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# Three Bangladeshi tourists killed in Dal Lake blaze

## LG conveys condolences to bereaved families

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Three tourists from Bangladesh were charred to death in a major blaze in a houseboat on the famous Dal Lake on Saturday, officials here said. The tourists' bodies were retrieved from the debris of the gutted houseboats near ghat nine on the lake, a popular attraction for people vis-



iting Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital, the officials said. A police spokesman said the three tourists who

lost their lives are Anindaya Kowshal, Mohammad Moinud and a third person identified as one Das Gupta -- all from Bangladesh. They were staying on the houseboat Safeena, which was gutted in the blaze. Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha condoled the deaths. Eight people were rescued through collaborative efforts of the Srinagar Police, State Disaster Response Force, Tourist Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and locals, the police spokesman said. Police said an

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## LG greets people on Deepawali

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Deepawali. In a message, the Lt Governor said, "On the joyous occasion of Deepawali, I convey my warm greetings and good wishes to all

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## People from PoK to hold conference in Geneva: Ajatshatru Singh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BJP leader Ajatshatru Singh, the grandson of the last Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari Singh, on Saturday said people from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) are going to organise a conference in Geneva

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# Mehbooba's cousin Sarwar Mufti joins DPAP

## Elections crucial for existence, survival of J&K: Azad

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The former Chief Minister and Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday warned people against falling in trap by some political parties or candidates and wasting their ballot. He said this is the crucial time for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have to choose their leader carefully without falling into the sentiments or trap since the situation post 2019 has changed substantially. "There have been lots of people in the political field with some invisible support and aiming to contest elections but this vote belongs to the one who is sincere for the people and their rights," said Azad while addressing a gathering in Bijbehara, Anantnag. On the occasion, Sarwar Mufti, the first cousin of PDP President Mehbooba Mufti joined the party along with hundreds of his workers.



DPAP Chairman, Ghulam Nabi Azad welcoming Sarwar Mufti into party fold. Sarwar has prematurely retired from services to join the DPAP following his faith and trust in the leadership

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