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Sickness of JK PSEs has been affecting only families of PSE cadre & not those who held reins

5 stunt bikers arrested, 3 bikes seized

J&K UT Boxing team leaves for Sub Jr National

Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com LG meets Defence Minister; discusses Targeted killings of KPs, non-locals aimed to keep road infrastructure for Amarnath Yatra



LG Manoj Sinha calling on Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at New Delhi on Monday

'Shivling found in Gyanvapi Masjid

complex': Court orders sealing of spot

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: To discuss the road infrastructure for upcoming Amarnath Yatra, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday met Union Defence Minister Rajnath

Hon'ble Raksha ''Met Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh Ji @rajnathsingh today and discussed road infrastructure for Shri AmarnathJi Yatra and @BROindia

stretches in challenging terrain at high altitudes which will greatly ease the trek to the holy cave," the Office of LG, Jammu and Kashmir

It was learnt that LG also requested the Defence Minister for setting up make-shift hospitals by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) in at least two places, and oxygen booths in

that the "Shivling" was found

close to the "wazookhana"-a

small reservoir used by

Muslim devotees to perform

ritual ablutions before offer-

The claimed finding on the

last day of the survey reignit-

ed the mandir-masjid debate

over the Gyanvapi mosque-Shringar Gauri complex

located close to the iconic

Uttar Pradesh Deputy

Chief Minister Keshav

Prasad Maurya expressed

satisfaction over the develop-

ment while AIMIM leader

Kashi Vishwanath temple.

ing the namaz.

Amit Shah to review J&K security today; LG, Chief Secy to participate JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to

chair a meeting in New Delhi over the security situation of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

According to sources, the security review meeting is scheduled for 11:00 AM at Delhi and will be attended by LG Manoj

Sinha, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) R K Goyal, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh and Special DG CID Rashmi Ranjan Swain, besides other officers.

Also Home Secretary Ajav Kumar Bhalla and heads of all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and

Central Intelligence agencies as well as other senior officers of the MHA are expected to attend the meeting, sources said. The meet will review security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of targeted killings and arrangements for upcoming Amarnath Yatra.

As LG has constituted a special cell for PM package employees in the LG's secretariat to look into grievances of the Kashmiri Pandit employees, the cell will coordinate with district administrations and other departments to resolve all

terrorism alive in Kashmir: Army Commander

JAMMU: Northern Army commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday said the targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits and non-local labourers by militants was to keep terrorism alive in Kashmir.

He also said Pakistan created a facade of proxy tanzeems' (outfits) to give an indigenous colour to the insurgency in the Valley after the country faced pressure internationally to stop sponsoring terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

Terror organiations like The Resistance Front (TRF), Peoples' Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF), Gaznavi Force, United Liberation Front, Geelani Force. Lashkar-e-Mustafa, Lashar-e-Islam and Jammu and Kashmir Freedom Fighter have been claiming responsibility for terror attacks, particularly selective killings of Hindus in the valley, during the last one-and-a-half-year, as per the reports.

"Due to active diplomacy, there has been tremendous international pressure on Pakistan to put a stop to sponsoring terror in J-K. Consequently, a facade of proxy tanzeems was created to give an indigenous hue (to militancy in Kashmir)," Lt Gen Dwivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the



Northern Command, said in an interview to PTI.

He said in the recent past, militants have targeted non-local labourers, Kashmiri Pandits and other contributors of peace, prosperity and well-being of Kashmir, which goes to show that frustration is setting in among the orchestrators of violence and "they are getting desperate".

"Their actions are causing grave human right violations and degrading Kashmiriyat," Lt Gen Dwivedi said.

He said notwithstanding a few aberrations, people are aware and they have awakened and developed the courage to negate the nefarious designs of anti-

"I see Jammu and Kashmir regaining its past glory and sustaining the hardearned peace through sacrifices of the security forces and people," the Army commander said.

He said the successes on the anti-terrorist front are reflections of higher standards of professionalism and jointness among the security forces.

"This has led to frustration among the perpetrators of proxy war and desperation to prove that terrorism is alive (in Kashmir)," he added.

Lt Gen Dwivedi further said as a result of extraordinary synergy among the security agencies and the forces, especially the Rashtriya Rifles and other organs of the government, the situation in the hinterland of Jammu and Kashmir has seen a tremendous

improvement since August 2019. "There has been a considerable improvement in all the parameters of terrorism and violence," he said adding this has led to frustration among the terrorist leadership and their cross-border mentors.

He said the incidents of attacks against non-local labourers and Kashmiri Pandits have been analysed and appropriate steps are being taken to

Bovine smugglers attack police near Ban Toll Plaza; 'Brave' policemen flee stones and resorted to cane

STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: A local court here directed the district administration to seal a spot in the Gyanvapi Masjid complex after counsels representing the Hindu petitioners said a Shivling was found Monday during a court-mandated videography survey.

A mosque management committee spokesperson disputed the claim, telling a television channel that the object was part of a "fountain". He said lawyers representing the mosque committee were not fully heard before the sealing order was announced.

The Hindu side claimed

Tourist from Delhi dies after slipping into river

in Ganderbal STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A tourist from

Delhi died after he slipped

into a river in Ganderbal dis-

trict on Monday, officials

said. Mohammad Anwar, a

resident of the Okhla area in

Delhi, slipped into Sindh

river at Sonamarg while he

was using his mobile phone,

Anwar was retrieved from

the river by locals and police

but he had died apparently

due to injuries he sustained

on his head, the officials

J&K reports two

new COVID cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday report-

ed two fresh Covid cases; one

each from both the divisions.

thus taking the total number

of positive cases in the Union

According to daily Media

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Territory to 454148.

Bulletin, out of 454148

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NAGROTA: 'Brave' J&K Policemen managed to flee from Ban Toll Plaza when they were attacked by bovine smugglers with stone and sticks. Six policemen including SDPO Nagrota and SHO Nagrota reportedly received minor injuries while fleeing to safer places. Under the garb of nomads, these smugglers were taking cattle to Kashmir Valley. However, smugglers attacked the police when they were stopped from moving ahead.

Asaduddin Owaisi said According to reports, the Jammu District Magistrate Muslims are not prepared ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 office received information that smugglers have gathered in Nagrota area and are planning to take bovines to Kashmir over night without

flee to safer places in nearby forest areas. However, when SDPO, SHO injured in clash;

smugglers flee with over 50 bovines

On this, police was alerted and Toll plaza in Nagrota area was blocked by armed policemen. On seeing smugglers bringing bovines on foot, police asked them to stop but smugglers attacked police party and forcibly broke Naka also.

As police resisted, the smugglers started pelting the SDPO and SHO Nagrota got stuck in middle of smugglers and the duo was

charging over policemen.

The police team managed to

which they received injuries. As the brave police men fled away from the spot, the smugglers took away over more than 50 bovines and fled from the spot through

attacked with sticks, due to

forest area. Police has regis-

tered a case regarding this incident. However, none has been arrested so far as the smugglers managed to cross the area over night.

Here it is relevant to mention that cases of bovine smuggling are increasing continuously in J&K. To crack down on animal smugglers, the police has also put up Nakas at various places. However smugglers are adopting new tactics to take their cattle to Kashmir Valley. The smugglers even pose to be nomads to take the cattle to higher reaches for grazing, as was done in today's case.

KPs continue to protest against Rahul Bhat's killing STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Protests by Kashmiri Pandits over the killing of Rahul Bhat by militants inside his office last week continued in Ganderbal and Anatnag districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

Scores of Kashmiri Pandits assembled at Tulmulla in Ganderbal district to protest against the killing of their community member, the officials said.

The protesters held photographs of Bhat, who was shot dead by the ultras inside his office at Chadoora in Budgam district on May

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Kejriwal urges Centre to ensure best possible

security for KPs NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

Monday urged the Centre to take steps to ensure the best possible security arrangements for Kashmiri Pandits in the wake of the killing last week of a government servant from the community.

Rahul Bhat, who had got the job of a clerk under the special employment package for migrants in 2010-11, was gunned down by terrorists inside the tehsil office in Chadoora town of

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Centre to train 20,000 J&K Govt officials in grievance redressal: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Centre will train 20,000 officials of the Jammu and Kashmir administration in grievance redressal and the task will be undertaken itsDepartment Administrative Reforms and

Grievances (DARPG), Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Addressing an event here,

he said governance reforms must be taken to the next level and proposed the idea of 'aspirational blocks' on the lines of the 'aspirational districts programme' based on



two-day Conference on 'Administrative & Governance reforms' organised by Union Ministry of Personnel, at SKICC, Srinagar.

scientifically evolved indices and aimed at bringing districts lagging in certain parameters at par with the best performing ones.

"Centre will train 20,000 Jammu & Kashmir Govt officials in grievance redressal and the task will be

India categorically rejects OIC's 'unwarranted' comments on delimitation exercise in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on slammed the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for its "unwarranted" comments on the delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir and asked it to refrain from carrying out its "communal agenda" at the behest of one country, in an oblique reference to Pakistan.

In a strongly-worded reaction, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India "categorically rejected" the OIC's comments criticising New Delhi over the

LeT module busted in Bandipora, woman among 7 held

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Security forces

busted a terror module of the Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit by arresting seven terrorists and their associates in Jammu and Kashmir, a police spokesman said.

Investigating the recent encounters in Bandipora, police and security forces busted a terror module of LeT by arresting an active Pakistani-trained terrorist, two hybrid terrorists and four terrorist associates including a woman, he said.

The Pakistan trained terrorist has been identified as Arif Ajaz Shehri, son of Ajaz



Ahmad alias Anfall, resident of Nadihal, who had gone to Pakistan on valid visa 2018 through Wagah Border and infiltrated back to this side after obtaining illegal arms training and started actively working with proscribed terror outfit LeT in Bandipora The two hybrid terrorists have been identified as Ajaz Ahmad Reshi, son of Ah Majeed, resident of Rampora and Shariq Ahmad Lone, son of Mohammad Sadiq

Atmosphere of hate deepening divide between communities: Farooq, Mehbooba

'The Kashmir Files' baseless movie, spread hatred in Kashmir also

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said an atmosphere of hate has been created in the country that is driving a wedge between various communities and called for efforts to arrest this trend.

Abdullah said if the gap between the communities is to be bridged, the hateful campaigns like The Kashmir Files' film and incessant Hindu-Muslim debates on the media have to be stopped.

"If we have to come close to each other, this hate has to be removed. I told him (Lieutenant Governor) about that film (The Kashmir Files) also. I asked him if he

thought it can be true that a Muslim will kill a Hindu and then put the blood in rice and ask his wife to eat it? Do you think we have fallen so low? the Lok Sabha member and National Conference president told reporters in Anantnag district.

Abdullah said The Kashmir Files' was a baseless movie which has not only spread hatred across the country but even here in Kashmir.

"Our youth is full of anger about how we have been projected in the movie. The injustices meted out to Muslims across the country are stoking passions among our youth as well. Such things (movies) should be stopped. The media, which is spreading hate in the coun-



should be stopped, he added.

Abdullah said during a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha on Sunday, PAGD leaders raised the issue of killing of Kashmiri Pandit employee Rahul Bhat inside his office

at Chadoora on May 12. "We wanted to go to

Kulgam where a Rajput was killed, we wanted to go to Budgam (Rahul Bhat's residence) but you did not allow. We did not want to go there to do politics but to express solidarity with the bereaved

How can this continue? How will we come close to each other? he asked.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, who was part of the PAGD delegation, said the National Conference, PDP and Congress governments ensured the safety of Kashmiri Pandits even at the peak of unrest in the valley in 2010 and 2016.

"Even during the peak unrest in 2010 and 2016, there was no killing of Kashmiri Pandits. But the atmosphere of hate they have created, especially after 'The Kashmir Files' movie, a narrative is being pushed to poison minds. Muzaffar Shah, during our interaction with the LG, told him that

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Waiting for FSL report: NIA on bus fire incident near Katra

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Police are awaiting

Forensic Laboratory (FSL) report to know whether the fire in a rying mostly devotees from Mata Vaishno

shrine, was caused due to an explosion or not, officials said on Monday. Four people wer

killed and 24 others injured when the bus caught fire near Nomai shortly after leaving for Jammu from the Katra base camp of the shrine in Reasi district on Friday. Evewitnesses and injured passengers had said they heard a powerful blast before the blaze engulfed the bus. A team of the National

Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday had inspected the passenger bus that was gutted in the mysterious fire



The officials said the police awaiting the FSL report to know the exact cause of the

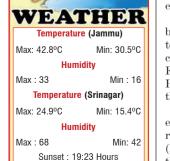
Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh.

who inspected the scene, had

said the initial probe does not

point to the use of any explo-

sive device.



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