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| HSS J&K praises PM Modi for making **UU** G20 event a big success in Kashmir

JU organises talk on G20 Meeting in **Kashmir and India's Strategic Advantage** 

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Leave of doctors.

paramedics cancelled

ahead of Amarnath Yatra

JAMMU: The authorities have cancelled all leaves of

doctors and paramedical

staff members, except those

granted time off on materni-

ty and medical grounds,

from June 19 in view of the

The annual pilgrimage to

the 3.880-metre cave shrine

is scheduled to commence on

**Govt appoints Grievance** 

**Redressal Officers for** 

**Persons with Disabilities** 

SRINAGAR: The govern-

ment of Jammu and

Kashmir on Wednesday

Redressal Officers for

Persons with Disability in all

the concerned departments

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Grievance

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**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

# Modi in Sydney: Indian diaspora Seven dead as vehicle rolls

An electrifying experience to hear

## down in Kishtwar LG Sinha, Dr Jitendra, Azad express grief

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Seven persons including two Jharkhand were killed and three others critically injured after a vehicle ferrying workers of a power project rolled down a hill in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police said.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Jitendra Singh, and leaders from almost all political parties expressed their grief over the accident which occurred near Dangduru power project site in remote Dacchan area around 8.35 am.

Since the accident, the officials said, hundreds of workers have been staging a protest at the work site demanding the company to compensate the families of the victims and pay for the treatment of the injured.

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav said the accident took place amid heavy rains in the area.

Wreckage of vehicle at the accident spot "Seven persons are confirmed dead and three others critically injured in the accident," Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmad Poswal told PTI.

He said the injured were rushed to a hospital by the rescuers who were helped in the operation by locals.

According to the officials, the driver of the vehicle lost control while negotiating a blind curve and drove down

The vehicle turned into an

iron mangle after falling down several hundred feet before coming to halt, they said, adding six persons were found dead on-the-spot, while one more succumbed

while on way to hospital. Victims were identified as Itwa Singh and Rahul Kumar of Jharkhand. Sudesh Singh of Kastigarh, Akhter Hussain Dangduru, Abdul Rashid of Banjwar, Mubashir Ahmad of Doda, and Karan

# LG visits Jhelum Riverfront, says aim is to restore historical glory of Srinagar City

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LG Manoj Sinha during visit to Jhelum Riverfront at Srinagar on Wednesday.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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G20 tourism track meet in Srinagar successful:

Korean Ambassador

SRINAGAR: The G20

Tourism Working Group

meeting here was a success.

South Korean Ambassador

to India Chang Jae-bok said

on Wednesday, adding that

Kashmir is a wonderful place

The Korean ambassador

said Seoul strongly support-

ed India's presidency and

expressed hope that New

Delhi will make the G20

meetings successful. He told

Ram temple in

Avodhya to open in

January next year

LUCKNOW: The Uttar

Pradesh government has

expedited infrastructure

works in Ayodhya, including expansion of its airport and

railway station, as the city prepares for the opening of

the Ram temple in January

next year, according to a

statement. Work is also in

WEATHER

Sunset: 19:29 Hours

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Max: 32.7°C

Max: 18.4°C

Max: 72

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Stressing

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited Jhelum Rajbagh Riverfront on Wednesday and spent a few memorable moments with the peo-

At the Riverfront, the Lt Governor enquired about the works and directed the CEO, Srinagar Smart City to establish a visiting room and other facilities like Library and reading room for the

Trying to take justice to every

door through technology: CJI

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said

"The Jhelum Riverfront captures the grandeur of the city, the river, joy and enthusiasm of the people, and the walk along the river is rejuvenating and an experience not to be missed," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor praised the vibrant ambience and commendable work done by the Srinagar Smart City Limited. "In the coming days, the Jhelum Riverfront will attract more visicitizens. Other development works are also tapping the vast potential and vitality of Srinagar city," he observed.

The Lt Governor also told the officials that the collective effort should be to make the city come alive and improve infrastructure for people.

"Our prime objective is to restore the historical glory of the city, create infrastructure that improves quality of living for all the citizens and to provide better and improved urban services," the Lt

Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner SMC and CEO Srinagar Smart City briefed the Lt Governor on the works for the development of the Jhelum Riverfront. Pertinently, Rajbagh Riverfront stretch, under Srinagar Smart City, has been transformed into a world-class public space with facilities like walkways, cycling, green space, free wifi, universal access and numerous activities. Hashtag art along with other artifacts have also been installed on the Riverfront. Vijay Kumar Divisional Bidhuri, Commissioner, Kashmir and other senior officers accompanied the Lt

## Crime Branch exposes major scandal of flouting JMC laws 'Fraudster' Babli (Anita Sharma) gets pre-arrest bail in impersonation, cheating case

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Anita Sharma alias Babli, wife be linked with common life," the CJI of Shiv Kumar Sharma alias Bunty against whom FIR 48 dated May 13, 2023 registered by Crime Branch under Addressing gathering during sections 420/120B granted pre-arrest bail by First Additional Sessions Judge the inauguration of the new building of V S Bahu on Wednesday upto May 31, 2023--the next date of hearing. Jharkhand

High Court, Justice The Crime Branch (CB) wing of Chandrachud said the judici-Jammu and Kashmir Police booked arv can take justice to 6.4 'fraudster' Anita Sharma, wife of Shiv lakh villages when court Kumar Sharma, resident of 23 B/C work is done in languages Gandhi Nagar, a known Financer, Fruit mentioned Dealer and Wine Merchant for imperinConstitution. He said 6,000 sonation, cheating and fraud. Apprehending her arrest, she filed anticcourt orders were translated into Hindi. The  $\mathrm{C}\mathrm{J}\mathrm{I}$ ipatory bail plea. In her bail application, Anita Sharma

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# ▶ BUNTY-BABLI CASE <</p>



alias Babli stated that she is apprehending her arrest in this non-bailable offence under charges of impersonation, cheating and fraud. "If she is arrested, her family will suffer immensely financially and her reputation will be tarnished in front of public at large," she stated in her bail plea.

The court of First Additional Sessions Judge has granted anticipatory bail to Anita Sharma alias Babli till May 31 and has sought status report from the Crime Branch

According to FIR 48/2023, Anita Sharma impersonated as the owner of House Number 84/110-A, Gandhi Nagar and tried to cheat Jammu Municipal Corporation to get under process certificate **CONTD ON PAGE 9** 

## CS launches eUnnat Dashboard with Auto-appeal System services are breached for any

of them.

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Wednesday launched the PSGA autoappeal system for 103 services offered by different govdepartments through eUnnat dashboard in presence of Commissioner Secretary GAD, Sanjeev Commissioner Verma; Secretary IT, Prerna Puri and Secretary Revenue,

Piyush Singla. The system shall trigger appeal to appellate authorities once the time lines specified under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) for availing these

Dr Mehta complimented the IT Department for inte-

grating the feature in the vital digital services offered by these Departments to the citizens. He observed that this feature is going to act as a turning point in maintaining transparency and accountability in delivery of services to the public and eradicating corruption.

He maintained that auto escalation feature of online services is going to put an end to malpractices besides promoting fairness, a priority set by the current

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## Modi raises with Australian counterpart attacks on temples, pro-Khalistani activities



PM Narendra Modi and Australian PM Anthony Albanese at the joint press meet. (More details on Pg-10)

SYDNEY: Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised with his

Anthony Albanese India's concerns over incidents of attacks on temples and activities of pro-Khalistani ele-

### **Modi invites Albanese to** watch Cricket World Cup, Diwali celebration in India

the two countries decided to conclude a comprehensive trade deal by the end of the

After wide-ranging talks between Modi and Albanese, the two sides also inked a migration and mobility partnership pact to open up opportunities for students, academic researchers and business people and to prevent illegal migration.

Modi and Albanese also witnessed the signing of

## G20 delegates enjoy golf. visit Mughal garden

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Delegates attending the third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting here enjoyed a session of golf and visited the famous Mughal garden on the banks of the Dal Lake on Wednesday, officials said.

In the morning, the delegates took part in a yoga session held in the lawns of a luxury hotel where they are staying.

The officials said the delegates and India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant played golf at the Royal Golf Course Springs (RSGC). They then visited Nishat -- the famed 12

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## Houses of eight Pak-based terrorists raided in Kishtwar, Ramban

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police Special Investigation Unit (SIU) on Wednesday conducted raids on houses of eight Pakistanbased terrorists at multiple locations in Kishtwar and Ramban districts, senior officials said.

The raids were carried out in Padder, Keshwan and Thakrai in Kishtwar and Khari and Banihal in Ramban to scuttle attempts by these terrorists to revive militancy in the Chenab valley region, they said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil



SIU team during raid in house of a terrorist at Kishtwar.

building inauguration; don't politicise

Ahmad Poswal said the searches at the houses of Azad Hussain, Gazi-ud-Din, Bashir Ahmed Mughal and Sattar Din, alias Rajab, were conducted after search war-

rants were obtained from a special NIA court in Jammu in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. "The searches are aimed

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## Heavy rains lash Jammu region, landslide blocks NH Woman feared drowned; 3 rescued amid downpour in Poonch, Rajouri

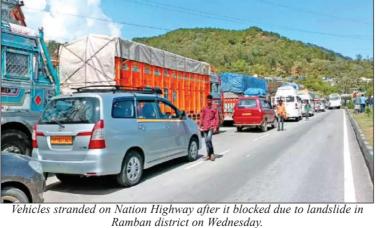
JAMMU: In a respite from the scorching heat wave conditions, heavy rains on Wednesday lashed various areas of the Jammu region bringing down the temperature.

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was blocked for a brief period due to landslides triggered by heavy rains in Ramban district. There were rains in various areas of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur, Rajouri and Reasi districts on Wednesday, officials said.

A hailstorm hit Cheddi area in Udhampur district, causing damage to crops, they said.

Heavy rains lashed the Jammu city around late afternoon leading to dip in temperature, they said.

The rains have brought much relief to the people battling with a scorching heat wave going on for



the past one week.

Flash Floods were triggered in some areas of hilly belts of Rajouri and Ramban due to heavy rains, the officials said.

A woman was feared drowned while three people trapped in flash

floods were rescued in the nick of time as heavy rains led to sudden rise in water bodies in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, officials said.

Two women -- Naseema Akhtar and Kulzum Bi -- were swept in Poonch district late afternoon

on Wednesday, the officials said. They said while Akhtar was rescued by a joint team of police and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Kulzum Bi (28) remained untraced. A rescue operation is on to trace her, the official said, adding they were trapped by the sudden rise in the water level.

In Rajouri district, two men -Ankush Kumar of Rajouri and Sunil Kumar of Punjab were rescued by a joint team of police and SDRF in an hour-long operation after they were found trapped in flash floods in Darhali river near Tariq bridge. The civil and police officers in the twin districts issued separate advisories, asking people not to move close to water bodies, especially rivers, in view of apprehensions of flash flood amid rain-

### event, asserts Amit Shah STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: As many as 19 opposition parties, including the Congress, Left, TMC, SP and AAP, came together on Wednesday and announced their decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying they find no value in a new building when the "soul of democracy has

been sucked out". Reacting Opposition's decision, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said they will respond as per their wisdom but asked them not to politicise the event in which 'Sengol', a historical sceptre from Tamil Nadu, which was received by the Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to represent the transfer of power

from the British and will be installed in the new complex. Parliamentary Minister Pralhad Joshi termed the call by the opposition parties as "unfortunate" and urged them to reconsider their stand.

Noting that the inauguration of the Parliament building is a momentous occasion, the opposition parties in a joint statement said,"despite our belief that the government is threatening democracy, and our disapproval of the autocratic manner in which the new Parliament was built, we were open to sinking our differences and marking this occasion".

However, Prime Minister Modi's decision to inaugurate the new Parliament building by himself,"completely

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