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Union Minister assures all possible support

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying on Monday inaugurated the two-day Technology Exhibition-cum-Seed Mela at SKUAST Kashmir.

The event witnessed the inauguration of various works and programmes including SKUAST Kashmir's commercial Silage Unit, Krishi Radio and Rural Internship - Student Rural Exploration programme of J&K Government under HADP.

In his address, Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for



LG Manoj Sinha addressing inaugural ceremony of Technology Exhibition-cum-Seed Mela at SKUAST Kashmir on Monday.

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, commended the Lt Governor led UT Administration for transforming the Agriculture and allied sector of J&K and promoting innovation based

Agri Startups.

The Union Minister also announced an Aqua park for J&K. He assured all possible support in upscaling the live-stock production, establishment of Modern Fish Market

and creating more livelihood avenues for the local farmers and pastoralists in the Union Territory. Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor expressed gratitude to

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Chandraker posted as Prpl Secy Home Deptt

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The J&K government on Monday appointed Chandraker Bharti as Principal Secretary Home Department.

The order to this effect was issued by the General Administration Department (GAD). "Chandraker Bharti, 1996 AMGMUT batch

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Haseeb-Ur-Rehman gets addl charge of DIG Traffic Jammu, Atul given addl charge of Div Comdt. HG Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The government on Monday assigned additional charge to two police officers. "It is ordered that in view of the deputation of officers to the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, National Police Academy

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4 killed, 3 injured as vehicle falls into gorge in Ramban

LG conveys condolences, announces ex-gratia



accident and those who had lost their lives in a tragic landslide in Reasi on Sunday. An ex-gratia of Rs.5 Lakh would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs.50,000.

The car, which was on its way from Ukhral to Maligam, skidded off due to slippery road conditions and fell into a gorge near Maligam, they

said. The locals rushed to the spot and rescued the victims, the police said.

The SUV driver Sajjad Ahmad and three passengers -

- Abdul Wahid Bali, Aamayatullah , Mohammad Ayoub Bali lost their lives in the incident, they said.

The three persons injured in the accident were shifted to a hospital, they added.

CEO reviews LS poll preparations



CEO Pandurang K Pole chairing a meeting in Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pandurang K Pole on Monday chaired a meeting here to review preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The meeting was attended by District Election Officers (DEOs) and SSPs of Jammu, Samba and Reasi districts among others, an official spokesperson said. Pole instructed officers

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‘Family’ is INDIA bloc’s new formula to abuse me: Modi

‘Mera Bharat Mera Parivaar’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

CHENNAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the opposition INDIA bloc's "new formula" to abuse him is to say he does not have a family but the people have rejected it by chanting in one voice that they belong to Modi's family.

Without naming Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, son of Chief Minister M K Stalin, Modi, in his address at the BJP's rally here, said the Supreme Court posed the DMK Minister "tough questions." Modi alleged that "insulting" the faith of crores of people is an identity of the dynasts.

The Supreme Court on Monday rebuked Udhayanidhi, also the DMK's Youth Wing Secretary, over his "eradi-



cate Sanatan Dharma" remark.

On RJD leader Lalu Prasad Yadav's jibe that PM Modi does not have a family, he said this was the INDIA bloc's "new formula" to abuse him. However, the people across the country said in one voice that they belong to Modi's family, he added.

"Dynasty parties only think about their future whereas I work for everyone's future," he asserted. While the motto of the DMK and the Congress is

'family first' for him it is 'nation first.' Therefore, the INDIA alliance has developed this new formula. "What does it mean? Does it mean that having a family means getting the licence for corruption? Does having a family mean having a licence to seize power for their family? Modi asked.

He alleged the Congress and the DMK are steeped in corruption and dynasty. "For them, their family alone is everything. For them corruption is everything."

The Prime Minister welcomed the Supreme Court verdict in the JMM bribery case and said it would promote clean politics.

"The SC verdict will promote Swachh Rajneeti (Clean politics). Modi's most favourite work

Azad calls for unity to safeguard J&K's future



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting in Aishmuqam, Pahalgam on Monday.

ing some elements are attempting to suppress them while others have succumbed

to compromise, either in the past or potentially

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LS polls: ADGP calls for proactive measures to maintain law and order

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, on Monday conducted a comprehensive review security apparatus and readiness for the election in Poonch border district and called for proactive measures to maintain law and order in the run-up to the polls.

The ADGP laid focus on assessing the current trends in terrorists movement, identifying areas of concern and formulating effective action plans to address them, a spokesman said.

"To assess the preparedness for the forthcoming elections, the ADGP conducted a comprehensive review of Poonch district's security apparatus,

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 19.7°C Min: 6.7°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 37

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 12.0°C Min: -2.0°C

Humidity
Max: 90 Min: 44

Sunset : 18:29 Hours
Sunrise : 06:54 Hours

Gang war: Notorious gangster Mohan Cheer shot dead outside shopping mall in Mohali

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A notorious gangster Mohan Cheer, who was booked in Bakra murder case, was shot dead by four unidentified persons outside a shopping mall in Sector 67 in Mohali on Monday.

According to police, the killing of gangster Rajesh Dogra alias Mohan Cheer, 45, a native of Jammu, is fallout of a gang war. Officials said the assailants were waiting for Mohan Chir outside the mall for some time in two SUVs - one

Chandigarh registration number and another of Jammu.

During preliminary investigations, it has come to the fore that Mohan Cheer had recently come out of jail and the rival group members were keeping track on him. Both gangs are related to Jammu, a police official said, adding that further investigations are under progress.

Additional DGP (Rupnagar Range) Jaskaran Singh said one person who was accompanying Dogra

has been caught. He also has a criminal background and is booked in eight cases. It appears to be an incident of gang rivalry and we have informed the Jammu police about the incident, he said.

Four to five people came in two vehicles and they opened fire, SSP Mohali said. The incident took place as soon as Dogra, accompanied by two others, reached outside the mall where attackers had reached in two vehicles including one bearing

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Privileges enjoyed by lawmakers tethered intrinsically to functioning of House: SC

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The privileges enjoyed by MPs and MLAs are "tethered intrinsically" to the functioning of the legislature collectively, the Supreme Court said on Monday while holding that lawmakers taking bribe to vote or make a speech in the House are not immune from prosecution.

A seven-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said members acting as constituents of the legislature may not claim any privilege or immunity unconnected with the working of the House.

To give any privilege unconnected to the functioning of Parliament or state legislature by necessity is to create a class of citizens which enjoys unchecked exemption from ordinary application of law, the bench said.

"This was neither the intention of the Constitution nor the goal of vesting Parliament and Legislature with powers, privileges and immunities," said the bench, which also comprised Justices A S Bopanna, M M Sundresh, P S Narasimha, J B Pardiwala, Sanjay Kumar and Manoj Misra. "We therefore hold that the

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J&K highway reopens for one-way traffic after 2-day closure

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The vehicular movement was resumed for one-way traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Monday after a two-da-long closure following multiple landslides triggered by heavy rains and snow-fall, officials said

The 270-kilometre highway, the only all-weather link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, was closed for traffic early Saturday following landslides, mud-slides and shooting stones, triggered by heavy rainfall at over a dozen places between Nashri and Banihal including Dalwas, Mehad-Cafetia and Hingni in Ramban, they said.

"In view of the single lane and poor surface of the road at Dalwas, Mehad-cafeteria, Nachlana, Gangroo, Hingni, Kishtwari Pather,



only one-way traffic was resumed this morning till the road gets double land repaired," a traffic police

officer said.

Traffic is moving normally from Jammu to Srinagar today, he said.

However, the traffic department advised commuters to follow lane discipline and drive cautiously.

"Commuters are advised to follow lane discipline, overtaking can lead to congestion. People are advised not to ply against traffic plans in view of the possible traffic congestion because of the narrow carriageway between Nashree and Banihal on the highway," the officer said.

A portion of the road near Panthiyal was also washed away, the officials said.

Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar highway has been restricted to one way since February 26 and was being used alternatively from Jammu and Srinagar after heavy rains and snowfall damaged the arterial road at several places last week.