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## 38 killed, 20 injured as bus falls into gorge in Doda

PM Modi, Amit Shah, LG Sinha anguished; convey condolences  
PM announces ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakhs each for Nok of deceased, Rs 50,000 for injured



People looking for survivors from the wreckage of ill-fated bus at Doda.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: At least 38 people were killed and 20 injured when a bus carrying passengers skidded off the road and rolled down into a 300-foot gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Wednesday, officials said.

The bus bearing registration number JK02CN-6555 was reportedly carrying 56 passengers, they said, adding that it skidded off the road

near Trungal-Assar on the Batote-Kishtwar National Highway and fell 300 feet downhill. A rescue operation has been launched and some bodies have been retrieved, the officials said. The death toll is likely to go up. "At around 11:50 am, a bus bearing registration number JK02CN6555 met with an accident at Trungal-Assar on

the highway, in which 36 persons died and 19 injured. This ill-fated bus was on its way from Kishtwar to Jammu. The rescue operation is going on and men and machinery have been pressed into service to shift the injured for medical treatment," a police spokesman said in a message here. Doda Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh said 38 people were

### LG approves ex-gratia for NoK of deceased, assistance for injured

**SRINAGAR:** The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has approved an ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakh each for the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the unfortunate bus accident in Assar, Doda.

He has also approved an amount of Rs.1 lakh for those injured and assured all possible assistance to the affected families.

The Lt Governor wrote on X: An ex-gratia of Rs.5 Lakh each would be given to the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the unfortunate bus accident in Assar, Doda. Rs. 1 Lakh would be given to those injured. J&K UT Administration will provide every possible assistance to the affected families.

killed and 20 injured, including four who have been shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) hospital in Jammu. "It is an unfortunate incident. It was said that the bus was not being run on the right side, which resulted in the accident," Singh told PTI. Some of the deceased have been identified and the bodies will be handed over to

their families. "We checked all the details of the vehicle. Maybe it was not being driven in the right manner. The vehicle jumped over the crash barriers and rolled down," Singh said. An inquiry will be held into the incident, he added. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah expressed grief over the

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## PM launches 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', LG attends virtually

Since Aug 2019 tribal welfare given top priority by J&K Administration: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha virtually attending launch of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' by PM Narendra Modi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JHARKHAND/ SRINAGAR: Sharing the efforts of the UT Administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister, for the welfare of the tribal population, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that since August 2019 tribal welfare was given top priority by the administration and various initiatives were launched across sectors to empower these communities in Jammu and

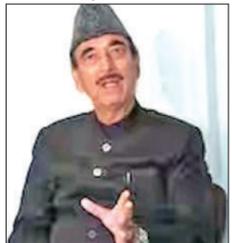
Kashmir. "The administration has taken significant initiatives for the holistic welfare of tribal communities", the Lieutenant Governor said while participating in the launch ceremony of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, virtually, at Raj Bhawan Srinagar. In Jammu Kashmir, the Sankalp Yatra was flagged off from Budhal, Rajouri and Gurez, Bandipora. People,

Panchayati Raj institutions and government officials attended the launch function. The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for starting outreach activities in tribal districts of Bandipora and Rajouri to achieve saturation of flagship schemes, on birth anniversary of legendary tribal freedom fighter, Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He lauded the

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## Govt should probe reasons behind frequent accidents in Chenab Valley: Azad

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Democratize Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman and former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday expressed grief over the death of 39 passengers, who lost their lives in tragic road accident in Doda district. Azad also prayed for speedy recovery of the injured passengers, who have been shifted to various hospitals for treatment. Azad termed this as an unfortunate incident and urged the Lieutenant Governor's administration for relief of families of victims and also all the possible



help and specialized treatment to the injured passengers. Azad said the condition of roads and highways must be improved on war footing basis to avoid tragic accidents in future that

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## Two terrorists killed, infiltration bid foiled along LoC in Uri sector

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Two unidentified terrorists were killed on Wednesday as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The alert troops noticed some movement near the LoC. An exchange of fire ensued between the two sides as the security forces challenged the intruders, they said. Two militants have been killed so far in the operation, which was going on till the last reports came in,



they said.

While officials maintain

that infiltration attempts have come down significantly, attempts by terrorists to sneak into Indian territory have continued this year. Five terrorists were neutralised along the LoC in Macehil sector of Kupwara district on October 26 and two were killed in a failed infiltration bid in Uri sector of Baramulla district on October 22. A total of 11 infiltrators were shot dead in June, including four in Macehil sector and five in the nearby Jumagund area of Keran sector.

## POJK part of J&K identity: Chugh

'Abdullahs, Muftis, Gandhis should talk about it'



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary and Incharge Jammu and Kashmir Tarun Chugh on Wednesday blasted the Abdullah and the Mufti families for creating a fake narrative on the J&K identity. Chugh questioned why the

Abdullah, Mufti and the Gandhi families have so far shirked from talking about Pakistan occupied J&K area. "It is a matter of serious concern for the entire nation but Abdullah and Mufti would not talk about it because they are dancing to the tunes of exterior forces", he added. "Leaders inimical to the nation are playing in the hands of foreign forces to provoke and mislead the people," he said. Chugh underlined that after Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ushered J&K in a new era of development and progress,

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## ACB arrests DCO Handwara for accepting bribe

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
HANDWARA: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) apprehended the Drug Control Officer (DCO) of Kupwara in the Bumhama area for demanding and accepting bribe. "Complainant in a written complaint alleged that he is a pharmaceutical distributor by profession and had a valid license to sell stock and distribute drugs and medicines. On November 2, 2023, Drug Inspector Ishiyaq Ahmed Baba took some medicines sold by him at Hachmarg Tarhpora, then he issued a notice to him and asked for his licence," ACB official said. Official added, "On November 7, complainant went to his office at Bumhama Kupwara and showed his licence which officer declined to accept as valid licence and demanded Rs 10,000 from him, on which complainant argued that he is not doing anything illegal, why should he pay bribe, on which drug

## CS takes stock of the rescue, rehabilitation measures after Doda mishap



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, immediately after the unfortunate road accident at Assar, Doda in which 37 persons lost their lives and 18 got injured, took stock of the measures taken by the District and Divisional administration regarding the rescue and relief activities to

ensure that all necessary steps are taken. Dr Mehta expressed his shock and anguish over the tragic accident. He called for looking into all the causes that could have resulted into the incident. He made out that the administration would make every effort for plugging the loopholes identified by investigation. He stressed on intensifying measures that would ensure there is no loss of life in such a manner in future. The Chief Secretary also enquired from the concerned Divisional and

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## Properties of 3 drug peddlers attached

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Police on Wednesday attached movable and immovable properties belonging to three notorious drug peddlers in Poonch district, a police spokesperson said. The properties including a double-storey residential house and vehicles jointly belonging to drug peddlers Mehmood Hussain, Zaffer Iqbal and Javid Iqbal were attached under the NDPS Act, the spokesperson said. During the investigation, the attached properties were found to be illegally acquired, he said. The properties were prima

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## President Murmu, political leaders express shock, sadness over loss of lives in Doda accident

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and political leaders on Wednesday expressed shock and sadness over a bus accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda that has killed at least 38 people. "I am deeply saddened by the news of the unfortunate

death of several passengers in a bus accident in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. I express my condolences to the bereaved family members and pray for the speedy recovery of those injured," Murmu said in a post in Hindi on X, formerly Twitter. At least 38 people were killed and 20 injured when the bus carrying passengers

skidded off the road and rolled down into a 300-foot deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Wednesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the bus accident was distressing. "My condolences to the families who have lost their dear and dear ones. I pray that the

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## India enters into World Cup final



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MUMBAI: Making the big stage his own, Virat Kohli added more lustre to his larger-than-life persona with a historic 50th ODI century that extended India's bullish in India's favour after Rohit Sharma's team put on board a massive 397 for four, bulldozing the Kiwi attack but before the hosts romped home by 70 runs for an unprecedented 10th win in a row, New Zealand did cause considerable anxiety in home team's camp. It was Daryl Mitchell's valiant 134 off 119 balls that had the Indian hearts racing as the equation became a gettable 112 from 54-balls with six wickets in hand but Kuldeep Yadav delivered under pressure a price-less two-run 42nd over that released the pressure. Pacer Mohammed Shami, who had scalped top four Kiwi batters earlier, then sealed the fate of the Kiwis by ending Mitchell's belligerent knock and ended up with a gold-standard seven-wicket haul. Shami is serving reminders of his class in each and every game since making the playing XI after being left out initially and he only made

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Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 28.0°C Min: 12.0°C  
Humidity  
Max: 84 Min: 78  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 17.0°C Min: 0.8°C  
Humidity  
Max: 94 Min: 74  
Sunset : 17:23 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:56 Hours

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