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Three-day Basoa Baisakhi Mahotsav 2023 commences by Tourism Department

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Over 30 women injured in house collapse at Poonch

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Traditional fervour marks Baisakhi celebrations at JKPS Kunjwani

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SEHR TIME:
04:34 (APRIL 15)

IFTAAR TIME:
07:02 (APRIL 14)

4 empty coaches of New Delhi-Katra special train derailed

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Four empty coaches of the New Delhi-Katra special train derailed at a platform here on Thursday while entering the station, officials said. The incident happened around 6 pm and no one was injured, they said. Movement of some trains at the New Delhi Railway Station remained restricted for some time due to the incident.

Three JKAS officers recalled from Ladakh, three deputed

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Thursday recalled three JKAS officers from the Union Territory of Ladakh to J&K UT and deputed three junior scale JKAS officers to UT of Ladakh on deputation basis. "Three JKAS officers Mohd Hanief, Tariq Ahmad Malik and Manoj Kumar are recalled from Union Territory of Ladakh to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," read an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home

Department, J&K. "Consequently the services of the three Junior Scale JKAS officers namely Akshay Sharma (BDO Lamberi, Rajouri), Vivek Rattan (BDO Ramsoo, Ramban) and Mohit Sharma (BDO Thanamandi) are placed at the disposal of the Union Territory of Ladakh, on deputation basis," it added. It is further ordered that the deputation of three junior scale JKAS officers shall be for a period of two years or till they are recalled, whichever is earlier.

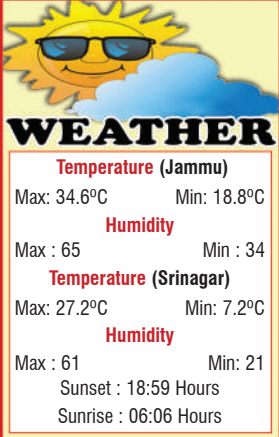
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J&K launches Rs 240 Cr project to increase mutton production

STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG: The Jammu and Kashmir government has launched a project worth Rs 240 crore to increase the mutton production. "We have sanctioned a project worth Rs 240 crore to make Jammu and Kashmir self sufficient in mutton requirements. Currently, we are importing around 40 per cent from other states," Additional Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo told reporters.

India can meet its security challenges: Jaishankar

AGENCY
KAMPALA: Forces who indulge in cross-border terrorism against India for decades now know this is a "different India" which will give them a reply, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said, stressing that today the country can meet its national security challenges posed by China and Pakistan. Addressing the Indian community



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.6°C Min: 18.8°C

Humidity
Max: 65 Min: 34

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 27.2°C Min: 7.2°C

Humidity
Max: 61 Min: 21

Sunset : 18:59 Hours
Sunrise : 06:06 Hours

Shah reviews J&K security, preparations for G20 meeting in Srinagar



Union Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, LG Manoj Sinha chairing security review meeting in New Delhi on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday reviewed the functioning of the security grid and all security-related aspects in Jammu and Kashmir and conveyed the Narendra Modi government's unflinching resolve to the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism. Shah also reviewed the

preparations for a G20 meeting to be held in Srinagar next month and directed all relevant agencies to work in coordination for successful conduct of the event. At the security review meeting, attended by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha among others, Shah took

stock of the functioning of the security grid and various aspects related to security, an official statement said. The home minister reiterated the Modi government's unflinching resolve to the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism. He also reviewed the area domination plan, zero terror policy, law and order

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Controversial palatial house of ex-Dy CM at Ban Nagrota Arguments conclude, appeal reserved for judgment, pronouncement likely next week

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Bench of J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu headed by Member (Judicial) Rajiv Gupta has reserved file for Judgment in the much publicized appeal preferred by Mamta Singhm wife of Dr Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K against JDA's Demolition Notice regarding alleged illegal construction of a Palatial House at village Ban (Nagrota), District Jammu. It may be recalled that arguments in the appeal filed

Menace of illegal firearms affecting right to life: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday sought information from the Centre, states and Union Territories on the steps taken to curb the use of illegal firearms, calling it as "menace" affecting the right to life. A bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna, which was hearing a suo motu case registered by the court, asked the Directors General of Police of the states to furnish data related to cases registered under the Arms Act over the years. It also asked the Ministry

of Home Affairs to file an affidavit indicating steps taken for implementation of the Arms Act and suggestions to strengthen law enforcement. "This matter is serious as it affects the right to life. Issue notice to all the states and Union Territories indicating the steps taken to deal with the menace of unlicensed firearms and the cases registered over the years. All the DGPs file separate affidavits on these two aspects. Notice be also issued to the Ministry of Home Affairs with regard to implementation of the Act and suggestions to strengthen

the law," the bench said. The bench posted the matter for further hearing after three weeks. On March 21, the top court had said the problem which is engaging the Court in the case it has initiated on its own is the phenomenon of use of unlicensed firearms. It had noted the Director General of Police of Uttar Pradesh has filed an affidavit with regard to use of firearms and cases registered in the state. The court has appointed senior advocate S Nagamuthu as amicus

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LG greets people on Baisakhi, birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Baisakhi and the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

In a message, the Lt Governor said: On the joyous occasion of Baisakhi, I convey my warmest felicitations and good wishes to all. "Baisakhi marks the beginning of the harvest season heralding happiness and prosperity. It is also an occasion to remember with gratitude about the contribution of our farmers to the progress of the nation," the Lt Governor observed. May this festival strengthen our resolve to contribute to the nation's progress and usher prosperity and happiness for all in the year ahead, added the Lt Governor. In a message, the Lt Governor has said, "On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr.

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their response to said application filed by Mamta Singh against demolition notice of JDA and upon conclusion of the arguments from both sides, J&K Special Tribunal has reserved the file for Judgment, which may likely be pronounced next week. It may be recalled that the appellant Mamta Singh had earlier moved an application wherein she contended that her case is covered under Unified Building Bye Laws, 2021 and that her case be considered in the light of the said Bye Laws. JDA filed

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Six DySPs get Selection Grade

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Home Department on Thursday promoted six Deputy Superintendents of Police (Ministerial) to the Selection Grade. "In terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 2002, notified vide SRO 132 dated 3rd April, 2002, read with Government Order No.653-Home(P) of 2017 dated June 7, 2017, sanction is accorded to the release of Selection Grade of six Deputy Superintendent of Police (Ministerial), (Non-functional)-Level

for accepting or rejecting any claim of the litigant, he asserted. Chief Justice emphasised that the judges are like architectural designers while deciding a case. Though in the criminal cases, charge-sheet is the basis for decision but the facts of the case must be taken care of while deciding the case, he added. Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, J&K Judicial Academy, in her special address, while quoting a Greek Philosopher said that the qualities of a judge are to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly and to decide impartially. She emphasised that while deciding a case and writing a judgment a judge must consider the arguments and claims put forth by the parties. Further quoting Justice H.K. Sena, former judge of Supreme Court of India, she said that Judgement is best when given with reasons. While quoting Justice R.C.

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Natural to host G20 meetings in J&K, Ladakh: India on Pak's objection to venue

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India on Thursday dismissed Pakistan's objection to the hosting of G20 meetings in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and said these conferences are being organised across the country and it is "natural" to hold them in the two union territories too as they are its "integral and inalienable" part. India is hosting a meeting of the G20 Tourism Working Group in Srinagar in May while a youth engagement group meeting is scheduled to take place in Leh later this month. On Tuesday, Pakistan criticised India's decision to hold the G20 working group meeting in Srinagar and also objected to the scheduling of the Youth-20 forum in Leh. "G20 meetings are being organised across the country. It is natural to hold them (the meetings) in

Srinagar and Ladakh as the places are India's integral and inalienable part," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing. He was responding to a question on Pakistan's objection. "I would say that we are holding these meetings in every place. It is our natural response to have them there," Bagchi said. In its comments, the Pakistan Foreign Ministry had said, "India's irresponsible move is the latest in a series of self-serving measures." The ties between India and Pakistan came under severe strain after India's warplanes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot in Pakistan in February 2019 in response to the Pulwama terror attack. The relations further deteriorated after India in August 2019 announced the withdrawal of special powers of Jammu and Kashmir and the bifurcation of the state into two union territories. India assumed the Presidency of the powerful grouping G20 from Indonesia on December 1 and is hosting about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across the country. The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies. It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union (EU).

Drone carrying cash, rifle magazines shot down in Rajouri, massive search ops launched



Weapons and cash recovered from drone (inset) in Poonch.

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: A drone carrying cash and rifle magazines has been brought down by security forces after they launched a search and cordon operation in the villages of

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Stampede at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan SMVDS Board files response, PIL fixed for April 26

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In the much-publicized Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking directions to the Govt to make public the enquiry report of 3 members Committee constituted vide order No. 01-JK (GAD) to look into the unfortunate incident of stampede at Bhawan of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, which resulted into death of 12 devotees and injuring several others, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board filed its response to Public Interest Litigation as the Division Bench had already issued notices to the

respondents including the Shrine Board (SMVDSB) on September 22, 2022 to file a comprehensive reply. On September 12, 2022, a PIL was filed by Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed through Advocate H A Siddiqui seeking directions to the Government of J&K including Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board to make public enquiry report of 3 members Committee which had been constituted on the directions of Lieutenant Governor J&K being Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board to look into the unfortunate

incident of stampede at Bhawan of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in intervening night of December 31, 2021 and January 1, 2022. After hearing Senior Advocate A V Gupta with Advocates H A Siddiqui, Supriya Singh Chouhan and Mohd Zulkarnain Chowdhary appearing for the petitioner, a Division Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on September 22, 2022 (through Virtual Mode) comprising the then Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal (presently judge of

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