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**15,696 pilgrims pay obeisance at the Amarnath Shrine**  
SRINAGAR: Governor N.N. Vohra, Chairman, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, reviewed the conduct and pace of the ongoing Yatra in a meeting attended by Umang Narula, Chief Executive Officer, SASB, Bhupinder Kumar, Addl. CEO, SASB and other officers of the Shrine Board. Narula informed that consequent to the continuous

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## Govt goes tough on WhatsApp groups; noose tighten around 21 admins

JAMMU: In a significant and welcome move, Kishtwar Police has tightened noose on 21 WhatsApp Group Administrators for alleged misuse of the social media platform, cautioning them to get their groups registered immediately lest get ready to face legal action. The measure is seen as a major stride towards taming and containing the elements furthering Pakistan agenda in destabilising Jammu and Kashmir and encouraging the proxy war against Indian nation. In the recent past, several provocative posts posted by anti-national elements, notoriously known as social-media Jihadis, had

caused spurt in anti-India and anti-security forces activities. The action came after an order issued by District Magistrate Kishtwar for proper registration and regulation of the various WhatsApp groups in operation in the district. In the last couple of years there has been mushrooming of WhatsApp groups in the district. There had been continuous reports of misuse of these WhatsApp groups leading to the dissemination of such information having the potential of creating communal and other law and order situations. Besides, there was a trend of glorifying

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## Let Jammu observe 13th July as Anti Second-fiddlers' Day

Jammu has a reason to feel discomfort for not having produced any leader of substance, except a very few, not numbering more than two to three, during the past seventy years, after the departure of Maharaja Hari Singh as last princely ruler of Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu has all the more reason to be ashamed of producing a brigade of second-fiddlers, who brought deprivation, indignity and disrepute to the Duggarland instead. How long will Jammu live with the stigma of producing second-fiddlers, who will proudly herd out tomorrow to join their Kashmiri masters in absentia for abusing their brave ancestors publicly and officially?

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## SAC initiates process for ULB polls, rolls out major healthcare scheme

SRINAGAR: The State Administrative Council (SAC) on Wednesday set into motion the process for holding elections to the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) in the State. The SAC, which met here under Governor N. N. Vohra, directed the Housing and Urban Development Department to initiate the process of holding elections to Municipal Bodies (Municipal Corporations/Municipal Councils/Municipal Committees) across the State in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K. The SAC observed that as per Section 282(1) of the J&K Municipal Act, 2000 and Section 9(1) of the J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K is charged with the responsibility of superintendence, directions and control of preparation of electoral rolls, determination of



Governor N. N. Vohra chairing SAC meeting at Srinagar.

wards, etc. The flagship scheme is aimed at providing assured health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation for 1,350 identified diseases through a cashless procedure with the help of a smart health card with unique ID, which would be issued to the beneficiaries. The healthcare services will be delivered through a network of public and private healthcare providers. In the State of J&K 6,13,648 (PMRSSM) in the State.

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## Guv asks SVO to bring erring govt officials to book

SRINAGAR: Governor N N Vohra on Wednesday advised the State Vigilance Organisation to launch a vigorous campaign for bringing the erring government officials to book, taking up the cases of higher level functionaries first. The Governor also asked the Director Vigilance to send him a monthly progress report. He made these observations during a meeting with Director Vigilance S J M Gillani, who called on him here, an official spokesman said after the meeting. "Governor advised Gillani to prioritise the finalisation

of pending enquiries and launch a vigorous campaign for the offenders to be brought to book, the cases of higher level functionaries being taken up among the first lot," the spokesman said. Gillani apprised Vohra about the present status of the work being done by the State Vigilance Organisation. He also informed the Governor about the pendency of cases, reasons for delay in the finalisation of enquiries and the lodging of Challans, prolonged delays for conclusion of proceedings in the trial courts and inadequacy of staff in the prosecution Offices of the recently

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## Governor reviews developmental works of Leh

LEH: Governor N.N. Vohra visited Leh yesterday to review the progress of development works in the district. He was accompanied by his three Advisors, Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring Department. After arriving at Leh, Governor held a meeting with Thupstan Chhewang, MP; Chering Dorjay, MLC and former Minister; Nawang Rigzin Zora, MLA, and former Minister and representatives of political parties. The legis-

lators raised a number of issues and sought increased capital allocations for Leh District and, besides, accelerated completion of all long pending works. After meeting the legislators, the Governor, held extensive discussions with the Executive Councillors of LAHDC, all of whom raised demands for larger allocations and urgent completion of long pending works. Thereafter, Governor chaired a meeting of district officers of Leh District where the entire range of developmental issues of the district

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## 27 political appointees demit office

SRINAGAR: In tune with the provisions of the Standing Operating Procedure (SoP) issued vide Govt Order No: 299-GAD of 2016 dated April 1, 2016, twenty-five political appointees have submitted their resignation which have been accepted by the Governor. Pertinently, during the previous government 28 persons were engaged as Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Deputy Chairmen of various

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## Indiscipline will not be tolerated: Army Chief

NEW DELHI: Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat has asked all the army formations and bases across the country to comply with laid down disciplinary provisions, cautioning that violators will face strict action. In a communication to the 12 lakh strong army last week, Rawat said the force must utilise its scarce resources judiciously and even noted that there should not be any misuse of the provision to provide liquor and groceries to army

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## CB held PDD official for siphoning off over Rs 5 Cr

SRINAGAR: An official of Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department (PDD) was taken into custody by Crime Branch for allegedly siphoning off Rs 5.72 crore from a government account to 22 private bank accounts belonging to him and his relatives. "Mushtaq Ahmed Malik, senior assistant in PDD,

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## Ten BDOs suspended

JAMMU: Ten Block Development Officers (BDOs) of Rural Development Department (RDD) were on Wednesday suspended and attached for violating the instructions. "Ten officers of Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj are hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect as they have violated the instructions issued vide Government Order No. 126-RD&PR of 2018 dated May 18, 2018," an order issued on Wednesday by the Secretary RDD Sheetal Nanda said. The suspension orders have been issued to BDO Surankote, Quadeer

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## No mention of J&K cadre IAS officer, kin in fake licences scam charge-sheet

JAMMU: The infamous Rajasthan fake licence scam on Wednesday took a new twist with reports suggesting that the charge-sheet presented in the designated court had no mention of any Jammu and Kashmir cadre civil services officer. Sources told STATE TIMES that Rajasthan Police had sought certain information from Jammu and Kashmir Home Department last year in August-September with

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## Soldier martyred in Kupwara encounter; civilian killed

SRINAGAR: A soldier was martyred on Wednesday in an encounter with terrorists in a forest area while a civilian is reported to have been killed in Kupwara district. Security forces launched an operation in Kandi forest area of Kupwara after an Army patrol was fired upon by terrorists, an Army official said. He said a gunbattle broke out between the two sides in

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## D C Raina appointed Advocate General

SRINAGAR: Governor N. N. Vohra on Wednesday appointed Senior Advocate D C Raina as the Advocate General of Jammu and Kashmir. "In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 42 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and in supersession of notification SRO 180 dated June 3, 2016, the Governor is pleased to appoint D C Raina, Senior Advocate as Advocate General for the State," said an order by Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. Raina has held the same post in 2016 when Governor's rule was imposed

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which one soldier was critically injured. The jawan was evacuated to an army hospital where he succumbed to injuries. The operation was in progress when last reports came in, he added. According to a Srinagar based news agency, a youth was killed after forces opened fire on protestors in Trehgam of district Kupwara. The killing has triggered massive protests in the area.

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