

## 03 Jammu Mayor reviews Amarnath Yatra arrangements

## 09 6 drug peddlers arrested; contraband, cash recovered

## 10 J&K Youth Judo meet on June 19

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# Scouts & Guides can assist PRIs, ULBs in making J&K drug-free: LG Sinha

### Youth power infinite source of energy, always ready to serve

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that young Scouts and Guides through community services and scout movement can assist Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in making Jammu and Kashmir drug-free.

"Youth power is infinite source of energy that is always ready to serve, always ready to make a difference, always ready to embark on adventurous pursuits, always ready to innovate, invent and always ready to transform the society for greater good," said the Lt Governor while addressing J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides UT-level Camporee at International Youth Hostel, Sonamarg.

He called upon the youth to join the campaign against drug addiction and help the



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Bharat Scouts and Guides UT level Camporee at Sonmarg on Wednesday.

administration to eradicate this menace from society.

Highlighting the key initiatives of the government for empowerment of youth, the Lt Governor said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the youth are being provided with countless opportunities in various sectors to fulfil their dreams and become responsible citizens.

"Our Youth, Scouts and

Guides are always aspiring to give birth to new consciousness to the society so that no one is left behind in the journey of development and prosperity," observed the Lt Governor.

The century old rich legacy of Scouts and Guides has become the symbol of discipline, selfless service, social harmony, courage and duty. By following the ideals of Mahamana Pt. Madan

Mohan Malaviya, they are shaping the future of the country, the Lt Governor said.

Youth is the energy that is creating a new path for development of a modern society with ecological and economic sustainability. Industry 4.0 technologies, new tools of artificial intelligence are empowering the younger generation and enabling them to contribute in nation

building, he added.

At the Camporee, the Lt Governor lauded the Scout and Guides for displaying exemplary courage during Covid Pandemic. He also acknowledged their contribution in the smooth conduct of Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela.

With the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', Scouts and Guides are playing a stellar role during community service and social empowerment in far flung areas, he added.

The Lt Governor appreciated the Bharat Scouts and Guides for providing a unique platform for the youth to learn the priceless values of life through experience, field work and selfless service of the society.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor felicitated Scouts and Guides, and

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# India accomplished journey from red tape to red carpet in 9 years: Amit Shah

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said India has accomplished a journey from red tape to the red carpet in nine years of the Narendra Modi government and created a hassle-free business environment, making the country a preferred FDI destination.

also said Prime Minister Modi has unleashed India's aspirations to drive growth in the "nine years of ease of

business".



"India accomplished a journey from red tape to the red carpet in the last #9YearsOfEaseOfBusiness. PM @narendramodi Ji introduced an efficient tax

system, investor-friendly policy, and easier approvals to create a hassle-free business environment, making India an FDI destination," he wrote on Twitter.

The home minister said whether it is "Start Up India", "Stand Up India", PLI or digital transformation, a whole-of-the-government approach to facilitate growth has spurred innovation and development.

## SIU Srinagar presents chargesheet against 2 active & 1 killed terrorists

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: SIU Srinagar presented chargesheet before the Court of NIA Srinagar in case FIR No 50/2022 under sections 307, 302 IPC, 7/27 IA Act 13, 16, 18, 20 & 38 UA (P) Act of Police Station Soura against 02 active terrorists and a killed terrorist.

On 24th of May, 2022, unknown terrorists fired upon one police personnel namely Saifullah Qadri son of Muhammad Syed Qadri and his minor daughter Safa Qadri resident of Malik Shab Soura Srinagar, in which police personnel got martyred and his minor daughter

was injured. During the course of investigation, 03 terrorists identified as Basit Ahmed Dar son of Abdul Rashid Dar resident of Redwani Qaimou Kulgam, Monim Gulzar Mir son of Gulzar Ahmed Mir resident of Firdous Colony

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## 3 years after Galwan clashes, border stand-off lingers on

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has significantly enhanced military infrastructure, surveillance and combat capabilities along the nearly 3,500 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China since the deadly clashes in Galwan Valley in 2020, sources in the defence establishment said Wednesday on the eve of the third anniversary of the hostilities.

The Indian and Chinese militaries are engaged in talks to reduce tensions along the frontier as the two sides are still locked in a standoff in a few friction points though they managed

to disengage from some others.

The Galwan Valley clashes on June 15, 2020 were the first deadly skirmish between the two militaries along the LAC in five decades and they significantly strained the bilateral ties.

India has managed to significantly reduce the "infrastructure differential" with China along the LAC in the last three years in view of consistent focus on building helpads, airfields, bridges, tunnels, troop habitats and other required facilities, the sources said when asked about measures that

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# No benefit will come out of opposition unity ahead of 2024 LS polls: Azad

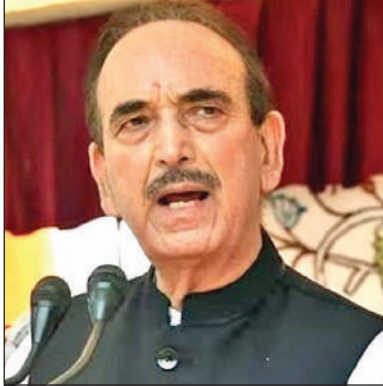
#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said he sees no benefit coming out of "opposition unity" ahead of the 2024 Lak Sabha polls.

Asked about a meeting of opposition parties called by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Azad said he has not been invited to it.

"Opposition unity will benefit only when there is something for both sides. There may be a difference in the share of benefits for the two -- it can be 50-50 or 60-40 -- but in this case, both sides have nothing to offer to the other," he said.

Referring to West Bengal, Azad pointed out that the Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist)



have no MLA in the state and wondered that just in case the two parties forge an alliance with the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC), what does the latter stand to gain?

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## Twin daughters of Imam in Kulgam crack NEET

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The twin daughters of an imam in Kulgam district have brought cheer to the family by qualifying in the undergraduate National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (NEET), the results of which were declared on Tuesday.

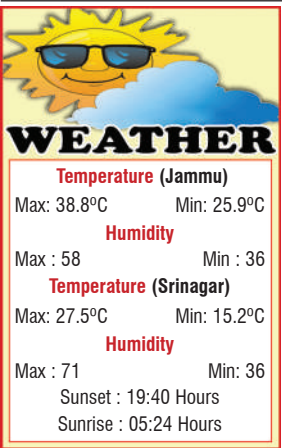
The girls cracked the test in their first attempt.

Syed Sabiya and Syed Bismah, residents of Watoo village in the Noorabad area of the south Kashmir district, secured 625 and 570 marks respectively in the entrance examination for medical colleges.

Their house has come to life after the results were announced as relatives, neighbours and well-wishers are turning up to congratulate the family on the feat of the twins.

The girls acknowledged the role of their family members, teachers and supportive neighbours behind their success. "Our parents have supported us a lot since our childhood. The people in

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 38.8°C Min: 25.9°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 58 Min: 36

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 27.5°C Min: 15.2°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 71 Min: 36

Sunset : 19:40 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:24 Hours

## Fix responsibility about missing revenue maps; start online Girdawari forthwith: CS

### Also asks for saturating benefits to farmers under CSS

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday reviewed the overall implementation of various schemes for development of Agriculture in J&K and exhorted upon the officers to fix the responsibility for misplacing 392 revenue maps (Mussavis) and initiate the process for recreating the same at an earliest.

The meeting was attended by Advisor & Chief Knowledge Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, GoI; ACS, Agriculture Production



CS, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

Department; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Commissioner, Survey & Land Records; Director, Remote Sensing besides other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary laid emphasis on early implementation of J&K Digital Agriculture Mission

(Agristack) and said that the premise of missing of such a significant record is unacceptable and needs to be looked into seriously. He asked for carrying out a thorough investigation into the matter for fixing the responsibility for misplacing these maps. He also directed that

these records be recreated without loss of time.

Regarding the Geo-referencing of cadastral maps of revenue villages, Dr Mehta observed that it should actually make the process of demarcation easy and more accurate. He also advised devising the SOPs/guidelines for resolving any issues or gaps arising from migrating the record from traditional system to modern systems.

He also emphasised on carrying out seasonal Girdawari (crop survey) digitally, capturing the actual record

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# 5 earthquakes hit Doda in a day, educational institutes shut

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Five earthquakes jolted the Doda District on Wednesday and triggered panic among residents, a day after a 5.4 magnitude quake hit the Doda district of the Union Territory.

The fresh earthquakes have prompted the administration to shut down educational institutes in twin mountainous districts of Doda and Kishtwar.

Officials said the earthquakes that occurred in the Jammu region on Wednesday causes some damage to property but there were no reports so far of any casualties.

In Kishtwar, a 3.3 magnitude quake was recorded at 8.29 am. Its epicentre was at a depth of five kilometers, according to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS).

Prior to that, tremors of magnitude 3.5 were recorded in Doda at 7.56 am and the epicenter was at a depth of 10 kilometers, data from the NCS showed.

Two more earthquakes were recorded in the early hours of the day as well.

At 2.20 am, a 4.3 magnitude quake was recorded in the Doda district at a depth

of 10 kilometers, according to the data.

The other quake, which had a magnitude of 2.8, occurred 74 kilometers east of Katra in Reasi district at 2.43 am, according to the NCS. Its epicentre lay at a depth of five kilometres.

A magnitude 3.4 earthquake, latest in the series, hit Kishtwar around 4pm on Wednesday. The fifth quake to jolt the Jammu region on Wednesday struck at a depth of 5 km, according to the NCS data.

The five fresh earthquakes hit a day after high-

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# LG visits Baltal; reviews preparedness for Amarnath Yatra

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday visited Baltal and reviewed the status of preparedness of Shri Amarnath Ji annual pilgrimage through Baltal route.

Before on-site inspection, a review meeting was held at Sonamarg that was attended by Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB); Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and senior officials of SASB, Civil Administration, Police, CAPF's and Army.

The Lt Governor took appraisal of the arrange-

ments put in place for healthcare, electricity, communication, water supply and sanitation, weather forecasting, disaster management, security grid and all other basic necessities for the pilgrims.

He directed the officials to ensure Yatra Base Camp has an adequate number of doctors, staff, equipment, medicines and oxygen cylinders. BRO was instructed to mobilize resources and finish all works before commencement of Yatra. Since Yatra is in difficult terrain at an altitude where the oxygen levels are low, healthcare facilities, care around the clock must be ensured, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor impressed upon the officials to ensure communication services on yatra route and night air services. He further directed



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing preparedness of Amarnath pilgrimage at Baltal on Wednesday.

for fitting tented accommodations with fire extinguishing equipment.

Overall arrangements for Yatra have been upgraded. All the concerned departments have to take necessary steps for making the pilgrimage convenient, safe and hassle-free.

At Yatra Base Camp in Baltal, the Lt Governor inspected the ongoing work at DRDO's Hospital and other facilities for the pilgrims.

It was informed that the hospital will be made functional by 17th June.

Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary Tourism Department; Dr Raghav Langer, Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring Department and Shyambir, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal were also present.

- » Discusses arrangements put in place for healthcare, electricity, communication, water supply and sanitation, weather forecasting, disaster management, security grid and all other necessities for pilgrims
- » Directs officials to ensure Yatra Base Camp has adequate number of doctors, staff, equipment, medicines and oxygen cylinders
- » Calls for taking all possible steps for pilgrimage to be convenient, safe and hassle-free since Yatra is in difficult terrain at an altitude where the oxygen levels are low, which require healthcare facilities round the clock.
- » Asks officials to ensure communication services on yatra route, night air services besides ensuring fire extinguishing equipment for tented accommodation.
- » Calls for making DRDO's hospital at Baltal functional by 17th June, all works to be completed by the BRO before commencement of Yatra