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## Massive collision between two buses in Samba; 3 killed, 13 injured

## **Operational readiness of Army should** always be at peak level: Rajnath

## Exclusive discussions on anti-terror ops, overall situation in J&K

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday called on top Army commanders to always maintain the force's operational readiness at its peak level amid the lingering border standoff with China in eastern Ladakh.

In an interaction with the commanders at their ongoing biannual conference, Singh reasserted the faith of the billion-plus citizens in the Indian Army as one of the "most trusted and inspiring organisations" in the country.

In the five-day conference that began on Monday, the commanders are carrying out a comprehensive review of India's national security challenges along the borders with China and Pakistan besides delving on ways to bolster the 1.3 million-strong force's military prowess.

The anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir as



Minister Rajnath Singh being greeted by Army officers during Army Commanders' Conference at New Delhi.

well as the overall situation in the Union territory are also being deliberated upon extensively at the conference.

The main highlight of the third day's proceedings was Singh's interaction with the senior leadership of the Army, which was preceded by briefing

'Transformational imperatives for a future ready force'. The Army said the defence minister commended the force for maintaining high operational towards ensuring security and national sovereignty. "I have full faith and confi-

dence in the Indian Army and its leadership," he said. The defence minister also

noted that the Army ought to be prepared for any operational contingencies, and hence the operational readiness should always be at its peak level.

In a tweet, Singh described

manders as "productive". "Had a productive interaction with the Indian Army Commanders

Commanders' Conference in Delhi today. Complimented the Armed Forces for their high standard of operational preparedness and capabilities," he said.

The Army said Singh also referred to the stellar role played by the Army in guarding the borders and fighting terrorism apart from providing assistance to the civil administration whenever called for.

He complimented the forces for the high standard of operational preparedness and capabilities which he has always been experiencing first hand during his visits to forward areas, according to the Army. "He commended the Army's

efforts to develop niche ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Next NEET-PG could be last, to be replaced with MBBS exit test likely to be held in Dec 2023

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-Postgraduate (NEET-PG) scheduled for April-May next year could be the last such examination as the admission to PG medical courses thereafter will be based on the results of the National Exit Test to

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#### Soldier dies of accidental bullet injury in Poonch

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An Army jawan died of a bullet injury as his service weapon went off accidentally in Poonch district on Wednesday, officials said.

The service rifle of the soldier belonging to the Army's Rashtriya Rifles unit went off accidentally, resulting in a bullet injury to him, in the border belt of Mankote, the officials said. The injured jawan was rushed to a hospital, where he was declared "brought dead", they said. The inquest proceedings

# JeM terror module busted in Jammu, 3 held

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police Wednesday claimed to have busted a terror module of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) with the arrest of three suspected operatives and seizure of a cache of arms and ammunition in Jammu.

The terror module was busted in a chance operation and the arms and ammunition, including three AK assault rifles, one pistol and six grenades, were recovered from an oil tanker in the Narwal area of the winter capital, a police spokesman

He said the module was assigned the task of transporting to Kashmir the weapons sent by a Pakistani handler from across the bor-

According to the police, the driver of the oil tanker, Mohdammed Yaseen, son of Mohammed Ismael, resident of Puchil Pampora and his

and ammunition son of Farooq Ahmed, resident of Drangbal Pampore and Faroog Ahmed, son of Abdul Aziz Bhat, resident of Drangbal Pampore -- were

managing traffic on the high-The trio, hailing from, Pampore area in south Kashmir's Pulwama district,

first booked Tuesday night

after they got into a scuffle

with a police team on being

told not to park their truck

on road. The police team was

were taken to the Bahu Fort police station and a signal was sent to the police stations from where the accused hailed regarding their involvement in any other case, the spokesperson said.

"It came to the notice that the driver (Yaseen) is involved in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act registered at Awantipora police station and is associated with

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## India has 2.49 lakh voters aged above 100: CEC

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PUNE: There are 2.49 lakh voters aged above 100 in India, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said on Wednesday.

Besides, 1.80 crore voters are over 80 years of age, Kumar said after flagging off bicvcle rally Maharashtra's Pune city on Wednesday to create an awareness about voter registration as part of the national level launch of a special summary revision of the vot-

The Election Commission of India's initiative is aimed at increasing the electoral rolls in urban areas.

Woman detained under PSA

on suspicion of kidnapping

infant in Kishtwar

JAMMU: A woman suspected

to be involved in the kidnap-

ping of an infant was detained

after being slapped with the

Public Safety Act (PSA) in

Shabnum Begum, the wife

of slain terrorist Zahoor Din,

was arrested for her alleged

involvement in the kidnapping

of a six-month-old from the

district hospital in Kishtwar

Magistrate (CJM) rejected

her bail plea amid the prosecu-

tion's contention that the case

was of public interest, they

said. Later, she was granted

bail by the Sessions Court. A

police officer said normal law would not deter her from such

acts in the future and, keeping

in view the circumstances, the

cops obtained a warrant from

the authorities concerned and

Shabnum was detained under

PSA. Shabnum is currently

lodged in the district jail in

on September 27, they said.

Chief

Wednesday, officials said.

Kishtwar

district

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#### Explaining the robustness and beauty of the Indian electoral rolls, Kumar said the country has voters from the highest peaks of Himalayas, from the 6,000km coastline in south, deserts in the west and

regions from the east.

"You will be happy to know we have close to 2.49 lakh voters in our rolls who are (aged) 100 plus and what a relief and ecstasy it gives when you interact with them and find that they have been voting all through their lives," he said.

Besides, there are 1.80 crore voters who are

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## CBI arrests two former directors of company in bank fraud case at Kathua

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The CBI has arrested two former directors of a private paper manufacturing company in a multicrore bank fraud case in Kathua district, an official said on Wednesday.

The case against Bharat Papers Ltd and others, including its managing director and directors, was registered on February 12, 2020 on a complaint from State Bank of India's, SAM Branch in Ludhiana, Punjab, a CBI spokesperson said.

The two then directors, Anil Kumar, son of Jagdish Chande and Praveen Kumar, son of Jagdish Chander, were arrested on Tuesday evening and produced before a magistrate who remanded them to seven days in CBI custody on Wednesday.



According to the CBI, the accused in the conspiracy with unknown SBI officials had cheated the bank of Rs 87.88 crore (which with interest amounted to Rs 121.13 crore) from 2006 to 2019 by illegally removing machinery and other parts without getting prior permission and without informing the lender banks.

The proceeds or value of such machines and motors were not deposited in the account, the spokesperson said. It was further alleged that the accused stealthily removed the imported and indigenous machinery of pulp section and other parts from the factory without the knowledge of the bank, a statement from the agency said.

It was also alleged that the accused illegally sold machinery parts as scrap and arranged fake invoices to cover up the illegal sale, the CBI said and added that the accused allegedly diverted funds from the loan account.

#### NIA files supplementary chargesheet against 'TRF' operative STATE TIMES NEWS a special NIA court here, a

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday filed a supplementary charge sheet against an arrested operative of The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of the Pakistan-based terrorist Lashkar-e-Taiba group (LeT), an official said.

The charge sheet against Muzamil Mushtaq Bhat alias 'Hamza' alias 'Danival', a resident of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Arms Act. Explosive Substances Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was filed in spokesperson of the federal agency said. The agency registered the

case suo motu on November 18 last year.

"During investigations, it emerged that the accused (Bhat), who is associated with Pakistan-based handlers and operative commanders of LeT/TRF, had radicalized, motivated and instigated vulnerable youths to join terrorist groups such as TRF in Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

The NIA said the accused entered into a conspiracy with active terrorist

marked for Jammu and

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## Serving people my priority, says new CJI



to Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India at a Swearing-in- ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The new Chief Justice of India, D Y Chandrachud, began his first day in office by garlanding the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the Supreme Court premises and stressed that serving the people of the country is

"Be it in technology or be it in the registry...or be it in judicial reforms, I will take care of citizens in every aspect," he told reporters.

Chandrachud Justice reached the apex court accompanied by his wife Kalpana Das soon after being sworn in as the 50th CJI by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhawan on Wednesday.

The CJI removed his shoes before offering floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Accepting greetings with folded hands, he took a brief stroll on the premises during which he interacted with journalists. "Serving

#### Body of man fished out from Chenab, 3 yet to be traced ■ STĂTE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: The body of one of the four people, who were feared drowned after their car plunged into Chenab, was fished out from the river in Doda district on Wednesday, a police official said.

The rescue-cum-search was launched at Shibnote-Karara along Batote-Kishtwar national highway following the accident around 7.30 pm Tuesday, Senior Superintendent of (Doda) Police Abdul Qayoom said. The deceased was identi-

fied as Aditya Kotwal,

## PM strengthened health infra in J&K: Chugh Hails decision to allow 265 DNB-PG seats, reservation for terrorism-hit families

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary, Chugh on Wednesday hailed the decision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to allow 265 DNB-PG seats in government hospitals in J&K.

Chugh also welcomed the Prime Minister's decision to reserve seats in the medical colleges for children from the terrorism affected families. He said this would go a long way in providing relief to wards of the unfortunate families.

He said unlike the past governments of Abdullahs and Muftis the Modi government had been persistently



looking after the health concerns of the people of J&K. Ever since the Modi government has taken over the administration of the Union

Kashmir regions while two cancer institutes have been set up in the two regions as While the Jammu region has got four new medical colleges, two have been opened in the Kashmir region which would be a big

**B2V4: Prabhari Officers to hold follow up** 

leap forward in providing medical education to the children of J&K, Chugh added. The Prime Minister's various health schemes have been also providing service to the people in the far-flung

pockets in J&K which is proving to be a boon for the people, Chugh said.

## Will expedite work on projects taken up as CM in J&K: Azad

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: Chairman, Democratic Azad Party Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday pledged to speed up the projects taken up in his capacity as Chief Minister after his party will get mandated to governance in Jammu and Kashmir.

During his last leg of the Chenab Valley tour, Azad, while addressing a public meeting at Khilani, said top priority will be accorded to the expeditious completion of these projects that were initiated for holistic development of all the regions and sub-regions. He regretted that these projects have been abandoned by the various successive governments after 2008.



Chairman, Democratic Azad Party, Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public gathering at Khilani.

He also expressed concern over the abject neglect of the far-flung and rural areas and lackadaisical approach towards development of these disadvantageous pockets.

He also said that the unemployment is at its peak and no attention has been paid towards the problems of the labour

class because the people at the helm were totally unaware of their difficul-He reiterated the stand

of his party for grant of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest and constitutional guarantee over lands and jobs for the bonafide permanent residents only.

He further added that the return of land to those people will be ensured whose land has been taken by the authorities on flimsy grounds. They will be vested with ownership rights, he said.

'The agenda of my party is for the overall development of all regions and to strengthen the bonds of

#### love and harmony between various segments of the Azad maintained.

He also referred to the local problems brought to notice by the local leadership and the public of that area, saying that these will be taken up at appropriate levels for earnest

Earlier, Azad was taken in a mega rally by the thousands of people to the place of public meeting.

Azad was accompanied amongst others by GM Saroori, Abdul Majeed Wani and Jugal Kishore Sharma, all former ministers , Mohd Aslam Goni former Advocate General, Naresh Gupta former MLC and other important local leaders.

### visits of Panchayats from December 1-15 **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Territory, he said, two

AIIMS have been ear-

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday deployed the Visiting Officers of the just concluded Phase IV of 'Back to Village' Programme, as the Prabhari Officers for the concerned Panchayat(s) for the next one year or till decided otherwise.

The Visiting Officers had been nominated by the General Administration Department or by the Commissioners Deputy before the beginning of the Phase IV of the B2V programme across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to an order issued by the General Administrative Department, the Prabhari Officer(s) shall

make quarterly physical follow up visits to the Panchayat(s) that he or she was allotted besides monthly virtual participation on First Monday of every month. The first follow up visit shall be held from December 1-15,

The Prabhari Officer shall guide and mentor the Panchayat(s), support and monitor all developmental activities and remove bottlenecks, if any, in the developmental process.

The Panchayat Prabhari shall ensure resolution of legitimate grievances and demands, and follow up on the several deliverables of the 'Back to Village' Programme. The order has elaborated

the deliverables as ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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Sunset: 17:36 Hours

Sunrise: 06:56 Hours

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