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Four lives lost, one missing in Jammu's heavy rainfall

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Four people drowned and one is feared dead in separate incidents after they fell into the swollen water bodies after heavy rainfall here, officials said on Tuesday.

The rainfall also triggered landslides at multiple places between Ramban and Banihal along the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway which remained closed for vehicular traffic for the second day, the officials said.

The drowning incidents were reported from Reasi, Ramban, Doda and Jammu districts late Monday evening. While four bodies were fished out by the rescuers, the search for a girl is still on, they said.

Mohd Shafi (65) and Mumira Bano (17) accidentally fell into the fast-flowing waters while crossing the Deval and Dunga streams in Reasi, officials said. Shafi's



Ramban land subsidence: CS reviews relief, restoration measures

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday convened a high level meeting to review the measures initiated for relief and rehabilitation in the area affected by the recent land subsidence in Ramban district.

The meeting, among others, was attended by ACS Jal Shakti, Principal Secretary Home, Principal Secretary PDD, ADGP L&O, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Secretary Revenue, Secretary Health, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, MD KPDCI, Chief Engineer R&B Jammu (South) and other

body was retrieved from the river, and efforts are on to locate Bano who had come from Gool to attend a marriage function in the village.

Kaushal Kumar drowned while crossing a stream at Lower Gadigarh in the outskirts of Jammu city. The State Disaster Response Force and local volunteers recovered his body late afternoon, they said.

In Doda district, the body of Firdous Ahmad (13), a resident of Mallan-Dessa, was fished out from Kund Nallah on Tuesday morning. He was crossing the stream when he was swept away by the strong current, they said. In another incident, the body of Yaqoob Mir (13) was fished out from a river after he was hit by a rolling boulder from a hillock near his house in Karool area of Ramban, the officials said.

Heavy rains lashed wide parts of Jammu

Threat of flood in Kashmir subsides

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Except for Kupwara and some low-lying areas, the threat of floods in Kashmir subsided on Tuesday as the water level in Jhelum and other water bodies in the valley began receding after the three-day incessant rainfall stopped late last night.

The officials said the water level at downstream locations along the river

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Woman jumps into Tawi River, rescued by locals

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A 21-year-old woman on Tuesday jumped into river Tawi from a bridge here and was rescued by the timely intervention of locals, officials said.

According to police, the woman was walking over the Tawi Bridge, connecting Jewel Chowk with Bikram Chowk in the heart of the city, and suddenly jumped into the swollen water body, the officials said.

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Election to Anantnag-Rajouri LS seat deferred to May 25

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: The Election Commission on Tuesday postponed polls to the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat to May 25, citing logistical issues due to adverse weather conditions.

There are 20 candidates in the race including former chief minister and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and noted religious leader Mian Altaf. The election was earlier scheduled to be held on May 7.

Except for the poll date, there are no changes in any part of the schedule, officials said.

In an official communication, the EC said that various representations were received from different political parties of Jammu and Kashmir for shifting the date of election to the Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary constituency.

These parties had cited various logistic, communication

and natural barriers of connectivity turning out as a hindrance in campaigning which in turn amounted to a lack of fair opportunities for the contesting candidates in the parliamentary constituency.

"The Commission, after considering a report from UT administration as well as analysing the ground situation prevailing in the said constituency, has decided under Section 56 of Representation of People Act, 1951, to revise the date of poll" from May 7 to May 25, it said.

The Election Commission officials said the Commission has only revised the poll date for the Lok Sabha seat and all statutory processes including nomination, scrutiny and withdrawal are already over with 20 contesting candidates.

The leaders, who had petitioned the EC, included Jammu and Kashmir BJP unit chief Ravinder Raina,

Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari, People's Conference leader Imran Ansari and others.

The Election Commission had asked the Jammu and Kashmir administration to immediately submit a detailed report on road conditions, weather and accessibility to the region which covers parts of South Kashmir and areas in Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu region.

Former chief ministers of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir Omar Abdullah (National Conference) and Mehbooba Mufti (PDP) had urged the Election Commission last week not to postpone polls.

The former chief ministers made the appeal after the EC sought a report from Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and the Chief Electoral Officer on representations submitted by some parties and three candidates seeking

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Dr Praveen Lone appointed as Principal IGGDC Jammu; Dr Ajaz GDC Srinagar



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dr. Praveen Akhter Lone, Professor and Head of Department (HoD) of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery has been given the charge of the post of Principal, Indira Gandhi,

Government Dental College Jammu.

"Consequent upon the retirement of Dr. Riyaz Farooq, Principal, Government Dental College, Srinagar and Dr. Rakesh Krishen Gupta, Principal, Indira Gandhi Government Dental College, Jammu on April 30, 2024 (A.N) and due to the Model Code of Conduct being in place because of General Elections to Lok Sabha-2024, it is ordered that two Professors/HoDs shall temporarily look after the

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We hit terrorists in their homes, says Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
LATUR/SOLAPUR/DHARASHIV: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asserted his government has adopted a bold new approach on national security and believes in hitting terrorists by entering their homes instead of sending dossiers on them which was the practice under the Congress rule.

Addressing three election rallies on the trot for the second consecutive day in Maharashtra, the BJP's star campaigner once again targeted NCP (SP) President Sharad Pawar, and accused the Congress-led opposition of circulating artificial intelligence-powered fake videos on social media in its fight against the saffron party.

He noted the BJP-led government's approach on tackling terror has seen a



sea change to what was followed during the Congress regime.

Unlike the practice during the Congress rule of sending dossiers to Pakistan after the 2008 Mumbai attacks, the BJP-led government takes terrorists head on, Modi emphasised. "During the Congress regime, the

news headlines were about India handing over another dossier to Pakistan about terror activities. It used to be big news. Some of our friends in the media used to clap after any such dossier was sent," the PM said at an election rally in central Maharashtra's Latour.

"Today, India doesn't send dossiers. 'Aaj Bharat ghar mein ghus ke marta hai' (Today, India enters homes of terrorists and hits them hard)," Modi said.

The BJP stalwart highlighted anti-terror operations undertaken by his government after assuming office in 2014 and added this approach marks the rise of a 'New Bharat'.

"The headlines in Naya Bharat are: Mission LOC, India punishes Pakistan through surgical strikes," Modi told the gathering.

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Self-reliance key to deal with future security challenges: Army Chief



STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Warfare has transcended into new domains, such as space, cyber, electromagnetic spectrum and information systems, and India must develop indigenous capabilities to deal with future security

challenges, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Tuesday.

The Army chief especially underlined the importance of "technology infusion" and "self-reliance" in the armed forces, saying both are distinct yet interconnected.

Gen Pande said India must develop its indigenous military capabilities as no country will share the latest, advanced and critical technology with it.

"Warfare has transcended into new domains, such as space, cyber,

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2 more candidates file nomination papers for Baramulla PC

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: To contest the General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 from 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency (PC), two more candidates filed their nomination papers on Tuesday at the office of the Returning Officer (RO), Minga Sherpa, here today.

Muzaffar Hussain Dar, an independent candidate from HMT Srinagar and Hilal Ahmad Wagay, an independent candidate from Hajin Sonawari filed their nomination papers before the RO for 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency.

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NDA releases welfare-centric manifesto, promises Rs 1,500 pension to women

STATE TIMES NEWS
AMRAVATI: The National Democratic Alliance comprising BJP, TDP and Janasena in Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday released its joint manifesto for the upcoming elections in the state, featuring 'super six' promises and several other welfare-centric schemes.

The highlight of the manifesto is the 'super six' schemes, which includes Rs 1,500 monthly pension to women in the age bracket of 19 to 59 years, 20 lakh jobs for youth or Rs 3,000 monthly unemployment aid and free bus travel for women.

Other schemes under 'super six' are three free cooking gas cylinders to every household per year, and Rs 20,000 annual financial assistance to every farmer.

"We conducted a thorough exercise on this (manifesto). Both TDP and Janasena sat together and came up with it. We also took some suggestions from BJP before going ahead," said TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu while releasing the manifesto at his Andhra Pradesh residence in Undavalli, Guntur district.

Besides the 'super six', the manifesto brought the P4 scheme, which constitutes

Public, Private, People and Partnership, aimed at transforming poor people into rich sections.

Targeting youth employment, Naidu promised a mega teacher recruitment drive and annual job calendar, along with dedicated employment zones for North Andhra, Coastal and Rayalaseema regions.

Naidu vowed to implement the 10 percent Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation brought by the NDA government, along with an economic survey every five years.

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POCSO charges among 20 cases against Independent candidate from Anantnag-Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Imran Sheikh, an Independent candidate from Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha constituency, has 20 cases, including one under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, registered against him over the past nine years.

This is the maximum number of cases against any of the 20 contestants from the constituency.

According to the affidavit filed by Sheikh along with his nomination papers, the cases are registered in

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Multiple sale of same land led to 39-yr-old man's murder Notorious land grabber Gola Shah again shines in Greater Kailash murder case

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Name of a notorious land grabber Ravinder Kumar alias Gola Shah has again surfaced, in a major crime, this time in murder of a 39-year-old man at Greater Kailash area on Monday evening. The victim's family has also alleged the involvement of some police officers for supporting land grabbing for obvious reasons.

The deceased Avtar Singh son of Balbir Singh was attacked by the goons reportedly associated with Gola Shah at Greater Kailash today evening. His body was late in evening shifted to GMC hospital for post-mortem, the report of which is awaited.

The deceased's family members said that Gola

Shah was also along with the murderers and he managed to flee from the spot. "We had also informed police that Gola Shah and goons are threatening my son, but police delayed," said victim's father to media persons at GMC hospital Jammu, leveling serious allegations against IC/PP Greater Kailash SI- Puneet Sharma and SHO Gangyal Inspector Harmohinder Singh.

"Our plot measuring 1 kanal and 13 marlas was being again grabbed by Gola Shah and his close associate retired SSP Sheikh Mehmood alias Moodi," said victim's father, adding Gola sold this land to us in 2008 and in 2018 Gola Shah re-sold this plot to relative of SSP Moodi and now today



Ravinder Kumar alias Gola Shah

my son was murdered when he went to this plot, which we purchased in 2008."

"Gola Shah was actually cornered and exposed during the tenure of Dilbagh Singh as IGP Jammu Zone. His nexus was busted and FIRs were registered against Gola at that time for selling plots to multiple clients in Greater

Kailash, Chowadhi, Bathindi, Sunjwan, Channi Himmat extension and Trikuta Nagar extension," members of victim's family said, while protesting at Jammu GMC hospital's mortuary.

"During his arrest in multiple FIRs at various police stations, Gola Shah was put to clean the toilets and washrooms in police stations besides being taken to courts in open vehicles so that people identify him and don't put their hard earned money to buy already sold land from him. Later, Gola Shah kept quiet for some time and now again started his land grabbing business," said the family members of the deceased.

"Earlier police has tightened the noose around Gola

Shah but nowadays he has again started land grabbing, threatening people, and reselling the already sold plots in association with some police officials," said Ex-DDC Member Taranjit Singh Tony, who joined the aggrieved family in the protest.

Various FIRs have been registered against Gola Shah at Gangyal, Bahu Fort, RS Pura, Gandhi Nagar and Crime Branch police stations, pertaining to land grabbing offences, land frauds, trespassing, Arms Act and Section 420.

People have approached Crime Branch and police stations at different places along with complaints of land grabbing by Gola

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Beware of Sharing Credentials !

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