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# Amarnath Yatra flashflood: LG says rescue ops called off; 15 dead, none missing

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Lieutenant Kashmir Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the rescue operations launched following a flashflood near the Amarnath cave shrine -- that left 15 people dead -- has been called off and there was no report of any person miss-

Referring to reports about several persons missing in the aftermath of the flashflood on July 8, Sinha said the helpline number of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board had received about 200 calls and it took some time to track the yatris as their mobile phones were switched

Fifteen pilgrims have lost their lives and all have been identified. Fifty-five persons were injured and all, except two, have been discharged and have gone home, Sinha told reporters at the Raj Bhavan here.

The Lt Governor said the

### Yatra suspended due to bad weather



Rains lead to suspension of Amarnath Yatra on Thursday

SRINAGAR: Amarnath Yatra was suspended on both routes on Thursday due to bad weather as rains lashed the Kashmir

The yatra was temporarily suspended from Pahalgam as well as Baltal routes in the morning and no pilgrim was allowed to move towards the holy cave shrine, they said.

The officials said the yatra will resume after the weather improves. Earlier, the yatra was stopped for three days following a cloudburst on July 8 which left 16 people dead and over 30 missing. It had resumed via

two injured were undergoing treatment at SKIMS Soura here and their condition is

stated to be stable. I hope they will also be dis-

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 charged in a few days, he said, adding that 14 bodies were sent to their families in

He said the administration was in touch with all the state governments and as of now no person was missing.

We have been in touch with principal resident commissioners of all the states and when there was a need, we even spoke to concerned deputy commissioners, and I can tell you that largely we do not have any inputs about any person missing, Sinha

He said the rescue operation which was on since July 8 has largely been called off.

No new dead body was found and the operation has been called off, he added.

On the allegations that the administration did not take adequate measures in the wake of a flashflood last year. Sinha said the flow pattern of both the flashfloods -- last year as well as the one in 2015 -- was kept in mind and the irrigation and flood control department

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#### 8 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims injured in bus accident

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Amarnath yatris were injured on Thursday when a bus they were travelling in met with an accident in Kulgam district, officials said here.

They said the bus was enroute to the Baltal base camp with around 40 pil-

grims. The driver lost control over the vehicle on the national

highway near ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Govt to create Deptt of **Hospital Admn in** GMCs Jammu, Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Government

on Thursday accorded sanction to the creation of Department of Hospital Administration Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) of Jammu and Srinagar.

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the creation of the Department of Hospital Administration Government Medical

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# Not seeking independence but meaningful autonomy for Tibet: Dalai Lama

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama on Thursday said more and more people in China are beginning to realize that he is not seeking "independence" but meaningful autonomy and preservation of the Tibetan Buddhist culture.

Advocating resolution to all disputes through dialogue, he asserted that all human beings are equal and they need to rise above the narrow-minded approach of "my nation, my ideology" which is the main trigger for fights among people.

The Dalai Lama arrived here to a warm welcome by his followers who turned up in large numbers despite heavy rains. This was his visit first outside Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh in the last two years. He is likely to visit Ladakh on Friday.

"Some Chinese hardliners consider me a separatist and a reactionary and always

tions into case in early 1990.

As per brief details, Yasin

Malik, Chief of banned

JKLF who has recently been

sentenced to life imprison-

ment in a terror funding case,

is an accused in Rubaiya

Sayeed kidnapping case.

While framing the charges,

TADA Court observed that

Yasin Malik along with other

accused, in the first week of

December 1989, entered into

a criminal conspiracy to kid-

nap Dr Rubaiya Sayeed, who

Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama interacting with media in Jammu on Thursday.

two Inter-state Narco-smugglers

criticize me. But now, more Chinese are realising that the Dalai Lama is not seeking independence and only wishing China (to give) meaningful autonomy (to Tibet) and (ensure) preservation of Tibetan Buddhist culture, the 87-year-old spiritual leader told reporters.

Asked about China's objection to his visit, the Dalai Lama said, "This is usual. The Chinese people are not objecting... more and more Chinese are showing interest in Tibetan Buddhism. Some

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JAMMU: The Jammu and

Kashmir Anti Narcotics

Task Force (ANTF) team on

Thursday arrested two inter-

state narco smugglers with

contraband of 600-kg poppy

straw near Sidhra area here.

Kumar on Thursday said on

a specific input, the team

apprehended two narco

smugglers and recovered 600

Kg of Poppy Straw from a

truck bearing registration

No JK03E-7773 on its way

from Kashmir Valley to

He said on receiving input

Punjab via Jammu.

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of their scholars are realising that Tibetan Buddhism is very scientific. Things are changing. The Dalai Lama, whose

real name is Tenzin Gyatso,

received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 and is feted

worldwide for his advocacy of independence for Tibet and other causes. Earlier this month, Beijing criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for greeting

the Dalai Lama on his 87th birthday, saying India

coming from Kashmir via

Jammu, ANTF team laid

naka at NH-44, near

Environmental Park Sidhra, Narwal Bye Pass, here and

On checking, 24 plastic

bags containing 600 Kg of

Poppy Straw concealed

under plywood sheets were

recovered from the truck, he

The SSP said two narco

intercepted the vehicle.

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 ANTF recovers 600 Kg poppy straw, arrests

## States, UTs asked to hold special **COVID** vaccination camps

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Centre has urged states and Union territories to hold special camps on routes of various vatras as well as at office complexes, railway stations and schools and colleges for administering precaution doses of Covid vaccine to all aged above 18 years.

'COVID The 75-day Vaccination Amrit Mahotsava' to provide free precaution dose to all eligible population aged above 18 years at government Covid vaccination centres will commence on Friday. In a virtual meeting with health

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#### Five JKAS officers, one Jr Scale JKAS officer transferred STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday transfers five JKAS officers and a Junior Scale JKAS officer.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department Umar Shafi Pandit, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Noorabad, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Noorabad, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director, J&K Institute of Management. Public Administration and Rural Development, Kashmir; Mehraj-ud-Din Shah, JKAS, Wage Project Officer, (ACD) Employment Kupwara as Assistant Commissioner Revenue. Ganderbal: Ab. Baseer Ahmad, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Ganderbal as Controller of Examinations, J&K Services

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Selection Board;



### J&K reports 165 new COVID cases, Ladakh 10

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 165 new Covid cases on Thursday, taking the infection tally to 4,56,456, officials said.

Of the new cases, 112 were reported from the Jammu division and 53 from the Kashmir valley, they said. Providing district-wise

breakup for positive cases, a Medical Bulletin issued by the government informed that Jammu reported 92 43. Srinagar Udhampur 07, Kathua 06, Ganderbal 05, Samba

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Board of

School Education on Thursday declared the

class 10 result for schools in its Jammu divi-

sion with girl students outshining boys by

scoring a higher pass percentage of 83.46

As many as 53,628 students had appeared

in the annual regular examination conducted

by JKBOSE, out of which 43,123, constitut-

ing 80.41 percent of the total examinees, have

Out of the total examinees, they said,

Girls have excelled again by scoring a pass

percentage of 83.46 per cent against 78.01

Of all the successful students, 5,104 stu-

dents secured AI grade, 8,727 got A2 grade,

10,067 students B1 grade, 10,563 students

B2 grade, while 7.365 candidates secured C1

been declared qualified, the officials said.

30,011 were boys and 23,617 were girls.

SANJAY SHARMA

percent, officials said

### different states while the cremation of one was done here

## **Kidnapping in December 1989**

## Dr Rubaiya Sayeed to appear before CBI court in Jammu today which took over the investiga-

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Dr Rubaiya

Saveed, daughter of former Minister Mufti Muhammad Sayeed will appear before CBI court in Jammu on Friday as a witness in the case of her kidnapping in December 1989. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Court in Jammu had issued summons to Rubaiya Sayeed on May 28 this year to appear before the court in connection with this Rubaiya Sayeed who is sis-

ter of PDP Chief Mehbooba **JKBOSE** declares class 10th result

80.41 pc students qualify exam; girls outshine boys again

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class 10th Annual Regular

Heartiest congratulations to all the

students, who have passed JKBOSE

examinations-2022, Summer Zone,

the students for a bright future.

Compliments to their parents,

grade respectively.

teachers and @Office\_JKBoSE.

Jammu Division. My best wishes to all

grade, 1,288 C2 grade and nine got the D

Chairman JKBOSE expressed his satisfac-

"It is heartening to know that 80.41% stu-

dents have qualified this exam despite various

challenges posed by COVID-19; girls have

again outshined boys. **CONTD ON PAGE 9** 

tion over the entire examination process.



Mufti, has landed in Jammu today for appearing in case on Friday.

On May 28, 2022, CBI court had issued summons to Rubaiya Saveed, daughter of former Chief Minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, to

appear before the Court on July 15 in a case wherein Special Judge TADA Court framed charges under sections 364, 368, 120-B of RPC, Section 3/4 of TADA Act, 1987 and Section 7/27 of Indian Arms Act against JKLF Chief Yasin Malik &

This was the first time that Rubaiya Sayeed was asked to appear in the case. She had been freed after five terrorists were released in exchange. Dr Rubaiya Sayeed, who stays in Tamil Nadu, is listed as a prosecution witness by CBI

### Five engineers adjusted, two repatriated to PW (R&B) Deptt

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday adjusted five Engineers and repatriated two to their parent Department i.e. PW (R&B) Department.

"Consequent upon the placement of the services of Engineers at the disposal of this Department by Public Works (R&B) Department vide Government Order No. 214- PW(R&B) of 2022 dated June 30, 2022 and subsequent to their joining, their adjustments/postings are ordered with immediate effect," reads an order issued by Mandeep Kaur,

### that the truck carrying huge quantity of contraband is ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Two doctors suspended in Surankote following protest over patient's death

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Amid a protest

over a woman's death at a Sub-District Hospital, the administration here suspended two doctors for unauthorised during duty hours in Poonch district, officials said on Thursday.

Block Medical Officer Dr Mohd Anwar and Medical Officer (National Mission) Health  $\operatorname{Dr}$ Ishtiaq Malik Surankote sub-district hospital were placed under suspension on the recommendations Poonch Deputy Commissioner Inderjeet,

Nelofar of Surankote's Pamrote village died at the hospital on July 10, triggering a protest by her relatives who claimed doctors were not available. The deputy commission-

er visited the protesters and assured them of stern action. "Pending enquiry into the matter, sanction is hereby accorded to the suspension of the BMO and the MO for remaining unauthorisedly absent from duties on July 10, 2022," the officials said, quoting an order issued by the health and medical education department.

Ahmed, resident

smugglers identified as Nasir Farooq, son of Farooq Chandhara, Tehsil Pampore, Pulwama and Mohammad Amin Rather, son of Abdul Rashid Rather, resident

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#### Fire extinguisher found lying along roadside; destroyed by Army STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A fire extinguisher found lying on the roadside here on Thursday was destroyed by the Army experts after suspecting the presence of an improvised explosive device (IED) inside it, officials said

The suspicious object was noticed by local residents at Malpur in the Akhnoor sector on the outskirts of the city around 4.30 am and subsequently alerted the nearby army unit and the police, they said.

The officials said both the army and the police rushed to the area and a link

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### Four SHOs among 7 Insps transferred

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU:

pass per cent of boys.

Superintendent of Police, Poonch, Rohit Baskotra on Thursday transferred four Station House Officers (SHOs) among seven inspectors after approval by Police District Establishment Board

Poonch. As per order, Inspector Sureshwar Dev Singh has been transferred from Police Station (P/S) Poonch and posted as Reader DPO Poonch; Inspector Manzoor Ahmed Kohli, from P/S Mendhar as Incharge Drug Cell DPL Poonch; Inspector Bashir Ahmed Kohli from P/S Mandi

Inspector Niaz Ahmed from P/S Surankote as SHO ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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NEW DELHI: With the sup-

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

port of regional parties like the BJD, the YSR-CP, the BSP, the AIADMK, the TDP, the JD(S), the Shiromani Akali Dal, the Shiv Sena and now the JMM, NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu's vote share in the July 18 presidential poll is likely to reach nearly twothirds and she is set to become the first woman from the tribal community to occupy the top constitutional

Murmu's vote share is now likely to go past 61 per cent, while it was earlier estimated to be around 50 per cent at the time of her nomination. The Jharkhand Mukti

its support on Thursday in favour of Murmu, who is a former governor ofJharkhand.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee now

has over 6.67 lakh votes after the support of various regional outfits, out of a total of 10,86,431 votes. Thes

include 3.08 lakh votes of ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies. The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has electorate, which is around 2.9 per cent of the total votes. The ruling party in Odisha

NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu set to get over

has 114 MLAs in the 147member state Assembly, while the BJP

has 22 lawmakers. The BJD has 12 MPs in the Lok Sabha and nine in the

Rajya Sabha. Murmu has received also the support of the AIADMK (17,200 votes),YSRCP (with around

44,000 votes), the Telugu Desam Party (around 6,500 votes), the Shiv Sena (25,000 votes) and the

60 pc votes in presidential poll Dal (Secular) (around 5,600 votes).

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) strength in the Upper House of Parliament is 92 after the results of the just-concluded Rajya Sabha elections. It has a total of 301 MPs of its own in the Lok Sabha.

saffron empathic win in four state Assembly polls, including in Uttar Pradesh, where the value of the vote of each MLA is more than their counterparts in any other state, has only added to its overall advantage.

Though the BJP and its allies in the NDA have fewer MLAs than they had during the 2017 presidential

### Army installs 100-ft-high tricolour in Kishtwar

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Army on Thursday dedicated a 100-fthigh national flag installed here to the people in Kishtwar district, a defence spokesperson said.

The installation of the flag at the Kuleed Chowk was completed in a record time of 40 days and it is one of its kind in the Jammu region, he said.

General Commanding, Counter-Insurgency Force (Delta), Major General Ajay Kumar dedicated the tricolour to the public at the inaugural ceremony of the two-day Kishtwar Cultural Festival. A large number of people, including local students, wit-

nessed the event. This initiative is aimed at



the spokesperson said.

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Morcha (JMM) announced around 32,000 votes in the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9