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Two hardcore criminals wanted in murder, U 🔓 attack on police cases arrested

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India to face Poland in Roll Ball World Cup opener today



J&K Govt enhances ex-gratia relief for **CAPF** martyrs

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Government on Thursday enhanced exgratia relief to the NoKs of Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) personnel hailing from J&K, who attain martyrdom either inside or outside Jammu and Kashmir.

"Sanction is accorded to the enhancement of ex-gratia relief to the NoKs of Central Para-Military (CPMF) Personnel

5 Army soldiers martyred in terrorist attack at Poonch

LG, Omar, Azad, others condemn terror act

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Five Army personnel were martyred and another was seriously injured on Thursday after their vehicle caught fire following a terrorist attack in Poonch, officials said.

The deceased Army soldiers were from a Rashtriya Rifles unit deployed for counterterror operations, the Army said in a state-

Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande has briefed Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the incident.

The Army said the vehicle the soldiers were travelling in came under fire from unidentified terrorists and it caught fire because of likely use of grenades.

"Today, at approximately 1500 hours, one Army vehicle, moving between Bhimber Gali and Poonch in the Rajauri sector was fired on by unidentified terrorArmy vehicle under fire after ambush in Poonch on Thursday Office of LG J&K I am deeply anguished by the loss of lives of brave Army personnel in a tragic incident at Poonch. Their rich service to the nation will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with the bereaved families.

ists, taking advantage of heavy rains and low visibility in the area," the Army

"The vehicle caught fire, due to likely use of grenades

by terrorists," it said. Five personnel of the Rashtriya Rifles Unit deployed for counterterrorist operations, in this area

CUET-PG to be held from June 5-12: NGT

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: The Common University Entrance Test-PG for admission to postgraduate programmes in universities across the country will be conducted from June 5-12, the National Testing Agency (NTA) announced on Thursday.

Candidates can apply for the exam till May 5. The application deadline earlier was April 19.

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NGT seeks report on Poonch river pollution in J&K ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: The National Green Tribunal has directed the Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee and the Budgam district Magistrate to verify the facts and file a report on the alleged unscientific dumping of solid and biomedical waste in the Poonch river. The green panel was hearing a petition

Surat Court rejects Rahul Gandhi's plea to stay his conviction

STATE TIMES NEWS

SURAT: A court in Gujarat's Surat city on Thursday rejected Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's application for a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

The court of additional sessions judge R P Mogera rejected Gandhi's plea for stay on conviction which, if allowed, could have paved the way for his reinstatement as the Member of Parliament (MP).

the Bharatiya While Janata Party (BJP) hailed the Surat court's decision as a "victory" of the judiciary and the people, the Congress said it will continue to avail all options still available under the law.

Gandhi's lawyer Kirit Panwala said the sessions court's order will be challenged in Gujarat High Court. He also said the sessions court has set May 20 as

application, the court said the date to begin hearing on his counsel failed to demonhis appeal against the lower court's March 23 order. strate that an "irreversible On April 3, Gandhi's lawyer and irrevocable damage" is filed two applications along likely to be caused to him if he is denied the opportunity with his main appeal against to contest election under secthe lower court's order sentencing him to two years in 8(3) of the Representation of the People jail, one for bail and another

Act, 1951 on account of his

conviction not being

India attaches special importance to SCO, says Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India attaches special importance to the Organization

(SCO) promoting dialogue on multi-dimensional political, security ic subjects. Union Home

Minister Amit Shah said on

He said this while chairing a meeting of Heads of Departments of SCO member states responsible for Prevention and Elimination of Emergency Situations in Modi, India attaches

Avalanche warning issued

in eight J&K districts

SRINAGAR: The Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

2,400-3,200 metres

Special Summary Revision

of Photo Electoral Rolls

ECI extends date for filling

claims, objections

JAMMU: The Election

Commission of India has

extended the date for filling

claims and objections in con-

Summary Revision of Photo

Electoral Rolls up to 6th of

According a communiqué

issued here on Thursday by

the office of Chief Electoral

Officer, J&K, the eligible

persons can now file their

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Sunset: 19:04 Hours

Sunrise: 05:58 Hours

May 2023.

applications for

Max: 31.6°C

Max: 14.0°C

Max: 63

Max: 93

with Special

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He said India's priority as the chair of the SCO is to take forward the SECURE theme articulated by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi at the Qingdao Summit of the grouping2018.SECURE stands S -

Security, E - Economic Cooperation, Connectivity, U - Unity, R -Respect For Sovereignty and Integrity and \mathbf{E} Environment Protection.

Under the leadership of

Court takes serious note of slow pace investigation by ACB ACB Doda Amarjeet Singh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional JudgeCorruption (ACB) Doda Amarjeet Singh Langeh took serious note of slow pace of investigation by Anti-Corruption Bureau and directed serious indulgence of supervisory officers in hierarchy of investigating agency so that investigation can proceed expeditiously to logical conclusion. This significant order has been passed in a pre-arrest bail application filed by Executive Engineer Abdul Wahid

When the bail application came-up for hearing, Sessions Judge

Langeh observed that pursuant to order passed on April 13, 2023, the Investigating Officer caused appearance along with case diary. Court observed that it needs no brainer to note that an application for grant of anticipatory bail in a case pertaining to offences under Prevention of Corruption Act can neither be offered on mere asking nor the same can be denied in a cavalier manner without considering relevant factors including gravity of allegations and evidence collected during investigation. It is in this context that certain observations are needed to be made in the

application in hand so that investigating agency not only takes note thereof but also indulges in follow-up action where after the matter can be disposed off on merit.

Court further observed that examination of relevant record prove that process of verification of allegations was initiated on a complaint filed by complainant with Organization Vigilance Jammu as it was then called on March 14, 2016 and inquiry seems to have been completed in 2022 and finally, instant FIR was registered on April 4, 2022. On verification of allegations alleged in the complaint, it surfaced that petitioner th

then Executive Engineer (now retired) and one Javed Iqbal Sheikh, the then Head Draftsman in Hydraulic Division Kishtwar allegedly prepared forged bills on exorbitant rates and used the same as genuine and caused wrongful loss to State Exchequer and wrongful gain of Rs 4,95,889 to themselves and resultantly FIR No. 2/2022 for offences 5(1)(d) read with Sec 5(2) of J&K PC Act Svt 2006 and Sections 465,471,120-B of IPC was registered and investigation started. Investigation also unveiled that petitioner remained posted as

Buddha's teachings offer solution to global problems: Modi stopped thinking about oth-

NEW DELHI: Prime

for stay on conviction pend-

While dismissing Gandhi's

ing his appeal.

Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the world is

passing I through challenges such as war, economic instabili-

ty, terrorism, religious extremism and climate change and asserted that Lord Buddha's ideas offer a solution to these problems. Addressing the inaugural session of the Global Buddhist Summit here, Modi took a swipe at rich countries, saying the world is facing a climate change crisis now because in the last cen-"some

ers and the coming generations". "For decades they kept

> thinking that meddling with

not impact them. They kept

he said. Emphasising that the path shown by Lord Buddha is the "path of the future and sustainability", the prime minister also said that "had the world followed His teachings, it would not have faced the climate

change crisis". In his address. Modi quote ancient texts on

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SC gives 3 more months to States, UTs to provide ration cards to left-out migrant labourers

STATE TIMES NEWS

and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority on DELHI: Supreme Court on Thursday Thursday issued avalanche warnings in eight districts of granted another three the Union Territory, officials months time to all states and Union territories to provide Avalanche with 'low' danger rations cards to migrant level is likely to occur above labourers registered on the eshram portal for availing benefits of "benevolent ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 schemes" of the government.

> matter for further hearing on October 3 and asked the Centre to file a status report. A bench of justices MR Shah and Ahsanuddin Amanullah said, "At present, we give further three months

The top court posted the

to the concerned

NC dissolves Media, Social Media cells

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Thursday dissolved its media and social media cells, and said it is in the process of restructuring its communication wing.

In an order, the party's chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said the decision was taken following a discussion with NC president Farooq Abdullah "As discussed with the

party president, please be informed that the Media Cell and Social Media Cell of the party have been dissolved with immediate effect," he said.

"The party is currently in the process of restructuring the media and

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State/UT to undertake the exercise to issue ration cards to the left out registrants on e-Shram portal by giving wide publicity and the concerned State/UT to approach them through the office of the concerned Collector of the District, so that more and more registrants on e-Shram portal are issued the ration cards and so that they may get the benefit of the benevolent schemes floated by the UOI and the State Government including the benefit under the National Food Security Act."

It said, "We appreciate the exercise undertaken by the

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union minister Jitendra Singh Thursday

said the government's focus

is on the capacity building of officers still having 25 years

of service as they can devote

their full energy and capabil-

ity to the making of India at

Addressing the inaugural

session of 16th Civil Services

Day at Vigyan Bhawan here,

he said that the government

believes in the mantra of

"maximum governance, mini-

mum government" given by

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi where the government

acts as a facilitator and not

an intimidator.

UOI with the assistance of the respective States/UTs for registration ofmigrants/unorganized workers on e-Shram portal.' It noted that 28.60 crores

migrants/unorganized workers are registered on e-Shram portal which is a "commendable job" but added that out of 28.60 registrants on e-Shram portal. 20.63 crores are registered on ration card data.

"Meaning thereby, the rest of the registrants on e-Shram are still without ration cards. Without the ration card a

having 25 years of service: Dr Jitendra

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Focus on capacity building of officers still

Five JKAS officers transferred, Shah gets Addl charge of Director I&C Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday transferred five JKAS officers and given addition charge to one.

According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, Sumera JKAS:2004, Shamim, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Stamps), Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Kashmir: Dilshada Akhter, Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, Kashmir General

Manager, DIC, Anantnag;

and they are the ones blessed

with the privilege to be the

"architects" of India at 2047.

"Our responsibility today

will be to contribute to the

capacity building of this

group of officers. If we are

able to do that effectively, we

will be doing justice to India

at 2047," the minister said.

Nighat Alam, JKAS:2007, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Srinagar as General Manager, DIC, Baramulla; Mohammad Muneer Ahmed Bhat, JKAS:2010, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as General Manager, DIC, Bandipore.

As per another order, Sachin Bali, Junior Scale JKAS officer of 2019 batch, deployed in the Employment Department, in terms of Government Order No. 806-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated August 31, 2021, has been transferred and his

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Dubai Expo liabilities to be paid to service providers through FICCI STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Dubai Expo 2020 was held in January 2022, in which the Department of Commerce (DoC), Ministry Commerce and Industry, Government of India, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (FICCI) on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding wherein FICCI was given the responsibility of managing the Dubai Expo 2020 event, the Department Handloom

Handicraft communicated. The department further said that in accordance with the MoU, FICCI was given the responsibility of hiring suppliers and

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"When we talk of a governin before India celebrates its The theme for the two-day 100 years of independence ment like this it means ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

transparency,

increased accountability and

most of all increased citizen

participation," said the min-

He said the officers who are

in the age group of 30s

should be on "our main focus

for capacity building" as they

have another 25 years to put

ister of state for personnel.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the inaugural

session of the 16th Civil Services Day at Vigyan Bhawan,

New Delhi on Thursday.