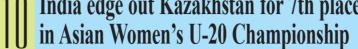
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Amarnath Yatra resumes; Administration rejects charge of ignoring flood risk at camp site



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STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Amarnath pilgrimage resumed on Monday after remaining suspended for three days following flash floods that claimed 15 lives, while the Jammu and Kashmir administration said it would get a clear picture by

Tuesday about the damage. In the wake of allegations that the pilgrim camp was set up at a "risky" site, a spokesperson for Raj Bhavan told PTI that flash floods that occurred in the past were taken into account during the planning and Friday's gush of water was beyond calculations and never witnessed before

The cave shrine is located at an altitude of 3,880 metre in south Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is the chairman of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) which manages the annual

The spokesperson clarified that the tents were never placed at the river bed and were, in fact, moved far beyond an embankment created this year for the safety of people.

"While planning for the tent this year,

flash flood occurring in 2021 and 2015. 'The process of constructing protection bunds by way of crate protection was started in October 2021, following discussion with experts and considering the last year's experience of flash floods

"Last year's flash flood, as well as the one in 2015, was discussed and taken into account and on the basis of expected water levels, it was decided to take precautionary measures such as building the embankment.

in August," the official said.

"But the water that suddenly gushed into the stream last Friday was beyond all calculations and never witnessed before," the spokesperson said.

The clarification came in the wake of allegations that the SASB had ignored last year's cloudburst incident on July 28 near the holy cave while setting up langars and tents in the dry bed of the stream outside the shrine this year.

Although there was no Amarnath vatra last vear due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the incident was serious enough to prompt Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to inform Union Home Minister Amit Shah over telephone.

"Spoke to Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji and discussed the incident

Kanhaiya killing: Badgam man held for issuing threats to Mumbai girl

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: A man was held from Jammu and Kashmir for allegedly issuing death and sexual threats to a 15year-old girl after she posted a video expressing her views on the June 28 killing of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur in Rajasthan, a Mumbai police official said on Monday

Fayyaz Ahmed Bhatt (30) was held on Sunday from Badgam in the northern Union Territory with the help of police there, the VP Road police station official said.

"The girl received calls and Whatsapp messages containing death and sexual threats from three numbers on July 1, after which her parents lodged a complaint the next day," he said.

A special team of Mumbai police nabbed Bhatt and charged him under provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act.

He has been remanded in police custody for three

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Gaurikund from Amarnath cave. Top JeM terrorist among 2 ultras killed in Pulwama that a joint cordon and

A view of Garhwal Himalayas range at Uttarakhand's pilgrimage site

SRINAGAR: Top Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorist Kaiser Koka was among two ultras killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama district on Monday,

The encounter broke out at Wandakpora in Awantipora area after security forces launched a cordon and search operation, a police

police said.

"#Terrorist Kaiser Koka #neutralised. Identification of 2nd terrorist being ascertained. #Incriminating materials, arms & ammuniin the area. tion including 01 USA made rifle (M-4 Carbine), 01 pistol and other materials have been recovered," a police

related incidents, the official The spokesperson added

spokesman tweeted. Koka

was wanted in many terror-

search operation was launched by Police, Army (55RR) and CRPF (130Bn)

During the search operation, as the joint search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated effectively leading to

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Parameswaran Iyer takes charge as NITI Aayog CEO

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI

Parameswaran Iyer, who had spearheaded the implementation of the flagship USD 20 billion Swachh Bharat Mission, on Monday took charge as the CEO of NITI A 1981-batch IAS officer

of Uttar Pradesh cadre, Iyer has worked with both the public and private sectors, according to an official state-

He was secretary in the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation during 2016

"With over 25 years of experience in the water and sani-

Rajouri man sharing pic showing cow slaughter held STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was arrested in Rajouri district on Monday for allegedly hurting the religious sentiments of a community by deliberately circulating a photograph of cow slaughter on social media, police said.

The accused, Imran Mir of village Thannamandi area, deliberately circulated the photograph of animal slaughter on social media on Sunday, when people were celebrating Eid-ul-Adha, they said. A case was registered

against Mir at Thanamandi police station and investigation initiated, they said. As the matter was sensi-

tive, special teams were constituted at the police station as well as sub-division levels for manhunt of the accused.

"Vital leads were looked into and best possible efforts were made to nab the culprit." said a police officer. The accused has been

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Sunrise: 05:34 Hours

PM unveils national emblem atop new Parliament building Chairman Harivansh and Urban

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday unveiled the national emblem cast atop the new Parliament building, marking the first major milestone ahead of the building's scheduled opening for later this year. Opposition parties such as the CPI(M)

and the AIMIM criticised the inauguration by Modi, saying this was a "violation" of the Constitution which envisages separation of power between the Executive and the Legislature. "This morning, I had the honour of

unveiling the National Emblem cast on the roof of the new Parliament," Modi Authorities have maintained that the

Parliament's Winter Session will be held in the new building. Modi was joined by Lok Sabha

Speaker Om Birla, Rajya Sabha Deputy



Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri at the inauguration. He also attended a religious ceremony at the The prime minister also interacted

with workers involved in the building's construction and told them that they should feel proud of their work. They are making a very big contribution to the nation's pride, he said. "I had a wonderful interaction with the

shramjeevis' who have been involved in the making of Parliament. We are proud of their efforts and will always remember their contribution to our nation," he tweeted.

When a worker expressed joy at his visit to the site and likened it to Lord Ram's arrival at Shabri's hut, a reference to epic Ramayana, Modi said lightheartedly, "Wah, CONTD ON PAGE 9

Amarnath tragedy: Four more dead identified as Rajasthan residents ■ STATE TIMES NEWS dents Mohanlal, Sunita

JAIPUR: Four more people

killed in the July 8 Amarnath flash floods have been identified as residents of Rajasthan's Nagaur district, taking the toll in the natural calamity from the state to seven, officials said on Monday.

At least 16 people have died in the flash floods triggered by a cloudburst near the cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas last Friday. Twenty-five people were hospitalised with injuries and nearly 30 are missing.

Three of the deceased had already been identified as Sri Ganganagar district resi-

Wadhwa and Sushil Khatri. "Four people from the district have died in the flash floods that occurred near the Amarnath cave shrine,

Nagaur district collector

Peeyush Samariya said.

They were identified as Prahlad Ram, Yajuvendra Singh, Shankar Singh and Veera. They were friends who started their journey from Pahalgam on July 6, the official said.

The annual Amarnath Yatra, which began on June 30. resumed on Monday after remaining suspended for a day due to inclement

weather. India must be ready to face

Consider introduction of 'Bail Act' to streamline grant of bail: SC to Centre

STATE TIMES NEWS

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India's flagship USD 20 bil-

lion Swachh Bharat Mission,

which successfully delivered

access to safe sanitation to

550 million people," the

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NEW DELHI: Liberty, as embedded in the law, has to be preserved and protected, observed the Supreme Court on Monday while directing the Centre to consider framing new legislation on bail to streamline the release of accused in criminal cases noting that the Code of Criminal Procedure as it exists today is a continuation of the pre-independence era with its modifications.

It also noted that jails in the country are flooded with undertrial prisoners and the majority may not even be required to be arrested despite registration of a cog-

The recommendation to consider framing the new bail law assumes significance given the clogging of bail pleas of several undertrial prisoners including activists, political leaders, and journal-

The court observed in a democracy, there can never be an impression that it is a police state.

While passing a slew of directions, it observed the rate of conviction in criminal cases in India is abysmally low and this factor weighs on the mind of the Court while

deciding bail applications in a negative sense.

"Courts tend to think that the possibility of a conviction being nearer to rarity, bail applications will have to be decided strictly, contrary to legal principles. We cannot mix up consideration of a bail application, which is not punitive in nature with that of a possible adjudication by way of trial.

"On the contrary, an ultimate acquittal with continued custody would be a case of grave injustice. Criminal courts in general with the trial court in particular

COVID: 39 new cases in J&K, 9 in Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 39 new Covid cases on Monday that pushed the infection tally to 4,56,080, officials said. Of the new cases, 22 cases

were reported from the Jammu division and 17 from the Kashmir valley, they The death toll stands at

4,758. No Covid-related death was reported, officials

There are 735 active cases, while the overall recoveries have reached 4,50,587, they added. There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus),

upheaval due to AI: Rajnath **STATE TIMES NEWS** NEW DELHI: India needs to work on Artificial

Intelligence (AI) mechanism "extremely carefully" and be ready to face the legal, ethical, political and economic upheaval that may follow the expansion of this technology, Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh said on

He stressed that AI technology should not be dominated by a country or a group, as has been the case with nuclear technology, and India needs to make advancements in the

Singh was speaking after

inaugurating an event titled 'AIDef (Artificial Intelligence

in Defence)'

"We have to use artificial

intelligence (AI) for humani-

ty's progress and peace. It

nance on this technology just like nuclear power - and the remaining countries are not able to enjoy the fruits of this technology,"

should not be the case that a

country or a group of coun-

tries establish their domi-

defence minister said. He noted that AI's ethics and possible dangers must be properly thought-out.

"We cannot stop the progress of artificial intelligence and we should not try to stop its progress.

But we need to be ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

LG visits Chandanwari, reviews arrangements for Amarnath pilgrims

STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDANWARI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited Chandanwari to take stock of facilities and arrangements for Shri Amarnathji pilgrims.

The Lt Governor also interacted with doctors, sanitation workers, volunteers, and people running community kitchen there.

As Shri Amarnathji Yatra has been resumed today morning from Chandanwari route, the Lt Governor reached the Chandanwari and sought detailed briefing on the various facilities and services being provided to the Yatris.

The Lt Governor also took a round of the DRDO hospital there and inspected the facilities. It was informed



that the DRDO hospital is

equipped with ICU beds with ventilators, Oxygenated beds, Non oxygenated beds, Triage, besides

having seven Ambulances. Cardiologist, Pulmonologist, Surgeons, Orthopedicians and eight Medical Officers

The Camp Director, Atul Kumar Gupta briefed the Lt Governor about amenities at the camp; Services

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SASB notifies provision of direct heli-tickets from Srinagar to Panitarni for Yatris

SRINAGAR: Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) has made arrangements for Heli ticket bookfrom Srinagar to Panjtarni for the pilgrims. Earlier the Heli booking available from

Srinagar Neelgrath/Pahalgam and from there the Yatri would need separate ticket for Panjtarni.

Now through the link www.heliservices.jksasb.nic in direct tickets can be booked from Srinagar to Panjtarni and Panjtarni to Srinagar. The one-way fare from Srinagar to Panjtarni is Rs. 14500.

SC sentences businessman Vijay Mallya to 4 months jail for contempt

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Supreme Court Monday sentenced fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya to four months in jail for committing contempt of court, saying he never showed any remorse nor tendered any apology for his conduct and adequate punishment must be imposed to maintain the majesty of the law.

The apex court directed the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to secure the presence of Mallya, who is in the United Kingdom since March 2016, to undergo the

A bench headed by Justice U U Lalit also imposed a fine of Rs 2,000 on Mallya, who was held guilty of committing contempt of court by the

top court on May 9, 2017, for transferring USD 40 million to his children in violation of court orders.

The bench, also comprising Justices S R Bhat and P S Narasimha, directed that Mallya and the beneficiaries under the said transactions relating to USD 40 million shall be bound to deposit the amount received along with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum with the concerned recovery officer within four weeks.

It said in case the amounts are not deposited, the concerned recovery officer shall be entitled to take appropriate proceedings for recovery and the money Government of India and all concerned agencies

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