 200 operatives of the ISI-backed terror group, Shahzad Bhatti Network, were arrested ahead of Independence Day, thwarting plans of the group to launch subversive attacks. He said coordinated operations were held across different locations in 14 states, reflecting the country's zero tolerance towards terrorism.

Substantial recoveries, including IEDs, grenades bearing Pakistan Ordnance Factory markings, pistols,

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326 MPs, 14 CMs have criminal cases against them

NEW DELHI, AUG 17:

A report on criminalisation of politics submitted in the Supreme Court has stated that 251 members out of 543 in the Lok Sabha and 75 lawmakers out of 233 in the Rajya Sabha have criminal cases against them. The affidavit filed in the apex court by senior advocate Vijay

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Pension reforms to make administrative system more efficient: Jitendra Singh

Dr Jitendra presents 'National Anubhav Awards' to superannuating employees, calls them national asset

NEW DELHI, AUG 17:

Technology-driven pension service delivery has brought greater efficiency, while saving significant manpower and financial resources, Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh said today, as he described the superannuating employees as a national asset and called for continued use of technology and feedback from pensioners to make the

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BJP should restore J&K Statehood before judging elected Govt: Sadiq

SRINAGAR, AUG 17:

The National Conference on Monday dismissed the BJP's protest in Jammu over unemployment and development issues as "drama", challenging the party to first restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and then assess the performance of the elected government. NC chief spokesperson and MLA Tanvir Sadiq said the

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Vande Mataram added to official events this year, people may take time to adjust to it: CM Omar

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SRINAGAR, AUG 17:

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said people will take time to get used to singing the national song as it has been added to official functions only this year. Commenting on the controversy surrounding Congress leaders' alleged disrespect to Vande Mataram, Abdullah said there should be no con-

troversy as all verses of the national song were sung.

"Congress also gave a clarification from its side. It said, look at the video, all three verses of Vande Mataram were sung there. So what is the controversy here? They were sung. It will take us a little time to get used to it. This is the first time that this has been included. We are also adjusting a little bit," Abdullah told.

A complaint filed with the Delhi Police recently sought

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Baba Budha Amarnath Yatra a profound spiritual journey that transforms devotees: LG Sinha

Lieutenant Governor flags off "Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026", extends his warmest wishes to all devotees embarking on the sacred journey to the abode of Mahadev

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JAMMU, AUG 17:

Marking the commencement of the annual spiritual journey, the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha today flagged off the first batch of devotees for the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra from the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas, while

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Illegal mining crackdown in J&K: 9,417 seizures, but only 285 FIRs

SRINAGAR, AUG 17:

Jammu and Kashmir authorities carried out 9,417 seizures and registered only 285 FIRs against illegal mining during the financial year 2025-26, recovering Rs 20.009 crore in penalties, according to official government data.The figures, however, have raised concerns over the apparent gap

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Chhari Pujan held in Srinagar; holy mace to begin Amarnath journey on Aug 22

SRINAGAR, AUG 17:

The 'Chhari-Pujan' of Lord Siva's holy mace was performed at the Amareshwar temple in Mahadev Gir Dashnami Akhara here on the occasion of Nag Panchami on Monday, officials said. Amid chants of Vedic hymns, Mahant Deependra Giri, the mace's custodian, led a group of sadhus in performing the puja, they said. Chhari Pujan signifies the final phase of

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Operation Nanhe Farishte: RPF rescues 34 children, reunites them with families in Jammu

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The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Jammu division rescued 34 minor children who were separated from their families or found missing at railway stations and trains and reunited them with their parents or guardians during 2026 under its special campaign "Operation Nanhe Farishte", officials said. Of the 34 children rescued, 24 were boys and 10 were girls, they said.

"Operation Nanhe Farishte" is a humanitarian initiative of the Indian Railways and RPF aimed at tracing children who are lost, separated from their families or have run away, ensuring their safety and eventually reuniting them with their families.The rescued children were provided immediate care, food and protection before being produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), as required under the law, officials said.

Following completion of the requisite legal formalities and verification of their identities, all the children were safely handed over to their parents or guardians, they said.Divisional Railway Manager, Jammu, Vivek Kumar, lauded the efforts of RPF personnel and said the safety of passengers, particularly children and women, remains a priority for the Railways. "The work done by the RPF personnel of

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'Why make girls dance': Zaira Wasim slams JK Waqf Board over school event

SRINAGAR, AUG 17:

Former actor Zaira Wasim has questioned the Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board's involvement in Independence Day celebrations at a Kashmir school, asking why young girls were made to perform on stage at an event held under its banner. Sunday, Wasim, who shot to fame with the Aamir Khan-starrer "Dangal" in 2016 and then featured in 2017's "Secret Superstar",

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SIA Kashmir arrests absconding narco-terror operative in Jammu

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SRINAGAR, AUG 17:

Marking a significant breakthrough in its investigation into the smuggling of narcotics from across the Line of Control (LoC) and the alleged use of drug proceeds to finance terrorist activities, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir has arrested an absconding operative allegedly involved in a narco-terror financing network. In a statement issued to the news agency a SIA spokesman said the accused Manoj Kumar Bhat alias Pintu, son of P K Bhat of Rehari Colony, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu was apprehended during a special operation conducted in Jammu.

Bhat was wanted in connection with FIR No. 13/2022, registered by SIA Kashmir on June 3, 2022, in connection with the alleged smuggling and distribution of narcotics and channelisation of the proceeds towards terror financing. He had reportedly been evading arrest for nearly four years, the spokesman said.

"The SIA investigation has uncovered a wider narco-terror conspiracy allegedly involving Pakistan/PoK-based operatives linked with the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM). Narcotics were allegedly trafficked into Jammu and Kashmir, distributed through a local network and the proceeds from their sale subsequently channelled towards activities sustaining the terrorist ecosystem," he

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