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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh AGNIPATH scheme will bring about transformational shift towards more tech-savvy armed force: Air Marshal

Communal tension: Curfew relaxed for

2-hr in Bhadarwah; lifted in Kishtwar

Draft electoral rolls in J&K

to be prepared by Aug 31

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Setting in motion the process of holding assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, the Election Commission has initiated the revision of electoral rolls following the delimitation exercise in the union territory and the draft rolls will be prepared by August 31, sources said on Wednesday.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Election Kumar and Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey carried out a review and directed the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer to map the redrawn assembly constituencies.

The electoral roll revision needs to be carried out before the first assembly election is conducted in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Officials said that intensive and time-bound pre-

required due to the redrawing of electoral constituen-

Directions have also been given for the appointment of officials for the work on updating voter lists.

Re-serialisation, mapping and renaming of polling stations post the delimitation will be done by June 30 in addition to the identification of polling stations for those villages where new booths need to be created.

After the delimitation, some of the earlier polling stations may come under more than one new constituency or may be completely shifted to another constituency.

The polling stations will be mapped accordingly.

The appointment of booth level officers and their proper training will be done by July 5.

Verification and rationalisation of polling booths will

Finally, the draft rolls need to be prepared by August 31, sources said.

During the revision exercise, citizens would be given opportunities to enrol, delete and change their particulars in the electoral

Last month, the central government had issued a notification saying that the orders of the Delimitation Commission which redrew electoral constituencies and provided six additional assembly seats to Jammu division and one to Kashmir would come into effect from May 20.

According to the orders of Delimitation Commission, set up under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019, the union territory will have 90 assembly constituencies -- 43 in Jammu Division and 47 in Kashmir -- with nine of them being reserved for the Scheduled

The erstwhile legislative assembly had 87 seats -- 46 in Kashmir, 37 in Jammu and four in Ladakh. In the reorganisation of the erstwhile state, Ladakh was declared as a separate union territory without a

The three-member delimitation panel was headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, a retired judge of the Supreme Court. Then Election Commissioner Sushil

legislature.

Chandra (now retired) and Jammu and Kashmir Election Commissioner K K Sharma were its two exofficio members

Five Jammu and Kashmir Lok Sabha members -three from the National Conference and two from the BJP -- were associate members of the commis-

The panel submitted its final report on May 5, just a day before its two-year

President election: 11 file nominations on day one; one paper rejected state times news

NEW DELHI: Eleven candidates filed their nominations on the first day Wednesday for the July 18 presidential polls, and the paper of one of them was rejected for want of proper documents, sources said.

The nomination process began with the issuance of notification Wednesday calling electors to fill up the vacancy at the

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Police personnel injured in grenade attack at Anantnag ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A police personnel was injured in a grenade attack in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police said.

The attack took place at a police naka at Padshahi Bagh area of the south Kashmir district.

"Terrorists hurled #grenade towards Police Naka at Padshahi Bagh

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Bhaderwah town of Doda while it was completely lifted the neighbouring Kishtwar district headquarters, officials said.

People coming out of houses during curfew relaxation.

the wake of protests over the

spokesperson Nupur Sharma

NIA searches four locations in Kashmir in terror financing case

Kashmir's Baramulla district

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STATE TIMES NEWS BHADARWAH/JAMMU:

Curfew was relaxed for two

hours on Wednesday in

Curfew and strict restric-

tions under prohibitory

orders were imposed in parts

of Jammu regions Chenab

valley, including Bhaderwah

and Kishtwar on June 9 fol-

lowing communal tension in

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted searches at four places in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday in connection with a case related to cross-LoC trade and terror financing, an official

The searches were conduct-

Tufail Nazir Ganie, a resi-

dent of Ramnagri in

Shopian, the spokesperson

He added that according to

police records, the slain

ultras were linked with pro-

scribed outfit LeT and were

part of groups involved in

several terror crime cases,

including attacks on police

and other security forces and

Inspector General of Police

civilian atrocities.

and one in Handwara in Kupwara district, spokesperson of the NIA

The spokesperson said the case pertains to generation of additional profits through trade across the Line of Control (LoC) between Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and using the proceeds for fomenting terrorist activities in the Union terri-

The case was registered on December 16, 2016. The cross-LoC trade started in 2008 via two trade

facilitation centres Baramulla and Poonch.

The trade has been suspended since April 2019

Major tragedy averted; explosives recovered from Jammu bound-bus at Jhajjar Kotli



Gelatin sticks recovered from a bus.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police recovered explosives in the form of gelatin sticks from a bus carrying an unidentified number of passengers on the outskirts of the city on Wednesday, officials said.

The explosives were detect-

Vikram

Bomb Disposal

ed during a routine check at Jhajjar Kotli by a Police team led by SHO Inspector Sharma along Jammu-Srinagar national highway, a police spokesperson said.

He said that experts from

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Bank Manager's assassin among 2 LeT terrorists killed in Shopian of Braripora in Shopian, and

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkare-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, including the one allegedly involved in the recent killing of a bank manager, were gunned down in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district Wednesday, police said.

Acting on specific information regarding the presence of terrorists in Shopian's Kanji Ullar village, a cordonand-search operation was launched by the security forces in the area, according to a police spokesperson.

During the search opera-



the forces approached the suspected spot, the terrorists fired indiscriminately on them, which was retaliated effectively, the spokesperson said.

In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the encounter site. They were identified as Jan

Mohammad Lone, a resident

(IGP), Kashmir Vijay Kumar said Lone was involved in the killing of bank manager Vijay Kumar

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Rajnath on 2-day visit to J&K from today visit various forward areas



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will pay a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir beginning Thursday during which he will review the overall security situation in the Union territory.

The defence minister will

and review the preparedness of Indian armed forces. "Tomorrow, 16th June, I

would be in Jammu & Kashmir for a two-day visit. I shall be visiting forward areas and interacting with troops during my visit," the defence minister said in a tweet.

"Also, I shall attend the 200th anniversary of Maharaja Gulab Singh Ji's 'Rajyabhishek Ceremony' in Jammu on 17th June,

Friday," he said. Official sources said senior commanders of the Indian Army are scheduled to

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J&K logs 25 COVID cases, Ladakh 5

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday logged 25 new COVID cases. 13 from Jammu division and 12 from Kashmir division, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 454398.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 454398 positive cases, 113 are Active Positive (80 in Jammu Division and 33 in Kashmir Division), 449526 have recovered and 4752 have died; 2328 in Jammu division and 2424in Kashmir division.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past 24 hours, the Bulletin stated that Jammu reported 13 cases and Srinagar reported 12 cases while no other district across the Union Territory reported any fresh case.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported five fresh coronavirus cases, raising the infection tally to

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Sunset: 19:40 Hours

Sunrise: 05:24 Hours

Min: 29

Max: 63

Army Commander reviews security scenario in Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Commander, Army Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, arrived in Srinagar on three days visit to Kashmir from 15 to 17 Jun 2022. He would be visiting forward posts on the Line of Control and the hinterland to review the overall security situation in the Kashmir

During the day, the Army Commander addressed the media on the contours of the reformative AGNIPATH scheme of Government. He highlighted the importance of the scheme and briefed the



Northern Army Commander, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi briefing media at Srinagar.

media on various facets of the scheme. He added that this will reform the human resource management system of not only the Indian Army but also of the

Northern Command and will have a positive impact on the operational preparedness also. He explained that the scheme will boost the

ED questions Rahul for 3rd consecutive day

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Congress Rahul Gandhi appeared before the ED on Wednesday for the third consecutive day of questioning in the National Herald money laundering case, with the agency seeking answers about his "personal role" in taking decisions with regard to the media organisation and its owner Young Indian. Gandhi (51) arrived at the ED headquarters on APJ Abdul Kalam Road in central Delhi around 11.35 am

CRPF security escort. He was accompanied by his

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Cabinet nod to Rs 4.3 lakh cr 5G

with his "Z+" category

sister and Congress

Fire tenders of J&K Fire & Emergency Services got damaged when rooftop of Banihal Fire Station fell due to strong winds on Wednesday.

CS launches 'JK Mobile Seva' initiative, calls for disseminating information on welfare schemes

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday launched the 'Mobile Seva' services in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, with an aim to mainstream mobile governance for delivery of public services

The launch of m-seva marks an important milestone in the mobile-governance in Jammu & Kashmir. The m-seva platform will be used to reach out to citizens and promote proactive citizen engagements by leveraging the mobile penetration in population, especially in remote areas. The informative SMS texts will be sent in English, Hindi and Urdu

languages This initiative will use a

(JKGOVT) to communicate with citizens instead of extending similar services through different departments with different IDs. "This will benefit citizens to keep a track of Governmentto-Citizen (G2C) communications, and receive timely updates in a transparent manner". Dr. Mehta observed.

The Chief Secretary mentioned that the 'Mobile Seva' is a countrywide initiative under mobile governance that aims to enable all government departments and agencies to provide services through various mobile channels such as short message service (SMS), integrated voice response

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spectrum auction; to start on July 26 **STATE TIMES NEWS** trum auction announced," NEW DELHI: The government will next month auction

about Rs 4.3 lakh crore worth of airwaves capable of offering fifth-generation or 5G telecom services including ultra-high-speed internet, and gave its nod for setting up of captive 5G networks by big tech firms.

As much as 72 GHz of spectrum will be put on the block during the auction, set to commence on July 26, 2022. The auction will be held for

spectrum in various low (600 MHz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz), mid (3300 MHz) and high (26 GHz) frequency bands.

"The beginning of a new era for Indian Telecom. 5G specCommunications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw tweeted.

Sources said post the auction, the initial rollout of 5G service (about 10 times faster than 4G) could begin from August in a phased manner in the country.

Going by the stipulated base price, the entire spectrum put on the block is worth at least Rs 4.31 lakh crore, the sources told PTI. Cabinet has approved 5G

auctions at reserve prices recommended by the sector regulator Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). TRAI had recommended an about 39 per cent cut in floor price for the sale of 5G spectrum for mobile services, a rate that was earlier labelled

'deeply disappointing' by COAI as telcos were keen on 90 per cent lower prices.

While the 5G spectrum in nine frequency bands will be auctioned to telecom operators like Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio, the Notice Inviting Applications -- the bid-related document issued by the Telecom Department -- said big tech firms for the time being will be allowed to take the 5G spectrum for their captive non-public network on lease from the tele-

com companies. The decision on private networks is expected to deal a blow to telcos, which had been arguing that if independent entities are allowed to set up private captive networks

The Principal Secretary, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Nitishwar inspects Shri Amarnath Yatra arrangements at Nunwan



Nitishwar Kumar, Prpl Secy to LG during visit to Nunwan base camp on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS ANANTNAG:

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor on Wednesday visited Nunwan base camp to take stock of Shri Amarnathji Yatra arrangements.

accompanied by Divisional

Commissioner Kashmir. Pandurang K Pole, and HoDs of Health and Tourism department, Nunwan base camp and took stock of pitching of tents, security deployment, sanitation facilities, electricity and drinking water supply.

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