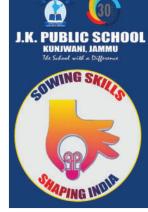
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KP employee killing: Protests continue for day 6

Two women narco-smugglers nabbed; Rs 4.49 cash, 4 Kg Ganja recovered

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Conduct proactive anti-terror ops; ensure hassle-free Amarnath Yatra: Shah to J&K officials

Security arrangements in wake of targeted killings, including of KPs, reviewed

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday advocated proactive coordinated counterterror operations in Jammu and Kashmir as he held three back-to-back meetings to review the situation there as well as arrangements for the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra and asked security forces to ensure zero cross-border infiltration to wipe out terrorism in the union territory.

The marathon meetings held by the home minister came in the backdrop of recent targeted killings in the valley which included a Kashmiri Pandit Rahul Bhat, who was gunned down by terrorists last week.

During the meetings, which attended by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, Director General Police Dibag Singh and other top central and Union Territory



Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah reviewing J&K's security situation during a meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. LG Manoj Sinha also participates.

that this year's 42-day-long yatra, beginning on June 30, will have a Radio Frequency Identification Card (RFID) for every pilgrim besides an insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh.

While Sinha was present in all the three meetings, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande attended the meetings to discuss the security situation in the Union Territory.

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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union minis-

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an essential part of our

He said Prime Minister

Narendra Modi has given a

clarion call for adopting next

generation reforms and

bridge the gap between gov-

In an interaction with the

permanent secretaries of the

government of Gambia, who

are currently in India to

attend a weeklong capacity-

building programme on pub-

ernment and citizens.

future working

statement said the Home Minister directed security forces and the police to conduct coordinated counter-terrorism operations pro-active-

The Home Minister said in order to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a prosperous and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir, securitv forces should ensure zero cross-border infiltration to wipe out terrorism in the

In another statement, the spokesman said the chief secretary informed the meeting that each pilgrim will be provided with a RFID and will be insured with Rs 5 lakh. Earlier, RFID was provided to vehicles only.

Shah said a "hassle-free" journey for the pilgrims is a priority of the Modi government and directed that all arrangements, including additional electricity,

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Ram temple construction at Avodhva on schedule ■ ŠTATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The construction work of Ram temple at Ayodhya, a threestorey structure, is proceeding as per schedule, an official statement said on Tuesday.

According to the statement from the Ram temple construction committee Chairman Nripendra Misra's office, the construction of plinth with granite stone, which started in February 2022, is planned for completion by August 2022. About 17,000 stones of size 5ftx2.5ftx3ft will be used in the construction of the plinth.

"Proven and tested quality of granite stone is being procured from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The Container Corporation of India, Ministry of Railways, has extended full support in the speedy movement of granite to Ayodhya.

"The super structure of the temple will have carved Rajasthan Bansi Paharpur stone. The carving work

1 dead, 3 injured in grenade attack on wine shop in Baramulla Two OWGs of LeT arrested in Budgam

Office of LG J&K 📀

attack shall be punished.

residents of Billawar Kathua

and Govind Singh, son of

Gurdev Singh, resident of

Judo competitions

JKiians outshine in Karate &

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: One person died and three others were injured on Tuesday when terrorists hurled a grenade on a newly opened wine shop in the Baramulla district, officials said.

The terrorists lobbed the grenade towards the wine shop at the court road around 8.30 pm, leaving four people injured, the officials

"Terrorists lobbed a hand grenade inside a newly opened wine shop in Baramulla. O4 employees got injured. One among them succumbed to his injuries. All are from Jammu division. Area cordoned and search started to nab culprits," the spokesman tweeted.

Police said that all the injured were immediately shifted to nearby hospital however, one among the injured identified as Ranjit Singh, son of Kishan Lal, resident of Bakra Rajouri

Vivek appointed Director on BoD of **I&K Bank Ltd** ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday appointed Vivek Bhardwaj, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department as Director on the Board of Directors of J&K Bank Ltd.

"In exercise of powers vested under Article 69(1) of the Articles of Association of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited, Vivek Bhardwaj, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Finance Department is nominated as Director on the Board of Directors of J&K

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succumbed to his injuries. Kangra Rajouri. Among the injured Govind Singh has The other injured employees have been identified as been referred to Srinagar Govardhan Singh, son of hospital for specialised treat-Bijendra Singh; Ravi Kumar, ment. son of Kartar Singh, both Senior Police officers

immediately reached at the terror crime spot. Area

Gyanvapi: SC directs protection of Shivling area

I strongly condemn the terror attack at Dewan Bagh,

Baramulla. My deepest and heartfelt condolences to

recovery of injured. Perpetrators of this heinous terror

the family of Ranjit Singh. I pray for the speedy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI/VARANASI:

The Supreme Court Tuesday directed the District Magistrate of Varanasi to ensure protection of area the Shringar Gauri complex where 'Shivling' is said to be found in the survey and allowed Muslims to offer Namaz' even as a civil court removed advocate commissioner for displaying irresponsible behaviour towards the discharge of his duties.

Balancing the equity, an apex court bench comprising Justices D Y Chandrachud and P S Narasimha, while hearing a plea of the

Rain in Jammu, snowfall in higher

Committee of Management Anjuman Intezamia Masjid which manages Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi, passed the order and refused to stay the ongoing proceedings before the lower court.

During the day, Varanasi court, which had ordered the videography survey of the Gyanvapi Masjid complex, removed Advocate Commissioner Ajay Mishra for displaying "irresponsible behaviour towards the discharge of his duties", while it also granted two more days to the commission to file the survey report. The removal order by District Civil

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India rejects Pak National Assembly's 'farcical resolution' on delimitation exercise in J&K the National Assembly of

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday described as "farcical" a resolution passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan on the delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the neighbouring country has no locus standi to interfere in internal matters of India

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi categorically rejected the resolution and asked Islamabad to stop cross-border terrorism and shut down its "infrastructure of terror-

"We categorically reject the farcical resolution passed by

15 DySPs Telecom placed in Selection Grade

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government

on Thursday ordered placement of 15 Deputy Superintendent of Police (Telecom) in the Selection Grade (Non Functional). "In terms of the Jammu

Kashmir and Police (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 2002, notified vide SRO-132 dated 3rd April, 2002, read with SRO-209 of 2012 dated June 21, 2012, Government Order No.653-Home(P) of 2017 dated June 7, 2017 and Government Order No. $1031\text{-Home}(P) \quad of \quad 2017$ dated August 9, 2017, sanction is accorded to the placement of the 15 Deputy Superintendents of Police (Telecom) in the Selection Deputy Superintendent of Police (Telecom) [Pay Level 10-A (Rs 56600- Rs 179800) of the Pay Matrix,]," read an order issued by R.K Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional

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Max: 39.1°C Max: 36 Min: 22 Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 28.3°C Min: 12.5°C Max: 57 Min: 57

Sunset: 19:24 Hours

Sunrise: 05:33 Hours

JMC passes resolution to remove illegal loudspeakers from religious, public places the JMC Jurisdiction between remove loudspeakers and pub-

STATE TIMES NEWS

the Indian Union Territory of JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Jammu and Kashmir," he on Tuesday passed a resolu-"Pakistan has no locus tion for the removal of loudstandi to pronounce on or speakers and public address interfere in matters that are systems operating without internal to India, including permission from religious and the Indian territories under public places, evoking criti-Pakistan's illegal and forcible cism from the rival Congress.

occupation," Bagchi added. This decision comes after The spokesperson was Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh responding to media queries and Maharashtra implementregarding the resolution ed a similar order. passed by the Pakistan

Narotam Sharma, corporator of Ward 3, introduced a "It is regrettable that resolution in the House meeting of JMC seeking directions to the district magistrate to ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

AI-driven governance to become essential

part of future working: Dr Jitendra

tal remains is expedited as fast as

lic policy and governance, the

minister emphasised technol-

ogy and AI-driven gover-

nance, which, he said, is

going to become an essential

Jammu boy found dead in UK, Dr Jitendra

takes up matter with Indian embassy

NEW DELHI: After getting the information, Union

Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh takes up the matter with Indian

Embassy in London regarding Sushil Choudhary, the Jammu

boy who was found unfortunately dead in a South Hall Hotel

"I have immediately taken up the matter with the Indian

Embassy in London after getting the information," Dr

Jitendra said and added "I am in continuous touch with the

Indian High Commissioner in London, Gavatri Ji, who is

personally ensuring that the process of the return of the mor-

being operated in banquet and

lic address systems that are



community halls, mosques, without permission.

temples, gurdwaras, churches and other religious shrines As per the resolution, the

Jammu district magistrate is required to ensure that no such devices are played within

speakers. It was tabled here in

10 pm to 6 am.

the House and passed," Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta told reporters, adding that the administration will act on it. As the Congress opposed the resolution, Gupta said, "There was no need for any opposition

"Our corporator brought the

resolution on illegal loud-

gions.' He was of the opinion that only those public address systems with requisite permis-

on this as it pertains to all reli-

sions should be allowed within a permissible decibel.

Man dies after getting hit by train near Ratnu Chak

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was killed after he was hit by a train while crossing a railway track on the City outskirts, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident took place near Ratnu Chak, the railway officials said.

The identity of the deceased has not been ascertained yet, they said, adding that the body has been shifted to GMC Hospital here for a post-mortem examination and identification.

Separately an unidentified man was found unconscious in the waiting hall at Jammu railway station, the

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reaches of Kashmir **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Amid

mercury rising for the past few days, Jammu witnessed rain on late Tuesday evening while hundreds of tourists at Gulmarg were treated with a pleasant surprise as the higher reaches of Kashmir Valley received snowfall -- unusual for this time of the year -- and

There was a light snowfall in the higher reaches of the Valley including Gulmarg bowl, the officials

the plains a bout of heavy rain,

officials said here

They said tourists at the Gulmarg resort were



A scooterist wading through flooded road in Gandhi Nagar after sudden rainfall in Jammu on Tuesday evening.

delighted to witness snowfall and enjoyed the rare occurrence even though the temperature dropped suddenly close to the freezing point. Meanwhile, rains lashed

most parts of the valley. The rains were preceded by strong winds which uprooted many trees, causing damage to electricity supply net-

India aims to roll out 6G telecom network by end of decade: PM

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part of our future working.

Singh, the Minister of State

for Personnel, said, in the

last nearly 8 years, India

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India is targeting the rollout of 6G telecom network, which will provide ultra high speed internet connectivity, by the end of the decade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday.

India currently has 3G and 4G telecom networks and companies are gearing up to launch 5G over the next

Speaking at the silver jubilee event of telecom sector regulator TRAI here, he said it is estimated that the 5G network rollout will add USD 450 billion to the Indian economy.

"This is not just increasing internet speed but also the pace of development and creating jobs," he said, adding the 5G technology will bring positive change in governance of the country, ease of living and ease of doing business.

It will boost growth in agriculture, health, education, infrastructure and logistics, he said.



Connectivity, Modi said, will decide the progress of the country in the 21st century and so modern day

infrastructure needs to be rolled out. According to the prime minister, a task force has started work on rolling

out the 6G network by the end of the

Taking potshots at the previous Congress-led UPA government, Modi said the 2G era was symbolic of policy paralysis and corruption. The country, under his government,

has moved transparently to 4G and is

now going to 5G and TRAI has played a very important role in this transition, Modi said. The prime minister said that whenever the industry has faced challenges

like retrospective tax or adjusted gross revenue, then his government has responded to the crisis expeditiously and undertaken reforms wherever required. "These efforts have created new

trust. The result of this is that over one-and-a-half times more FDI in the telecom sector has come in the last 8 vears compared to the amount that came into the country before 2014,

Teledensity and internet users are fast expanding, he said, adding that

mobile manufacturing units in India have expanded from 2 to over 200 and the country is now the world's biggest mobile manufacturing hub.

The prime minister also said that his government has encouraged healthy competition that has led to India having one of the cheapest telecom data charges in the world.

Indigenous 5G test bed in telecom sector is an important step in India's self-reliance, he added.

Telecom minister Vaishnaw said the country's scientists and engineers have developed a complete 4G stack which is ready for deployment by the BSNL and the 5G stack is at an advanced stage of development.

"By the end of this year, we should see our indigenously developed 5G technology stack," Vaishnaw said.

He also said that reforms will be carried out at the spectrum management arm of the Department of Telecom --■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Troops fully prepared to deal with infiltration along LoC: Army

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A top army official on Tuesday said that Indian troops are fully alert along the Line of Control (LoC) to foil any infiltration bid, asserting that terror camps are still operational across

the border. "Our troops deployed on the LoC are fully alert. If any infiltration bid is made by the enemy, we will foil them 100 per cent," the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 16 Corps, Lt General Manjinder Singh, told reporters in Reasi on the sidelines of the unveiling of a sports calendar for 2022-2023.

The calendar has been jointly prepared by the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in Reasi.

Lt Gen Singh further said that terrorist camps already existed across the border and they are still operational. "Their number increases and decreases depending upon the season", he added. Replying to a question

about the sports activity being launched by the 16 Corps, he said that in keeping with the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and the Fit India Campaign', the sports calendar will provide an opportunity to the promising sportspersons, especially those from the remote areas of the region, to get recognition and achieve greater laurels for the Union Territory. "The Indian Army has always promoted sports and would continue to do so in future as well," he said.