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Haphazard implementation of Smart City projects leading to traffic jams, muddy roads in Valley

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**Court frames charges against** Patwari, other in corruption case

J&K Sr Volleyball Tourney postponed

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

## Security agencies effectively controlled violence in J&K: Army

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Security agencies have effectively controlled violence in Jammu and Kashmir and are giving a befitting reply to those who are trying to fulfil their "political goals" through proxy war, a top army commander said on Saturday.

At a Veterans Day rally in Rajouri, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi also announced that the board of governors of the Army Welfare Housing Organization has approved a housing project for the veterans and requested them to make it successful.

"Rajouri is the land of heroes and has never allowed the conspiracies and nefarious plans of the neighbouring nation to succeed. Security agencies have effectively controlled violence and a befitting reply is being given to those who are trying to fulfil their political goals with the help of this proxy war," he

Greeting the participants for the seventh Veterans Day rally in Rajouri, Lt Gen Dwivedi said its main objective is to find out the problems of ex-servicemen living in the Union Territory and to solve those as soon as possible with the help of the administration.



"AWHO Board of Governors, Jammu, has approved a housing project and conducted a demand survey advertisement, fulfilling the longstanding demand of our Jammu and Kashmir veterans. You can apply for this project with your domicile certificate from January 15 to February 15," he said.

Land acquisition will be done based on the response received and the project will start soon, the army commander

He said a hostel for children of the

heroes and ex-servicemen in Srinagar is in the tender stage and it is targeted to be completed at the earliest in the financial year 2023-24. The Jammu and Kashmir administration has appointed nodal police officers of DSP rank to redress the grievances of ex-servicemen in all 20 districts of the Union Territory, Lt Gen Dwivedi said.

He said the Centre had approved an amendment in the scheme of One Rank One Pension on December 23 last year, including the security personnel who retired after July 1, 2014.

"It is a matter of great pleasure that the Jammu and Kashmir administration has accepted the long-pending demand of increasing the ex gratia of our fallen heroes in the Union Territory from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh," Lt Gen Dwivedi said.

Referring to Operation Sadbhavana of the Army for the welfare of the public, he said, "We have implemented 60 projects of school and education infrastructure, 75 projects related to sports, 39 health schemes in the area of 16 Corps for Rs 14.2 crores, which has benefited about 60,000 youth and other people."

"I also assure you that the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### **Remote Voting Machine: EC calls All-Party** Meeting on Jan 16 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission has called the chairpersons, presidents, and general secretaries of all the national parties for a meeting to be held on January 16.

The meeting pertains to the demonstration and discussion of the Remote Voting Machine, according to ANI.

Notably, to encourage domestic migrants to exercise their franchise. ECI on December 29, informed about a prototype Multi-Constituency Remote Electronic Voting Machine (RVM), which would

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Massive rescue operations launched as avalanche hit Gurez area on Saturday.

### Avalanches hit Gurez, Sonmarg; warning issued for 12 districts

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Three avalanches hit Ganderbal and Bandipora districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, but there was no loss of life, officials said.

They said avalanche warnings have been issued for 12 districts of the Union Territory following moderate to heavy snowfall on Friday.

Two simultaneous avalanches hit the Sarbal area of Sonamarg, in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, while another hit Gurez, in north Kashmir's

### Highway reopened, flight ops resume in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Valley's connectivity with the rest of the country was restored on Saturday with the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway reopening for traffic and flight operations also resuming here a day after a snowfall, officials

Air traffic to and from the Kashmir Valley was restored after the airport was cleared of snow and visibility improved. However, several morning flights were delayed and some were

"The snow from the runway, taxiway and apron has been cleared and the visibility has improved up to 3,000 metres. Flight operations have resumed," an official said.

The Srinagar-Jammu national highway -- the only allweather road connecting the Valley ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

The avalanches at Sarbal hit an area where the Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering Infrastructure Limited (MEIL) -- which is constructing the Zojila Tunnel -has a workshop.

On Thursday, two labourers were killed when an avalanche hit the Sarbal area. The labourers were working for MEIL.

An avalanche hit Jurniyal village in Gurez on Saturday, the officials said,

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### Switch over to election mode: **Koul tells workers**



J&K BJP General Secretary Organization, Ashok Koul chairing workers meeting at party headquarters in Jammu on Saturday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** Ashok Koul General

Secretary Organization, Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has asked the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) leaders. Gaurav posted as

JAMMU: The Government

on Saturday transferred two

IPS officers in Srinagar dis-

trict. According to the order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal,

Financial Commissioner/

Additional Chief Secretary,

Home Department, J&K,

Gaurav Sikarwar (RR:2019)

has been posted as Incharge

Superintendent of Police.

South Srinagar; and Shree

Ram (RR:2019) has been

Narcotics, pistol magazine

seized in Kupwara; 1 held

SRINAGAR: A man was

arrested and narcotics, cash and a pistol magazine were

recovered from his posses-

sion in Kupwara district,

Acting on specific informa-

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tion about narcotic sub-

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

as Superintendent of Police,

East Srinagar.

police said.

stance, arms and

Incharge

workers and activists to gear up for the upcoming elections in Assembly Jammu and Kashmir and ensure maximum participation of youth by bringing them into party fold right from the grass roots level

He stated this in his address while presiding over the BJYM's introductory meeting with Jammu and Kashmir State office bearers and district presidents held at the party headquarters at Trikuta Nagar here on Saturday.

Prominent among others present in the meeting were State President BJYM Arun Prabhat, All Morcha Prabhari Munish Sharma.

The meeting commenced with the welcome address by State President Arun Prabhat followed by the introduction of the BJYM cadre with the senior leaders of Bharatiya Janata

### Jammu fireman dies after falling from building

during operation ■ STATE TĬMÊS NEWS

JAMMU: A fireman died after falling from a fourstorey building in Prem Nagar locality here during an operation, an official said on Saturday.

Fire tenders were rushed to the commercial-cum-residential building to douse the blaze that broke out late Friday night, they said.

first floor of the building, they said.

He was rushed to Government Medical College (GMC) hospital where

During the fire-fighting operation, Selection Grade Fireman Satish Raina, posted at Shaheedi chowk Fire Station, slipped from the

# DAP can't have groupism like Congress: Azad

### **Incharge SP South, Ram SP East Srinagar** STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Democratic Azad Party (DAP) Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said that that his party cannot have groupism like Congress.

"We need to promote the culture of merit, appreciation and teamwork," Azad said while chairing a meeting of the newly appointed office bearers and executive committee members Democratic Azad Party from Jammu Province.

He stressed for the need for coordination among all the party members and directed all the members to appreciate merit.

Azad said that nepotism, favouritism and culture of

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: Around 57.95 lakh

Unique Disability identity

cards have been issued

across the country so far,

Union Minister Virendra

asserting that the Narendra

Modi government has done

The minister for social jus-

tice and empowerment said

per cent besides increasing

welfare of disabled people.



DAP Chief Ghulam Nabi Azad chairing meeting of newly appointed office bearers and executive committee members from Jammu Province.

groupism is not acceptable to him since the party itself is

founded to promote merit. He directed the members to promote the core agenda of party and reach out to the public at grassroots. "Our

reservation in higher educa-

"Unique ID for Persons

with Disabilities (PwDs)

project is being implemented

with a view of creating a

national database for PwDs

and issuing a Unique

Disability Identity Card. So

far, about 57. 95 Lakh

UDID cards have been

issued," he said after virtual-

ly inaugurating a camp for

the distribution of free aid

and appliances among the

disabled in the Doda district

He said the UDID scheme

has been implemented in all

Persons with Disabilities do

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under the ADIP scheme.

not need to make

tion to 5 per cent.

'57.95 lakh Unique Disability

ID cards issued across country'

agenda of peace and development must reach to every person of Union Territory. We need to engage with the people at ground level and make our workers

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SRINAGAR: National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Saturday sought immediate resumption of road connectivity across Jammu and Kashmir's snow-bound areas that have been cut off following moderate to heavy snowfall in the Valley. In a statement, Abdullah

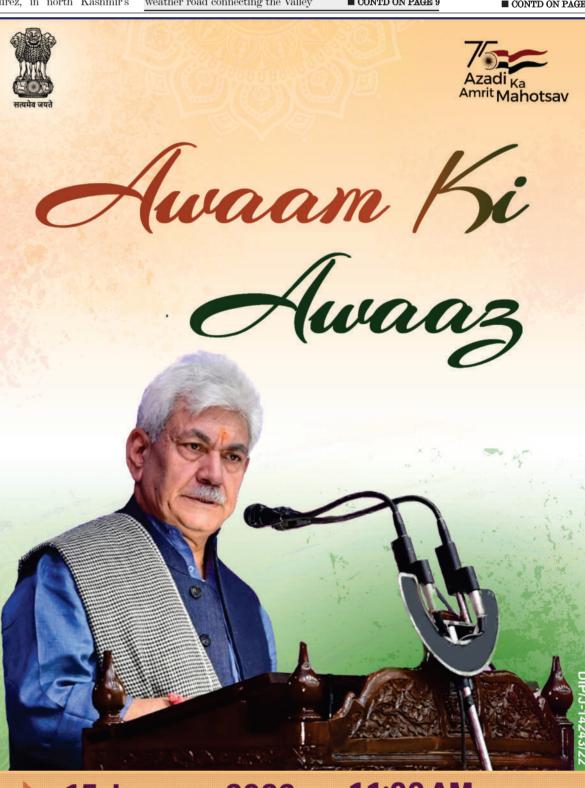
expressed concern over the difficulties faced by people in the remote hamlets and the upper reaches of north, south and central Kashmir and said the major arterial roads connecting Dawar, Kanzalwun, Keran, Karna, Gurez, Jumgund and

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### Farooq seeks immediate resumption of road connectivity in J&K's snow-bound areas

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Kumar said Saturday while unprecedented work for the WEATHER after the implementation of Max: 16.8°C the Rights to Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the Max: 100 categories for disability have been increased from seven to Max: 6.9°C 21. and reservation for Divyangjan in government Max: 92 Min: 87 jobs has also been raised Sunset: 17:48 Hours from three per cent to four

Sunrise: 07:34 Hours