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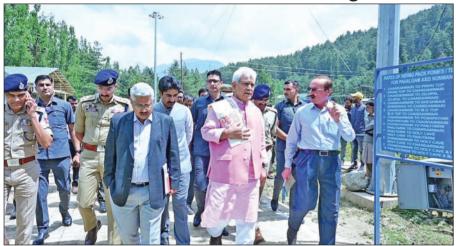
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Sports Council and SAI sign MoU for flourishing sports in J&K

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LG visits Chandanwari, Nunwan Base Camp, reviews Amarnathji Yatra arrangements



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing arrangements ahead of Amarnathji Yatra at Anantnag on Tuesday

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited Pahalgam and reviewed the arrangements and ongoing works ahead of Shri Amarnath Ji

Yatra, starting from 1st July. conducted on-site inspection at Nunwan and Chandanwari Base Camps and reviewed ongoing works and logistics, lodging, health and other facilities that have been put in place for the com-

fort of pilgrims. Subsequently, a meeting was held that was attended by Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B); Dr Mandeep Kumar CEO, Bhandari, Amarnathji Shrine Board; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir and Vijay Kumar Divisional Bidhuri, Commissioner Kashmir

The Lt Governor appraised the elaborate arrangements put in place by all the stakeholder departments pertaining to the snow clearances of all sections of tracks, deployment of trained manpower, Helipads operations, health facilities, water and power supply at transit camps and halt points, allotment of tents and shops, Disaster Management, contingency plan for accommodation, etc.

>> Takes stock of department-wise arrangements put in place for comfort of pilgrims

Directs the concerned departments to make all necessary services accessible to the pilgrims at railway station, airports, on travel routes and Yatra base camps

Calls for creating a strong healthcare and health emergency infrastructure with additional teams of doctors and nursing staff

Asks officials to harness the benefits of technology to deal with any emergent situation

>> Reviews arrangements being made for drinking water and sanitation and facilities for sanitation workers deployed to ensure cleanliness at the Base Camps

Directs the Camp in-charge and concerned officials for operationalization of Sheshnag and Panitarni camps by June 20

>> Seeks completion of works including snow clearance at MG Top, Panjtarni and other areas; emergency landing platform at holy cave, boundary walls, safety railing on vulnerable stretches, water supply and installation of RO in every camp by June 20; track to be ready for ponies, Pithoos from Chandanwari to holy cave well before the commencement of the Yatra

Directs officials for proper arrangements for regular ambulance, Heli-ambulance service and oxygen cylinders.

Compulsory retirement cannot be based on the sole

the concerned departments to make all necessary services accessible to the pilgrims at railway stations, airports,

on travel routes and Yatra base camps. The Lt Governor impressed upon

No alternative to Modi, will get thumping majority in 2024: Union Minister India's progress on the global

JAMMU: Asserting that there is no alternative to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the country, Union minister Ajay Bhatt confidently predicted his re-election in the 2024 General Elections here on Tuesday.

"In 2024, the people of the country will re-elect him with a thumping majority and will give him an opportunity to serve the country again," Bhatt told reporters here.

Bhatt also targeted opposition parties, including the Congress, for what he said were their "hit-and-run tactics" and their avoidance of



parliamentary

On ex-Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey's claim that the Indian government threatened to shut down the company, Bhatt said it was an international

"A conspiracy is going on at

international level to bring India down as the country is progressing across the world," Bhatt said. The Minister of State of Defence Ministry also cited reports by Morgan Stanley International Monetary Fund on the growth of the Indian economy. Bhatt further said that there has been a significant boom in India's market despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an interview, Dorsey claimed Twitter was

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Amit Shah to address mega public rally in Jammu on June 23: J&K BJP

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will address a grand public rally here on June 23, the death anniversary of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina said.

The BJP observes June 23as Mukherjee's 'Balidan

"Mega public rallies are being organised at each parliamentary constituency in Jammu and Kashmir. In the Jammu parliamentary constituency, a mega public rally will be organised in Jammu city on June 23, which will be addressed by Shah," Raina

Leaders and activists of the party have to devote more time to mobilise the public to attend the rallies, including the one by Amit Shah, said Raina addressing a Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyaan programme being held to highlight the achievements of the Narendra Modi

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CUET 2023: Students who couldn't appear to get admission in colleges of choice, says Principal Secy

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The govern-

ment has announced that the students, who could not appear in the recently held University Common Entrance Test (CUET) 2023 due to allotment of examination centres in distant towns and cities, shall be given an opportunity to take admission in subjects and colleges of their choice.

Secretary, Principal Education, Alok Kumar said that the CUET, as per the NEP 2020, is a standardized entrance test conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) that aims to streamline the admission process

LG's message on World **Blood Donor Day** Youth should come forward to donate blood to save lives: Sinha STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR:

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, in his message on World Blood Donor Day, expressed gratitude to the voluntary blood donors for their selfless service to humanity. In a message, the Lt Governor said: We are truly grateful

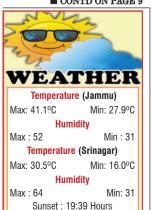
■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 2 cops injured in attack by illegal sand miners

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two policemen were injured in an attack by a group of people involved in illegal sand mining in the Tawi river on the outskirts of Jammu city, officials said on Tuesday.

One person has been arrested in connection with the incident which took place on Monday evening, police said. Acting on a

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Sunrise: 05:24 Hours

for undergraduate and postgraduate courses being offered by Universities across the country. This test will assess the knowledge, aptitude and skills of the applicants, providing a fair and equitable evaluation platform for all the candidates. Last year, more than 200 universities (including 47 central universities) par-

The process will give an opportunity to the students from J&K to take admission in prestigious Universities and Colleges of the country. The Higher Education Department of J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice

of the High Court of Jammu

and Kashmir and Ladakh N

Kotiswar Singh Tuesday said

the private sector here helped

in augmenting the govern-

ment's efforts to improve the

education scenario in the

Speaking to reporters after

inaugurating an education

fair at the Sher-i-Kashmir

International Conference

Centre here, the Chief

Justice said, "Education is a

vast area, where the private

sector plays a very important

role. I see a lot of private uni-

versities coming up and am

Union Territory.

ticipated in the CUET.

The Lt Governor directed

basis of recommendations of the committee: DB **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and High Court Comprising Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta, observed that the power to retire compulsory a government servant in terms of service rules is absolute, provided the authority concerned forms a bona fide opinion that compulsory retirement is in public interest. Further, the order of compulsory retirement cannot be based on the sole basis of recommendations of the committee which has to be

Private sector supplementing Govt's role in

improving education: Chief Justice

happy that they are supple-

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Stressing that the founda-

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were strong in Jammu and

Kashmir, Chief Justice

Singh said proper avenues of

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authority in accordance with law. Merely because the committee has made recommendations for retirement of writ petitioner, he cannot be compulsorily retired unless the competent authority comes to a conclusion after forming a bona fide opinion of its own that the writ petitioner can be subjected to compulsory retirement in the interest of the institution.

DB upheld the judgment of writ Court whereby Writ Court quashed the compulsory retirement of Rajinder umar then Patwa DB while dismissing the

appeal filed by UT, observed

that in the present case, although it is claimed by the writ respondents that the writ petitioner was not enjoying good reputation and the overall perception in the general public was that he was a corrupt official, yet the writ respondents have not denied that there were no adverse remarks in the APRs of writ petitioner as claimed by him; meaning thereby one can construe that the writ petitioner might have a satisfactory employment record. Thus, the reputation of writ petitioner cannot be termed as doubtful, as projected, nor could his conduct be deter

SIU presents chargesheet against terrorist associate, 2 killed terrorists

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its crackdown on terror elements, Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Awantipora on Tuesday presented chargesheet before the NIA Court Pulwama in case FIR No. 37/2022 under section 7/27 Arms Act, 307 IPC, 16 18, 19, 23, 38, 39 UAPA Act of Police Station Tral.

The chargesheet was presented against a terrorist associate Sameer Ahmad Mohand, son of Gh Mohmmad, resident of Sheerabad Tral, Pulwama two killed terrorists, Shafat Muzffar Sofi, son of

mined only on spoken words in the absence of any material on record. Further, the writ petitioner has already been acquitted of the offences registered against him vide FIR No.02/2012 under Section 5(2) of the Kashmir Jammu and Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat 2006 read with Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 201, 120-B RPC registered at Police Station Crime Branch, Jammu with regard to facilitating illegal sale of 40 kanals of land in Village Domana by sheer abuse of his official position for

2 terrorists gunned down near LoC in Kupwara STATE TIMES NEWS gence, Army alongwith

SRINAGAR: Security

forces on Tuesday shot dead two terrorists near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Machhal area of Kupwara district, police said here.

In a joint operation launched by Army (57RR), Kupwara Police & TA 160 Bn, two terrorists have been neutralized in Doganar Machil sector along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district. This operation marks a significant achievement in the ongoing efforts to counter terrorism and ensure the safety of the

Based on actionable intelli-

Kupwara police swiftly launched a meticulously planned operation in Machil sector. The joint team displayed exceptional valor, professionalism, and tactical expertise in conducting this operation, which resulted in the elimination of two unknown terrorists, who as per the intelligence reports are believed to be foreigners and linked with proscribed terror outfit HM who were trying to infiltrate to our

The identification of the killed terrorists is being ascertained. Arms &

5.4 magnitude quake hits Doda, tremors felt in parts of north India

STATE TIMES NEWS DODA: A 5.4 magnitude

earthquake hit Doda in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday afternoon, forcing people in parts of the union territory to rush out of their homes in panic and causing damage to some buildings, officials said.

The tremors were felt across Delhi and other parts of north India, and in neighbouring Pakistan.

The National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said the Its epicentre was in Doda.

that inflicted huge damage to the properties of people besides so many have been injured. " It is a national emergency where the government must be on toes and provide all the support for specialized treatment to the injured. At the same time those who lost their

5.4 magnitude earthquake struck the region at 1:33 pm. The earthquake struck at a

depth of 6 kilometres, it said.

age to their property.

town, a few buildings

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Our vision is to develop one database

homes must be provided alternative

Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday urged the

government to ensure the proper treat-

ment for all those injured in the

Earthquake in Doda district and a proper

compensation to those who suffered dam-

Azad said that it was a natural calamity

for all residents of UT: CS All the 303 services to be brought under Auto-appeal till month end cerned officers of the IT

Azad urges Govt to support those

affected by earthquake in Doda

SRINAGAR: Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday emphasised upon the officers of the

IT Department to make it their goal to develop a master database for all purposes. Dr Mehta made these remarks while reviewing the functioning ofDepartment and the impact

cient delivery of services to people here. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary,

Department.

The Chief Secretary maintained that a single database would bring a lot of ease to common masses by aiding them in not filling the similar details every time they apply for different services. He enjoined upon them to create such a mechanism after studying different models adopted by States/UTs in the

He also advised them to carry out a field survey to see the impact of online services on common masses. He

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NIA attaches properties of Hurriyat Time has come to expand UN Security Council leader in terror funding case with India as permanent member: Rajnath

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STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday attached properties of a Hurriyat leader in a terror funding case here, a day after attaching 17 properties of alleged terror financier and businessman Zahoor Ahmed Shah Watali.

Properties of All Party Conference (APHC) separatist leader Mohammad Akbar Khanday alias Ayaz Akbar include nine kanal of land and a twostoreyed house in Srinagar. These were attached on the orders of Special NIA Court, New Delhi, under section 33(1) of Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act (UAPA),

the agency said in a statement.

Khanday, currently lodged

"He was raising and collecting funds from within India and abroad through various illegal channels and was using the same to sponsor and promote separatist and terrorist activities in Jammu

Khanday, who was closely connected with other separatist leaders of the APHC, was operating in close

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Defence

in Tihar Jail facing trial in the terror funding case, was the spokesperson-cum-media advisor of the Hurriyat Conference faction led by Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

and Kashmir," the NIA said.

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chief justice said he would look into the matter. '... I am sure the government is doing a lot. However,

ensure a bright future for the

Asked about the lack of

proper infrastructure for the

specially-abled at schools, the

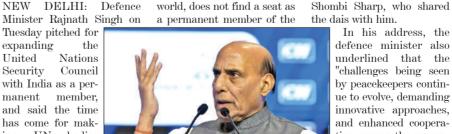
students here.

I would like to personally see that all that infrastructure is put in place, especially for the specially-abled children," he added.

A large number of schoolleaving students and college students attended the educacounselling Tamanna Ameen, a

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most populous nation of the Coordinator in India, world, does not find a seat as



UN Security Council, "it Addressing a gathering at a tends to undermine the seminar held here to mark 75 moral legitimacy" of the global organisation.

years of the United Nations Singh made the remarks in (UN) Peacekeeping, he also said that when India, the the presence of UN Resident

the dais with him. In his address, the defence minister also

underlined that the 'challenges being seen by peacekeepers continue to evolve, demanding innovative approaches, and enhanced cooperation among the responsible nations", adding that "we must invest in training, technology and resources to ensure safe-

ty and effectiveness of our peacekeepers". Singh also advocated for

meaningful participation ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

of online services in the effi-

IT; Secretary, Tribal Affairs; CEO, JaKeGA; Scientists from NIC besides other con-

made out that these