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33 JKAS officers get Selection Grade; 4 Special Scale

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday release of Selection Grade (Non-Functional) to 33 Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers.
"In terms of Non-Functional (Monetary) Scheme (NFS) notified vide SRO-198 dated April 25, 2018, sanction is accorded to the release of Selection Grade (Non-functional)

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Sarpanch shot dead by terrorists in Kulgam; encounter underway in Pulwama

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot dead a sarpanch in Kulgam district on Friday, officials said.
"At about 8:50 pm, terrorists fired upon Shabir Ahmad Mir near his residence in Adoura in south Kashmir's Kulgam district," one of the officials said.
They said Mir was taken to a hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival.
Mir was an independent Sarpanch.
The area has been cordoned off and a hunt launched to nab the attackers, the officials said.

Two Finance Directors transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred two Finance Directors.
Imtiaz Ahmad Wani, Director Finance, Animal & Sheep Husbandry Department has been posted as Director Finance Budget Division,
Finance Department vice Raman Kumar, who has been posted

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11 IPS officers promoted to higher grade

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Friday promoted eleven IPS officers in higher grade.
As per order issued by R.K Goel, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Uttam Chand, IPS (RR:2002), Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IPS (RR:2003), Keshav Ram Chaurasia, IPS (RR:2003), Atul Kumar Goel, IPS (RR:2004) and Bhim Sen Tuti, IPS (RR:2004)

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 28.0°C Min: 13.5°C

Humidity
Max : 89 Min : 47

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.7°C Min: 3.8°C

Humidity
Max : 83 Min: 37

Sunset : 18:36 Hours
Sunrise : 06:47 Hours

Co-pilot martyred, pilot injured in Army chopper crash in Gurez



Martyr Major Sankalp Yadav

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: An Army helicopter on its way to pick up sick BSF personnel crashed near the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir's Gurez Sector on Friday, killing its co-pilot and critically injuring the pilot, officials said.
It crashed around 11:30 am with officials saying that it drifted away while descending and tumbled into a 'nallah' flowing nearby.
The 'Cheetah' helicopter was undertaking a rescue sortie to evacuate a sick



Wreckage of Army chopper at crash site in Gurez.

Border Security Force (BSF) jawan deployed in the forward area in the mountainous region.

"An Army Cheetah helicopter crashed in the Baraub area of Gurez in Bandipora

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DB directs for devising mechanism to ensure strict adherence of NDPS Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Mohan Lal, while dismissing an appeal filed by UT against acquittal in NDPS, directed respondents to put a mechanism in place so that provisions of NDPS Act and the rules framed there under are strictly adhered to and Standard Operating Procedure(s) issued by the Home Department vide Circular No. 2-Home of 2017 dated September 25,

2017 and a circular No.01 of 2018 dated November 19, 2018 are strictly followed.
DB further directed respondents to have a proper selection procedure in place to select and appoint competent Public Prosecutors. We cannot shut our eyes to fact that menace of drug trafficking and consumption of drugs in Jammu and Kashmir is fast gripping and it is high time that all authorities responsible for investigation and prosecution of cases under NDSP Act are well-equipped and educated to handle investiga-

Tiwari posted as IGP CID J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday posted Mahendra Nath Tiwari, IPS (AGMUT:04), awaiting orders of posting as IGP, CID J&K. The order in this regard was issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home department.

Ghanshyam posted as RTO Jammu, Dhanantr Addl Secy Forest Dept

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Friday transferred two JKAS officers.
As per order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Ghanshyam Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Regional Transport Officer (RTO), Jammu vice Dhanantr Singh, JKAS, who has been posted as Additional Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment).

NIA files supplementary charge-sheet against 2 ISIS terrorists from Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The NIA on Friday filed a supplementary charge sheet against two people for their alleged involvement in a conspiracy by the ISIS terrorist group to radicalise and recruit Muslim youths in India to wage violent jihad against the Indian state, an official said.
Afshan Parvaiz Jarabi and Tawheed Latief Sofi, both residents of Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar, have been named in the supple-

mentary charge sheet filed before a special NIA court, Patiala House, New Delhi under sections of the IPC and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the official of the premier investigation agency said.
The case, registered by the NIA in June last year, relates to a conspiracy hatched by the proscribed terrorist organisation Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) to radicalise and recruit impressionable Muslim youths in

India to wage violent jihad against the Indian state, the NIA official said.
In order to execute its nefarious plans, an organised campaign was launched over the cyberspace supplemented by on-ground terror financing activities, the official said.
The case was registered against cyber entity Qasim Khurasani and his associates. A charge sheet was filed against four ISIS

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If demands not met, farmers may take to violence: Satya Pal Malik

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JODHPUR: Meghalya Governor Satya Pal Malik on Friday said if farmers' demands are not met, they may try to get what they want through violence.
"My advice to Delhi is don't mess with them, they are

dangerous people," Malik said here at an event, where he also claimed he is not scared of losing his post for raising farmers' issues.
"Farmers will take what they want. If it is not given through talks, they would take it through a fight ('ladai')."

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India, China hold military talks to resolve Ladakh row

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India and China on Friday are holding another round of high-level military dialogue to resolve the 22-month-long standoff in some friction points in eastern Ladakh, two months after the last round of such talks failed to yield any significant outcome.
The 15th round of Corps-Commander level talks was scheduled to begin at 10 am at the Chushul-Moldo border point on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh,

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Ahead of CWC meet, G-23 leaders meet at Azad's residence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: A day after the Congress's drubbing in assembly elections, some leaders from the 'Group of 23' that had questioned the party leadership and sought organisational overhaul, met here at the residence of former Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad.
Among those who met Azad were party MPs Anand Sharma, Kapil Sibal and Manish Tewari. Sources said they dis-

cussed the party's poor performance at the hustings and will evolve their future strategy.
The meeting also comes ahead of the Congress Working Committee meeting to be convened by party chief Sonia Gandhi shortly, to assess the Congress performance in these assembly polls in five states.
The Congress drew a blank in this series of assembly polls losing all the five states, including Punjab to AAP.

11 police personnel deputed in SSF, six repatriated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday deputed 11 police personnel in Special Security Force (SSF), J&K and repatriated six police personnel from SSF.
"In terms of Rule 4 of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir's

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CBSE term-II board exams for Classes 10, 12 from April 26

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Friday announced that the term-II board exams for Class 10 and 12 will commence from April 26.
Last year, the CBSE had announced that board examinations for 2022 will be conducted in two terms.
Term I exams have already been held, while the term-II

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Darzi gets addl charge of Dy Dir Prosecution, Pulwama/Budgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday assigned additional charge to Incharge Deputy Director Prosecution, Reyaz Ahmad Darzi. "Reyaz Ahmad Darzi, Incharge Deputy Director Prosecution, Pulwama/Budgam, in addition to his own duties, till further orders," reads an order issued by Syed Yasir Farooq, Deputy Secretary, Home Department.

Army Commander reviews security scenario in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Army's Northern Command chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Friday reviewed the overall security scenario in Kashmir and was briefed on the measures instituted to counter designs of adversaries.
The Northern Army commander is on a three-day visit to Kashmir Valley, Srinagar-based Defence spokesman Col Emron Musavi said.
He said Lt Gen Dwivedi visited Rashtriya Rifles formations in the hinterland to review the overall security scenario in the valley.

J&K: Fee Regulation Committee allows pvt schools to hike transportation fees by 12 pc

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A committee for fixation and regulation of school fees in Jammu and Kashmir has allowed private institutions to hike transportation fees by 12 per cent, officials said on Friday.
The increase was allowed after the committee received complaints that private schools had hiked transportation fees significantly following their reopening.
"It is also alleged that private school managements are demanding payment of advance transport fees either for the full session or 50 per cent of the total fees. The schools also seek an undertaking from the parents regarding the advance payment of fees," the committee said in an order.

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Northern Command Chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi being received by GOC Chinar Corps Lt Gen D P Pandey.

He also visited a Rashtriya Rifles unit conducting count-

er-terrorist operations

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ACB nabs Inspector Sales Tax red-handed while accepting bribe of Rs 3 lakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An Inspector of J&K Sales Tax Department, Srinagar, namely Khalid Bashir Tantray was caught red-handed by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 3 Lakh for settling a case of penalty regarding Sales Tax.
As per an official spokesperson, the ACB received a written complaint wherein it was alleged that Khalid Bashir Tantray, Sales Tax Inspector is demanding an amount of Rs 3 lakh as bribe for setting-right records pertaining to Internal Audit Report of Sales Tax Department, Srinagar. The complainant, who is running a business unit, was facing penalty of

Rs 14 lakh from Sales Tax Department. "On receipt of complaint, FIR No. 09/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered and investigation started, during which a trap team was constituted, which laid a successful trap and caught erring officer Khalid Bashir Tantray, Inspector, Sales Tax Department, Srinagar, red-handed, while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 3 Lakh from complainant. He was arrested on the spot by ACB team and bribe amount was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses. Soon after the trap, search was conducted at house of accused" said official, adding that further investigation is going on.

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