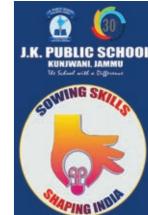


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# Ensure we rid society of elements aiding, abetting terrorists: LG tells people

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#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday laid the foundation stone of Guest House at Holy Shrine Dargah Hazratbal in Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations to members of Jammu Kashmir Waqf Board and all the stakeholders. He said, in the past few years, the basic facilities for the pilgrims have seen tremendous improvement and the infrastructure development has eased the pilgrimage to Hazratbal, a revered spiritu-

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the people to ensure that we rid the society of elements aiding and abetting terrorists, bring the terror elements hiding among the public to justice and the infrastructure and other projects must be given a new impetus to meet the developmental needs of the people. Paving homage to the inno-

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We need to strike hard at terror ecosystem. The supporters of terrorists should ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after laying foundation stone of Guest House at

Pakistan-Sponsored Terrorists in Pahalgam, the Lieutenant Governor said. Operation Sindoor avenged Pahalgam terror attack by punishing terror state Pakistan and firmly enforced India's zero-tolerance policy

towards terrorism. He said, the brave soldiers of our armed forces have not only destroyed the terror factories deep inside Pakistan but have also drawn a new red line. Now any terror attack will be considered an 'act of war' and Pakistan will be given the harshest punishment for it, he further

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#### Govt ratifies interest rate at 8.25 pc on EPF for FY25

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: The government has ratified the rate of interest on employees' provident fund at 8.25 per cent for FY25, enabling retirement fund body EPFO to deposit the annual interest accumulation in the postretirement funds of over 7 crore subscribers.

EPFO, on February 28, had decided to retain

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#### Intruder shot dead by BSF along IB

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

AHMEDABAD: The Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Pakistani intruder attempting to enter from the India-Pakistan international border in Gujarat, an official said on Saturday. Alert BSF troops spotted a suspicious person advancing towards the border fence after crossing the international border in Banaskantha on Friday night, the BSF stated in a release. "They challenged the intruder, but he continued to advance, prompting them to open fire. The intruder was neutralised on the spot," the release said.

# If Centre, states work together like Team India, no goal is impossible: Modi



PM Narendra Modi chairing 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that global investors are hugely interested in India and the states should utilise this opportunity to attract investments by removing policy bottlenecks, as he stressed that if the Union government and states work together like Team India, no goal is impos-

Addressing the 10th Governing Council meeting of Niti Aayog, Modi said India has signed trade agreements with the United UAE and Kingdom, Australia, and states should

utilise the opportunity to the optimum.

Briefing reporters about the meeting, Niti Aayog CEO B V R Subrahmanyam said the meeting was attended by 31 states and Union Territories of a total of 36, adding those who could not make it had prior commitments and informed the Council.

The states which did not attend the meeting were Karnataka, Kerala, West Bihar Bengal. Puducherry, he said, adding the 10th meeting of the Council saw maximum atten-

Subrahmanyam further

said that everyone present at the meeting unanimously supported Operation Sindoor, undertaken by India to destroy terror infrastruc-

ture in Pakistan. "Prime Minister mentioned that 'Operation Sindoor should not be treated as a one-off initiative and we must adopt a long-term approach," said a Niti Aayog statement.

"Prime Minister mentioned that we must modernise our approach to civil preparedness," it added.

The statement said the prime minister observed that global investors are

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#### **BOPEE** conducts CET for B-Pharmacy, **D-Pharmacy courses**

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Board Kashmir Professional Entrance Examinations (JK BOPEE) conducted the Common Entrance Test (CET) for B-Pharmacy and D-Pharmacy courses-2025 for the academic session 2025-26 on Saturday oat Jammu and Srinagar Centres.

The test was conducted at S P College, Srinagar and Kashmir University in the Kashmir Division and Gandhi Nagar College for Women and MAM College, in Jammu Division, where in 2022 candidates appeared in this examination.

#### Will not be silenced by terrorism, says Tharoor **STATE TIMES NEWS**

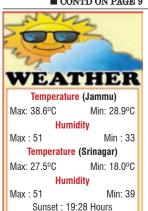
#### NEW DELHI: Congress

MP Shashi Tharoor, who is leading a multi-party delegation to five countries, has asserted the mission would be to give the world the message that "we will not be silenced by terrorism" and that "we don't want the world to look away either".

Tharoor made the remarks late last night just before his delegation left for a visit to Guyana, Panama, Colombia, Brazil and the United States

In a video message posted on X, Tharoor said, "I'm heading off to five countries leading an all-party delegation to Guyana, Panama, Colombia, Brazil and the United States, and the reason we are going is to speak for the nation, to speak about this horrendous crisis we were subjected to in which our country was attacked by terrorists in the cruellest possible way." The Thiruvananthapuram

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Sunrise: 05:26 Hours

#### To ensure smooth conduct of the Entrance Test, arrangements had been

established in collaboration with the respective university/college administrations and law enforcement agencies under the guidance of Professor Minu Mahajan, Chairperson, J&K BOPEE. The process was conducted under the diligent supervi-JKBOPEE staff members and the staff from the respective colleges.

The members, Secretary, Controller of Examinations and other officials of BOPEE, actively

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to conduct a cadre

review, which was due

in 2021, in all the

Central Armed Police

including ITBP, BSF,

CRPF, CISF and SSB,

to be carried out within

A bench of justices

Abhay S Oka and Ujjal

Bhuyan on Friday

Department of Personnel

and Training to take an

appropriate decision within

three months of receipt of

six months.

DELHI:

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Supreme Court has directed

# CS chairs SLSC meet; approves Rs 75.80 Cr AAP for Watershed Development

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

Holy Shrine Dargah Hazratbal on Saturday.

The State SRINAGAR: Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) for the Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) 2.0, which met here on Saturday under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, gave nod to Annual Action Plan worth Rs 75.80 crore for Watershed Development under PMKSY.

SC orders cadre review in all Central

Armed Police Forces within 6 months

action taken report from the

Ministry of Home Affairs

regarding cadre review and

The meeting was convened to review implementation of the scheme besides assessing the Annual Action Plan for **CONTD ON PAGE 9** the year 2025-26.



Present in the meeting were Principal Secretary, Finance; Secretary, RDD; representatives from JSD, PWD, Revenue and other concerned officers.

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Non Functional Financial

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restructuring and

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to make the best use of this scheme for creation of durable assets in the water stressed areas. He called for community participation in such initiatives so that these could prove to be the most beneficial for them.

#### Teenager found dead in Rajouri; family

## stages protest state times news

RAJOURI/JAMMU: An 18year-old girl was found dead in a remote village in the Rajouri district, officials said

on Saturday. Sonia Akhter, a resident of Kewal Budhal village, left her house on Friday evening and was later found dead in a nearby gorge during a

search by villagers, the offi-

cials said. They said the postmortem of the deceased was conducted by a board of doctors at a local hospital this morning before the body was handed over to her family for the last

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He assessed the progress registered in different districts being covered under this flagship scheme and stressed on prioritizing works which are most suitable for the particular areas. He directed the senior officers in the department to conduct frequent visits to the sites to take first hand appraisal of the works being executed under this scheme. Principal Secretary.

and Finance Departments, Shailendra Kumar, while speaking in the meeting, stressed on includ-

### Actor Mukul Dev dies at 54

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Actor Mukul Dev, best known for his roles in

films such as "Son of Sardaar", "Yamla Pagla Deewana'

away, his brother Rahul Dev said on Saturday. He was 54. "My brother Mukul Dev

passed away peacefully last night at New Delhi due to ailing health," Rahul Dev According to Mukul Dev's

close friend Vindu Dara Singh, the actor died at a ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 hospital in the national capi-

"He was unwell for eight to ten days. He was not looking

health was depressed demise of his mother. were waiting for Mukul to join us for the

photo shoot of 'Son of Sardaar 2' but he had stopped answering our calls,'

Singh told PTI. His last rites will be held at Davanand Mukti Dham cre-

matorium in Nizamuddin West at 5 pm.

Mukul Dev, a former

model, is survived by

# ACB books Srinagar DC office employee in DA case

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday registered Disproportionate Assets Case against Imtivaz Ahmad Bhat, Nazir, DC office Srinagar.

"ACB registered a case against Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat, son of late Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, resident of Firdousabad, Batamaloo, Srinagar presently posted as Nazir in the office of the Commissioner, Srinagar for possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income," an ACB official said.

A discreet verification conducted by the Bureau into the financial transactions and asset holdings of the said public servant revealed that Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat has accumulated assets grossly disproportionate to his known and legitimate sources of income, official said adding that the assets identified during the verifica-

tion include a residential situated house Firdousabad, Batamaloo, Srinagar, constructed on land measuring 11 marlas; an additional structure with appurtenant land measuring 6.5 marlas at the same location; land measuring 10 marlas at Mouza Nowgam, Srinagar; land measuring 13 marlas at Mouza Nowgam, Srinagar; and movable assets including luxury vehicles such as a Toyota Fortuner, Maruti Wagon-R, Renault Duster.

Official added that the verification also brought to light substantial expenditures incurred on the higher education of his children. Scrutiny of various bank accounts revealed multiple suspicious transactions and unexplained cash deposits. Furthermore, official

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### J&K Govt suspends mobile internet service in parts of Bhaderwah till May 27

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has ordered temporary suspension of mobile internet service till May 27 in parts of Bhaderwah in Doda district over its likely misuse by "anti-national elements" to disrupt public order, officials said. The Home Department

ordered the suspension of mobile internet service on 37 towers - 19 of Reliance Jio and 18 of Airtel - on the recof IGP ommendation (Jammu Zone) Bhim Sen Tuti, they said.

In the order, Principal (Home) Chandraker Bharti said the services have been suspended

with effect from 8 pm on May 22 to 8 pm on May 27. "The Jammu Zone IGP

review of existing service

The court's direction came

on a batch of pleas seeking

rules/recruitment rules.

being the authorised officer under Rule 3 of Telecommunications (Temporary Suspension of Services) Rules, 2024, has issued directions to the telecom and internet service providers to suspend mobile data services temporarily in the Bhaderwah area.

"The order/letter under reference, inter-alia, mentions that mobile data services -2G/3G/4G/5G and public wifi - are likely to be misused by anti-national elements/miscreants, which may cause deterioration in public order," the order said.

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# Pakistan put in abeyance principles guiding IWT: MEA

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: India's decision to put the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance is only a natural outcome of Pakistan putting in abeyance the principles, including friendship and goodwill, guiding the agreement, the Ministry of External Affairs has told a parliamentary committee.

The MEA has said changes in the ground situation, including engineering techniques, climate change and melting of glaciers, have made a renegotiation of the treaty's terms imperative, a line that delegations visiting world capitals will also take in defending India's decision to put the agreement in

abeyance after the horrific Pahalgam terror attack, sources said.

Besides, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri has noted in his briefing that the 1960 treaty in its preamble says that it is concluded in a "spirit of goodwill, and friendship". All these principles have in effect been held in abeyance by Pakistan, he added.

Misri had recently briefed a parliamentary committee on Indian actions, including Operation Sindoor, following the April 22 terror strike in Pahalgam, and has spoken to all seven multi-party delegations visiting 33 countries and the Europen Union to

explain India's position following the conflict with Pakistan.

The MEA said that Pakistan had been stonewalling India's requests for a government-to-government negotiation over the treaty due to changes in the ground situation since it was

There is a compelling case for the treaty to be renegotiated to make it fit for the 21st century, as it was based on the engineering techniques of the 1950s and early 1960s, the MEA has said.

Other fundamental changes include climate change, melting of

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#### Alleged fraudster Angad Chandhok deported from US STATE TIMES NEWS

#### NEW DELHI: Alleged

fraudster Angad Singh Chandhok, who had an Interpol Red Notice against him, was deported from the US on Saturday in an operation "closely coordinated" by the CBI, officials said.

He was brought to the Indira Gandhi International Airport where the CBI detained him and later put him under arrest, they said.

He was produced before a special court which sent him to judicial custody.

Chandhok, who was wanted in a case of allegedly cheating Union Bank of India in 2014, had managed to escape to the US in 2016 with his family members to



escape from the legal proceedings.

"The subject along with his family members: father Surendra Singh, mother Harleen Kaur and brother Harsahib Singh in criminal conspiracy with four other accused including bank

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