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### Amarnath Yatra flashflood...

erected a wall there. I have spoken to many experts, had that bund not been there, the disaster could have been worse, he added.

Referring to PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's remarks that the government had allowed more yatris than recommended, Sinha said the Supreme Court had formed a committee of experts and on the basis of the discussions by the committee, the decision on the number of pilgrims was taken.

Two years before, 7,500 people were permitted through both sides. Last year, the shrine board improved the facilities and with the result, it was decided to allow 10,000 yatris from both the axis and this decision is being fully implemented.

I can tell you that this year, attempts have been made to improve the infrastructure and the facilities. We have tried to take feedback from the yatris as well, the Lt Governor said.

Sinha said with the support of the locals, the yatra is going on in a right manner and so far, about 1.5 lakh pilgrims have had darshan' at the cave shrine.

I am thankful of the locals who showed sensitivity and guided the yatris that day. They provided all help to them, he said, adding it remains to be seen as to how many more yatris will come.

The LG said all the yatris have a Rs 5 lakh insurance cover.

Apart from that, the next of kin of those who died will be provided another Rs 5 lakh by the shrine board, he said.

Sinha said the administration has requested the surveyor general of India to work on the digital contour mapping around the cave.

We are in touch with experts on what other steps need to be taken, he added.

### Yatra suspended due...

the Pahalgam route on Monday and through the Baltal route on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, amid tight security, another batch of over 5,000 pilgrims on left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here this morning to offer prayers at the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

The 15th batch comprising 5,449 pilgrims left in a convoy of 201 vehicles for the twin base camps of Nunwan-Pahalgam and Baltal in the early hours, they said.

The officials said 1,666 pilgrims including 536 women and 43 children heading for Baltal in 61 vehicles were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp around 3.20 am, followed by the second convoy of 140 vehicles for Pahalgam, carrying 3,783 pilgrims including 702 women, 103 sadhus and 54 children at around 4.20 am.

So far, over 1.45 lakh pilgrims have offered their prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally-formed ice-shivlingam, despite a three-day suspension in the wake of flash floods triggered by heavy rains near the cave shrine on July 8 which left 16 people dead.

A total of 88,526 pilgrims have left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Valley since June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The officials said eleven pilgrims have also died mostly due to health conditions during the yatra, which is scheduled to end on August 11 on the occasion of Shrawan Purnima coinciding with Raksha Bandhan.

### 8 Amarnath Yatra...

Nussu Badergund in Qazigund and hit a tipper dumper moving in the same direction, they said.

Eight pilgrims were injured, the officials said, adding that six of them were administered first-aid at a hospital in the area and the other two shifted to the district hospital in Anantnag.

### Govt to create...

Colleges of Jammu and Srinagar in tune with the National Medical Commission (erstwhile Medical Council of India) and National Board of Examination (NBE) guidelines", reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, HK&ME Department. Notably the sanction is in sync with Administrative Council Decision number 97/7/2022 dated July 07, 2022.

### Not seeking independence...

should stop using Tibet-related issues to interfere in China's internal affairs. However, India rejected China's criticism and asserted that it is a consistent policy to treat the Dalai Lama as an honoured guest of the country.

The spiritual leader's visit to Ladakh, where he is likely to spend over a month, is expected to rile China further as it comes amid the lingering military standoff between Indian and Chinese troops at several friction points in eastern Ladakh.

"I am leaving for Ladakh tomorrow (Friday) to take part in some programme. The weather did not cooperate," the Dalai Lama said.

He expressed displeasure over the prevailing crisis in Sri Lanka.

"My main message to the people is that we all are brothers and sisters and there is no point in fighting... the fight is triggered by narrow-mindedness when they start thinking (things) like 'my nation, my ideology,'" he said.

Humanity demands that "we live together, whether we like it or not. There might be some problems like in a family which can be solved through talks," the Dalai Lama added.

### ANTF recovers 600...

of Chandhara, Tehsil Pampore, Pulwama were arrested on the spot.

ANTF is investigating the forward and backward links of this consignment and more arrests are expected, he said and appealed general public to share information regarding Narco dealers so that strict actions under law are taken against them.

### Dr Rubaiya Sayeed...

that time was undergoing Resident Rotatory Internship Training in Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar and wrongfully confined her with ulterior motive of getting released five terrorists namely Hamid Sheikh, Altaf Ahmed Bhat, Noor Mohd Kalwal, Javed Ahmed Zargen and Sher Khan of JKLF, lodged in different jails, in exchange of her release. In furtherance of afore delineated criminal conspiracy, on December 8, 1989, Yasin and other accused namely Mohd Rafiq Dar, Ali Mohd Mir, Iqbal Ahmed Gandoor, Mushtaq Ahmed Lone, Manzoor Ahmed Sofi, Wahajat Bashir, Miraj-ud-din Sheikh, Shoukat Ahmed Bakshi, Javed Ahmed alias Nalka, Nanaji alias Saleem, Riaz Ahmed Bhat, Khurshid Ahmed Dar, Basharat Rehman, Tariq Ashraf, Shafaqat Ahmed Shangloo and Manzoor Ahmed alias Muna alias Manzoor Islam assembled in house Mushtaq Ahmed Lone and deliberated upon

## J&K People's Movement merges with AAP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The president and other office-bearers of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement, a political outfit floated by IAS officer Shah Faesal in 2019, joined the Aam Aadmi Party here on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference, Delhi Food and Supplies Minister Imran Hussain said the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM) has merged with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) with "almost" all of its office-bearers joining the ranks with the Arvind Kejriwal-led party.

The JKPM leaders joined the AAP in the presence of party national convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

The development comes within a fortnight after the JKPM announced its exit from the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, a grouping of five political parties, including the National Conference (NC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP). The alliance was formed in October 2020 with an aim of restoring Article 370 which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Faesal, who had floated the JKPM party to revive democratic politics in Jammu and

Kashmir, was reinstated in the service in earlier April with the Union government accepting his application for withdrawing his resignation.

The doctor-turned-bureaucrat, who was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act immediately after the abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, gave up on politics and started dropping hints of his willingness to rejoin the government service after his release from detention in June 2020.

"We formed the JKPM in 2019, taking inspiration from Arvind Kejriwal. And, after the AAP came in Jammu and Kashmir, we wondered why we should not join hands and work together when our thoughts and mission are same," JKPM president Ghulam Mustafa Khan told reporters.

"So we decided that we will not remain separate. We will come together and fight to achieve our mission under the leadership of Kejriwal," he added.

Other JKPM office-bearers who joined the AAP are its treasurer Mir Mudasir, general secretary Javed Ahmed Khan, senior vice president Muhammad Hussain, Jammu province convenor

Surendra Thapa and the party's chief spokesperson Riyaz Majid.

"I welcome them along with every office-bearer and volunteer of the JKPM on its merger with the Aam Aadmi Party, and hope that we contest the upcoming assembly elections and form our government (in Jammu and Kashmir), taking our party's mission forward," Hussain said.

Hussain is the AAP's election in-charge for Jammu and Kashmir.

**Landslide kills father-son duo in Reasi**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A man and his son were killed in a landslide in a remote village in Reasi district, officials said on Thursday.

Mohammad Shafi (65) and his son Abdul Rashid (30) were on the way to home when they came under a landslide, triggered by rains, at Thilli-Kalad village in Arnas area Wednesday evening, they said. Villagers retrieved the bodies of both the deceased from under the debris, the officials said, adding they were later buried after the completion of legal formalities.

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plan to kidnap Dr Rubaiya Sayeed, when she would be returning for her house from Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar to Nowgoan Bye pass, Srinagar. Then, accused Javed Ahmed Mir alias Nalka entered a Mini Bus and forced Dr Rubaiya Sayeed to get down from the same and sit in blue-colored Maruti Car, driven by accused Ali Mohd Mir. Dr Rubaiya Sayeed was then taken to Sopore and kept in an old house situated in Irrigation Colony in possession of accused Javed Ahmed Mir. After two hours, she was shifted to Flat-B-1 of Irrigation Colony Sopore, belonging to accused Javed Ahmed Mir, where she remained from evening of December 8 to December 9, 1989. During entire period of confinement, accused namely Mohd Rafiq Dar and Iqbal Ahmed Gandoor, armed with AK-47 rifles along with accused Halima kept watch on Dr Rubaiya Sayeed, till her release on December 13, 1989 in exchange of JKLF terrorists.

### States, UTs asked...

secretaries of state and Union territories and NHM MDs, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan urged them to give an intensive and ambitious push towards full vaccination coverage by inoculating all eligible beneficiaries and covering them with precaution dose, a health ministry statement said.

Being implemented in a 'mission mode', this special Covid vaccination drive is part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. The special drive is aimed at increasing uptake for the precaution dose of Covid vaccine among the eligible adult population, the statement said.

Bhushan highlighted that less percentage of precaution doses among population groups aged 18 years and above (8 per cent) and persons aged 60 years and above (27 per cent) is a cause of concern.

Those eligible for the precaution dose include all persons aged 18 years and above who have completed 6 months (or 26 weeks) from the date of administration of second dose.

In the meeting, states and Union territories were urged to implement 'COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsava' for 75 days as 'Jan Abhiyaan' with massive mass mobilisation, through a camp approach, the statement said.

They were advised to organise special vaccination camps in the routes of Char Dham Yatra (Uttarakhand), Amarnath Yatra (Jammu and Kashmir), Kanwar Yatra (all states and Union territories of north India) as well as major melas and congregations.

Bhushan advised them to operationalise special workplace vaccination camps at big office complexes (public and private), industrial establishments, railway stations, inter-state bus stations, in schools and colleges etc.

In all such special vaccination camps, vaccination to be done mandatorily through CoWIN and vaccination certificate to be provided. Ambitious district/block/CVC-wise session plans need to be made for successful implementation of the initiative and to ensure that all eligible population is covered by precaution dose, the statement said.

The states and Union territories were also advised to do wide advance publicity of this initiative in print, electronic, social and mass media. State health secretaries have been urged to undertake regular weekly review of progress at the state level.

The states and Union territories were further advised to ensure that the available Covid vaccine doses are consumed in a timely manner and no dose expires in both government and private facilities, the statement said.

Highlighting that Covid vaccine is a precious national resource, states were requested to assess the requirement for the 75-day special drive as per the eligible population groups and inform to the Centre.

This would enable the health ministry to provide adequate doses to the states and Union territories that need them.

The principle of first expiry, first out shall continue to guide the Covid vaccination, the statement said.

### J&K reports 165...

04, Anantnag 02, Rajouri, Ramban, Reasi, Baramulla, Pulwama and Kupwara districts reported one case each while as no other district across the Union Territory reported any fresh case.

The death toll stands at 4,758.

No Covid-related death was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said.

There are 815 active cases of Covid in the Union Territory, while the overall recoveries have reached 4,50,883, they added.

There are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh's COVID-19 tally increased to 28,558 as 10 more people tested positive for the viral disease during the past 24 hours, officials said.

All the new cases were detected in Leh which has seen a spurt in Covid infections over the last two months, taking the active cases in the district to 49, they said.

So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, according to officials.

A total of 3,355 people, including 1,547 air travellers, were screened for COVID-19 in Leh and Kargil districts on Wednesday, they said.

Twelve people were discharged from hospitals in Leh after recovering from the disease. With this, the total number of recoveries have gone up to 28,311, the officials said.

### Fire extinguisher found...

road was closed for vehicular traffic.

Later, bomb disposal experts of the army destroyed the cylinder containing the suspected IED in a controlled explosion, they said.

### Five engineers adjusted...

Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. As per order, Hamid Iqbal Mir, awaiting orders of adjustment, shall look after the charge of Executive Engineer, Rural Engineering Wing (REW), District Poonch; Manzoor Ahmad Wani, awaiting orders of adjustment, shall look after the charge of Executive Engineer, REW District Shopian; Gian Singh, awaiting orders of adjustment, shall look after the charge of Executive Engineer, REW District Ramban; Sajad Ali Bhat, awaiting orders of adjustment, shall look after the charge of Executive Engineer, REW District Pulwama; and Masroor Ahmad Malik, awaiting orders of adjustment, shall look after the charge of Executive Engineer, REW District Srinagar/Ganderbal.

It is further ordered that the Hans Raj, I/c Executive Engineer, REW, District Poonch, presently attached in the Administrative Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Iftikhar Ahmad Darvaish, I/c Executive



making a list of houses/Residential buildings for distribution of flags.

The DC also enjoined upon the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat to conduct a similar exercise at Block level so as to ascertain the number of Institutional and Residential buildings and to work out mechanism for collection of funds for purchase of Flags.

The DC further impressed upon the RTO and representative from NHA to work out a plan for collection of funds, distribution and pasting of National Flags on the vehicles plying across the district.

The DC while emphasizing the importance of the event and terming it as a momentous milestone in India's journey since attaining freedom, the DC called for coordination and cooperation of all stakeholders to make the event a resounding success.

## DC Kathua discusses launch of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey on Thursday discussed the modalities for launching 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign here at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by ADC Kathua Atul Gupta, RTO Kathua, Chief Education Officer, Kathua, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat and Concessionaire, NHA Toll Plaza, Lakhnupur.

At the Outset, DC apprised the meeting that under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the government has launched "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign to encourage people to hoist the national flag at their homes to mark the 75th Independence Day. "The idea behind this initiative is to invoke the feeling of patriotism and to promote awareness about our national flag" he said.

Detailed deliberations were held on different aspects of the campaign and the DC directed the officers to assess the demand for flags required for hoisting on Institutional and Residential buildings across the district under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Programme.

The DC directed CEO Kathua to conduct an exercise for collection of funds at school level through active involvement of Students besides

Engineer, REW, District Srinagar/Ganderbal have been repatriated to their parent Department i.e. PW(R&B) Department.

### 80.41 pc students...

I acknowledge the contribution of entire divisional and district level administrative machinery, whole team of the officers and officials of JKBOSE Jammu Division and teachers who have tirelessly contributed for the flawless conduct of examination followed by cooperation in evaluation. Those students who could not make it this time should try again with revised strategies," Chairman JKBOSE said.

Secretary JKBOSE also congratulated the successful students and appreciated the cooperation of all the stakeholders for successful completion of this examination process with the declaration of result.

In order to facilitate the access of students, the result is available online on the official website of JKBOSE www.jkbose.nic.in and on www.indiresults.com as well.

The candidates can also avail SMS facility by sending the text message to 567650 by typing jkbose10 followed by a space and Roll No. e.g., "jkbose10 Roll No