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Dr Jitendra presents 'Times Now' Doctor's Awards, emphasises preventive healthcare for young

Indian U-20 Women's team leaves for 22nd Asian U-20 Volleyball C'ship

Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com Five Army soldiers die in flash

Rajnath, Amit Shah express grief

floods in eastern Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/LEH: Five Indian Army soldiers died as they were swept away while trying to get a tank across the Shyok river in eastern Ladakh, officials said on

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said he was deeply saddened by the unfortunate accident, which occurred on

"Deeply saddened at the loss of lives of five of our brave Indian Army soldiers in an unfortunate accident while getting the tank across a river in Ladakh," Singh said in a post on X.

"We will never forget exemplary service of our gallant soldiers to the nation. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. The nation stands firm with them during this hour of grief," he

Officials said the soldiers



were trying to get the tank across the river when the accident happened.

"On 28 Jun 2024 night, while deinducting from a military training activity, an army tank got stuck in the Shyok River, near Saser Brangsa, Eastern Ladakh due to sudden increase in the water level," the Army's Lehbased Fire and Fury Corps

"Rescue teams were rushed to the location. However, due to high current and water levels, the rescue mission didn't succeed and the tank crew lost their lives," it said.

"The Indian Army regrets

Kashmir/Jammu and other

concerned officers while out-

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loss of five brave personnel while being operationally deployed in Eastern Ladakh. Rescue operations are underway," it said on X.

The soldiers who died in the accident were from an armoured regiment of the Indian Army, the officials said. They said the melting of

snow resulted in the increase in water levels of the Shyok river, which passes through strategically Depsang region.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also expressed sadness over the death of soldiers.

"I am saddened by the news

of the accident during the military exercise in Ladakh. I express my condolences to the families of the brave soldiers who lost their lives in this accident. The whole country is with the families of the brave soldiers," Shah

wrote on 'X' in Hindi. president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge and party leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra expressed sorrow at the death of five soldiers.

"Deeply distressed at the loss of lives of five Indian Army bravehearts, including a JCO (junior

World Champion Again: India wins T20 World Cup

BRIDGETOWN: India's agonising 11-year wait for a global title was brought to an end by Virat Kohli's ingenuity and Rohit Sharma's inspirational captaincy as the star-studded team outwitted eternal bridesmaids South Africa by runs in a see saw final to lift its second T20 World Cup trophy here on Saturday.

Kohli, who was part of 2011 ODI World Cup triumph, announced his retirement from the format immediately after the end of the match. "It's time for the next gen-

eration to take over. It was an open secret and I would have his soulmate, completely announced it even if we emotional as there wasn't a would have lost," Kohli said. Hardik Pandya, booed for being handed IPL captaincy broke down having endured a tough six months and the enduring picture would certainly be the kiss planted on his cheeks by the man, people

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP WEST World Cup final but they clawed their way back into the game with a lot of help from South Africa.

single soul who didn't feel choked. When Heinrich Klaasen (52 off 27 balls) was going hammer and tongs against the in-form Indian spinners, it seemed Rohit Sharma and response to India's 176 for his men will have to settle for seven, South Africa ended at

Captain Sharma, his eyes

glistening, was on his

haunches as he was emotion-

ally exhausted, wife Ritika,

Eventually, Hardik Pandya, much maligned by his own supporters for past six months, was able to defend 16 runs in the final over to ensure India's first ICC trophy since 2013 and a maiden T20 World Cup crown in the post-IPL era. In

169 for eight.

The sense of relief and jubilation was evident on the stars of Indian team, Kohli and Rohit, who might not stay on for another T20 World Cup cycle. The result was also a fitting farewell to head coach Rahul Dravid

It was the joint effort of Kohli (76 off 59)and Axar Patel (47 off 31) that allowed India to set the highest total in a T20 World Cup final.

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Enhance supervision to increase revenue collection: CS to JKRTC

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Saturday exhorted upon the J&K Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) to enhance supervision over the fleet of vehicles in public service for increasing revenue collection.

The Chief Secretary issued directions while addressing a meeting held to review the working of Transport Department.

The meeting besides Secretary, Transport was attended by MD, JKRTC; Commissioner: Transport State Motor

Exchange of fire reported along LoC in Poonch STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR/JAMMU: A brief exchange of fire was reported along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, official sources said on Saturday.

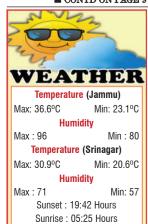
The firing from across the border was reported on a forward Indian post in Krishna Ghati sector late Friday night, prompting retaliation by the army troops guarding the LoC, the sources said.

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J&K Govt engages realtors on Draft Dev Rights, **Land Pooling Policies** ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Government of Jammu and Kashmir has taken a significant step towards enhancing urban development by formulating the Draft Jammu and Kashmir Grant and Utilisation of Transferable Development Rights Policy 2024 and the Draft Jammu and Kashmir Land Pooling Policy 2024. As part of the inclusive

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Startups powerful instrument to bridge universities-industries gap: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that Startups are powerful instrument to bridge the gap between universities and industries.

optimal use besides taking "The Startups have also measures to seal the breachbeen able to meet the two es from which there is possiimportant objectivesemployment generation and bility of leakage of revenue. profit generation," the Lt He also stressed on putting other assets to use by engag-Governor said. while addressing professional developers ing the National Seminar on for earning recurring income the 'Role of academic-driven Startups in developing economy of J&K UT (RASE The Chief Secretary also 2024)', at NIT Srinagar. upon the

Corporation office bearers In his keynote address, the Lt Governor commended the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



developing economy of J&K (RASE 2024) at NIT Srinagar.

initiative aimed at creating an environment to inspire, empower and connect academia and industry and mentor the students to lead startup

The Lt Governor motivated the students to set action-oriented goals to turn their entrepreneurial dream into reality and contribute to

growth.

"My message to future Startups entrepreneurs is to focus on 'Problem First'

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Six cops among eight injured in clashes during anti-encroachment drive in J&K's Kathua Reinforcements

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: At least eight people, including six police personnel, were injured when a mob attacked a police team during an anti-encroachment drive in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Saturday, officials said.

The police party was attacked with lathis and stones when it was escorting a team of revenue officials who had gone to a village in the Nagri area to demolish an illegally built place of worship, they said.

According to the officials, the six injured police personnel included a deputy super-

rushed to the area and order restored, they said, adding two protesters were injured while some others were detained.

The Kathua district administration said the antiencroachment drive in Purab Chak village was necessitated after the illegal occupants on state land ignored multiple notices to stop construction work.

"Failure to abide by notices to stop unauthorised construction prompted the action. Notices were served twice earlier, but work continued illegally. Our

CBI raids Tehsildar Bahu's office; record seized **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A team of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday raided the office of Tehsildar Bahu

Official sources said that the CBI sleuths this afternoon carried out raids in various sections in the office of the Tehsildar Bahu in connection with some irregularities.

"The revenue officials present on the office were questioned and revenue record was seized as a officials said adding that matter is being

part of the investigation,'

Four killed in car-truck collision in CB files chargesheet against ex-Cop, his wife for Punjab's Hoshiarpur



STATE TIMES NEWS

HOSHIARPUR: Four persons, including two children, died on the spot after their car collided head-on with a truck on the Hoshiarpurpolice said The car, bearing a Jammu and Kashmir registration number, was coming from the Jammu side when it rammed into the truck near

metres from Hoshiarpur, they said.

The truck driver fled the scene leaving his vehicle behind, the police said.

Four of the five car occupants -- two men, including the driver, and two children aged six and fourteen -- died on the spot, while a woman riding the car was seriously injured, they said.

The deceased were identified as Farooq, his brother Arif, sister Naibu and daughter Arsh, all residents of Jammu. They were going to Chandigarh when the accident occurred, the

Rs 1.80 Cr real estate fraud with doctor's wife **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu on Saturday filed charge-sheet against an ex-Cop and his wife for real estate fraud worth Rs 1.80 Crore with a reputed doctor's wife in Jammu.

The accused, against whom charge sheet was filed in the court of law, have been identified as Mohd. Afzal Beg, son of Abdul Rashid Beg, resident of Gool, district Ramban at present Bahu Fort Jammu and his wife Fehmida Kouser.

Accused Mohd Afzal Beg, who happened to be a Police, illegally indulged in property dealing while in government service and subsequently resigned from IRP 19th Battalion Kathua in

In 2023, a written complaint was received from wife of one reputed Doctor of Jammu Dr Khalid alleging therein that Mohd Afzal posed as sole owner of someone else's land and sold her two kanals of land in Sidhra. Jammu for a total consideration of Rs 2.25 Crore out of which Rs.1.80 Crore had been paid in advance and subsequently it came to fore

someone else. Afzal didn't return the money.

After preliminary verification into the allegations, FIR was registered and in-depth investigation was conducted by the highly professional Investigating Officer (IO) and case of cheating, fraud and forgery was proved against Mohd Afzal Beg and his wife. Mohd Afzal Beigh, resident

of Gool, at present Bahu Fort, Jammu was arrested by Crime Branch Jammu from Srinagar on August 17, 2023 under FIR 72/2023. Beigh while serving

that the land belonged to Amarnath Yatra: Pilgrims leave twin base camps for shrine, second batch starts journey from Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The Amarnath Yatra began on Saturday as the first batch of pilgrims left the twin base camps in Baltal and Nunwan to start their journey to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas,

The yatra started early morning from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-kilometre Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-kilometre shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal. The officials said the pilgrims on the

twin routes were flagged off by the respective Deputy Commissioners along with senior police and civil administration offi-Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal,

Senior Superintendent of Police Ganderbal, Sandeep Gupta; Camp Director Baltal, Camp Director Domail,

Domail, Baltal base camp.



Shvambir flagged off the Yatra from the Additional Camp Directors, and other officials from district administration, police, and security agencies graced the occasion, ensuring the seamless start of this signifi-

The pilgrims, filled with enthusiasm and devotion, were seen chanting religious hymns as they proceeded towards the holy

PM greets Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims Modi Govt committed to ensure safe, smooth Yatra: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday greeted pilgrims on the start of the Amarnath Yatra, saying the 'darshan' of Lord Shiva is known to infuse immense energy in his followers.

"My heartfelt best wishes to all pilgrims on the commencement of the oly Amarnath Yatra. This yatra associated with the darshan of Baba Barfani infuses immense energy in the devotees of Lord Shiva. May all devotees prosper with his blessings. Jai Baba Barfani," Modi said in a

oost on X in Hindi Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said the Modi government is committed to ensuring a safe, smooth and pleasant pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath and is making all possible arrangements to ensure that devotees do not face

"Shri Amarnath Yatra is an eternal symbol of the traditionalism and continuity of Indian culture. This divine yatra is starting today. I wish all the devotees good luck for the darshan," Shah wrote on 'X' in Hindi. "Under the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

The atmosphere was charged with spiritual fervor, reflecting the deep faith and reverence of the devotees

In preparation for this sacred journey, comprehensive arrangements have been made to ensure the comfort and safety

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