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## Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com Sticky bombs grave threat, adequate security for Amarnath Yatra: DGP

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Describing sticky bombs smuggled from Pakistan as a grave threat, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Monday said adequate security arrangements are in place for the Amarnath Yatra which is going on smoothly.

He also said around 150 terrorists are present on the launch pads across the border but security forces are fully alert and have thwarted their attempts to sneak into the valley.

All security related measures are in place for the Amarnath pilgrimage, the police chief told reporters at Mahore in Reasi district, where he had gone to appreciate the villagers for helping police arrest two wanted Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) ter-

The two terrorists Talib Hussain Shah, a mastermind behind the recent series of explosions in Rajouri, and his



DGP Dilbag Singh taking appraisal of arms & ammunition recovered from terrorists at Reasi.

### 'LeT terrorist was briefly associated with a political party'

JAMMU: Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Talib Hussain Shah was briefly associated with a political party and also posed himself as a mediaperson, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Monday.

However, he said such type of elements would continue to make attempts to take cover anywhere to carry forward their anti-national activities and that police are duty-bound to arrest them.

The DGP was interacting with reporters in the Mahore area of Reasi district, where he had gone to convey his appreciation

Ahmad Dar of Pulwama were overpowered by the villagers of remote Tukson Dhok early Sunday and later handed over to police. Two AK assault rifles, a pistol, seven grenades and a large

recovered from them. There is no connection between the (Amarnath) vatra and the arrest (of the duo). It is a big success as Shah was involved in a series of sticky bomb explosions in Rajouri, Singh said.

quantity of ammunition were

He said Shah was part of efforts being made by LeT handlers in Pakistan to revive terrorism in Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban and Reasi and other parts of Jammu region.

They earlier created a Gaznavi force group for Jammu province which was wiped out by police. The LeT handlers are using different names but all the elements are the same and they are making desperate

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### Six sticky bombs along with arms cache recovered from terror hideout in Rajouri

charge of XEns in JSD, 12 adjusted

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A terrorist hideout was busted in Rajouri district, leading to the recovery of six sticky bombs along

with other arms and ammu-

nition, police said on Monday. The hideout was busted at the disclosure of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Talib Hussain Shah who

along with his associate Faisal Ahmad Dar

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### Nomination process for **Aug 6 Vice-Presidential** polls to start from today STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The process of filing nominations for the August 6 vice-presidential polls will start from Tuesday and go on till July 19.

The term of incumbent Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu ends on August 10.

The scrutiny of the nomination papers will be done on July 20 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is

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# Farooq Mehbooba Jugalbandi: PAGD to contest J&K polls together

be held whenever the govern-

SRINAGAR: The National Conference and the PDP major constituents of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD)- said on Monday that the grouping will jointly contest the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We will contest the elections together. There is a political party that said that they have left the alliance. The truth is that they were never part of the alliance. They had come to break us from within," National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, who heads the PAGD, told reporters here.

Similar sentiments were expressed by PDP president and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti earlier in the day.

"We intend to contest the elections together as it is the will of the people that we should strive together for the restoration of our lost digni-

made adequate arrange-

ments to ensure a safe and

The Lt Governor was

briefed by the Deputy

Commissioner Ganderbal on

various arrangements includ-

ing power and water supply,

sanitation, toilet units, rural

haat, street lighting, health-

care facilities, availability of

ambulances, veterinary serv-

smooth Yatra.

"Who was the man who dis-

over the years.

Responding to a question, Muslim from Pahalgam, "he Abdullah said elections can

Abdullah said the govern-

ment of the time can hoist ment wants. "Elections were held when the national flag from every we had floods. Why can't house. "They have the final elections be held now? The say. But it would be great question is how they want to when people fly the tricolour contest the polls," the former on their own and not due to chief minister added.

diktats, "he said. Asked about the ongoing The PAGD, comprising five Amarnath Yatra, Abdullah J-K parties, was formed in October 2020 with a stated said it was the people of Kashmir who have wholeaim of restoring Article 370, heartedly ensured smooth which gave special status to conduct of the pilgrimage Jammu and Kashmir and was scrapped on August 5, 2019. The Centre

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### J&K BJP says arrested terrorist not its member

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The BJP on Monday denied claims that a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist nabbed in Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir was its Congress and othersattacked the saffron party and demanded a high-level

BJP spokesperson Abhinav Sharma claimed the cap-Talib terrorist. Hussain Shah of Rajouri, visited the party headquarters by posing as a reporter of a news portal under a conspiracy to conduct recee at the behest of his handlers across the border to target

### 13 killed, 2 injured as bus falls into gorge in Kullu

#### STATE TIMES NEWS SHIMLA/MANALI:

Thirteen passengers were killed and two others injured after a bus fell into a gorge in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district on Monday, officials Initial reports had put the

death toll at 16.

The bus was on its way to Kullu from Shainsher when it fell into the gorge at a hairpin bend near Jangla village around 8.30 am, the

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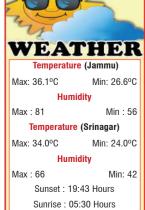
### Earthquake of magnitude 3.2 hits Doda

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A low-intensity earthquake of magnitude 3.2 hit Doda district on Monday but there were no reports of any damage, officials said.

The quake struck at 12.12 pm in Doda area of the Union Territory, the officials said. They said its epicenter was at a latitude of 33.12 degrees north and

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He rejected claims that Shah was minority cell's IT in-charge in J-K and demanded that the security of the BJP office and leaders be strengthened.

the party leadership.

According to our official records, he was neither a primary member nor a basic member, so there is no question of being an active member, Sharma said.

He visited our headquarters as a journalist of a news portal and interviewed our president (Ravinder Raina) who is well known for his nationalist views and for openly speaking

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Central

Protection

case of violation.

service charge.

NEW DELHI: Amid rising

consumer complaints, the

(CCPA) on Monday barred

hotels and restaurants from

levying service charge auto-

matically or by default in

food bills and allowed cus-

tomers to file complaints in

The CCPA has issued

guidelines for preventing

unfair trade practices and

violation of consumer rights

with regard to levying of

"No hotels or restaurants

shall add service charge auto-

Consumer

Authority

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## LG visits Baltal; interacts with Amarnath pilgrims, service providers

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BALTAL: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited Amarnathji Yatra Base camp at Baltal and interacted with the pilgrims, ponywalas, volunteers and officers deputed

At the camp, the Lt Governor enquired about the facilities, quality of services, well-being of Yatris and vol-The Lt Governor also car-

ried out on-site inspection of Control Rooms established there and directed officials for regular inspection of lodging, food, health facili-Hotels, restaurants barred from

levying service charge

matically or by default in the

Commissioner said in the

Restaurants and hotels

generally levy a service

charge of 10 per cent on the

The guidelines said there

should not be any collection

of service charge by any

No hotel or restaurant can

force a consumer to pay serv-

ice charge. They have to

clearly inform the consumer

that service charge is volun-

tary, optional and at con-

Reacting to the guidelines,

sumer's discretion.

guideline

other name.



Yatra Base camp at Baltal.

ties, sanitation and taking care of cleanliness drives

Gurbaxish Singh Kohli, vice

president, Federation of

Hotel and Restaurant

(FHRAI), told PTI that it

will study the order as it will

have "far reaching conse-

quences" and approach the

adding that the sector should

"If you want to make rules

and regulations, you please

make a law and make all the

people also follow the law,"

"We just got the order. We

will be studying it in the next

Associations

government

Kohli said.

few days. We will

not be "singled out".

along the Yatra route and

India

thereafter,

### The Lt Governor observed

that UT administration has

#### Bhadarwah man booked under PSA for delivering hate speech ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: A man, who allegedly delivered a hate speech during a protest against former BJP spokesperson Nupur controversial Sharma's remarks on Prophet Mohammad, was booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in Doda district on

Monday, police said. Adil Gafoor, a resident of Bhaderwah, was arrested on June 12 when the town was under curfew in the wake of communal tension triggered by Sharma's remarks and several social media posts by local right-wing activists

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### ices, fire tenders, Traffic situation etc. He informed that adequate

mobile oxygen units have been placed on various locations, besides men and machinery are in place at

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### ACB nabs Patwari red-handed while receiving bribe of Rs 15,000

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has nabbed one Gulzar Ahmad Makloo, Patwari, Halqa Zakoora, Srinagar for demanding Rs 50,000 and accepting Rs 15,000 as bribe for issuance of revenue extracts.

an official As per spokesperson, the ACB received a complaint wherein it has been alleged that one Gulzar Ahmad Makloo, working as Patwari, Halqa Zakura, Srinagar is demanding Rs 50,000 as bribe for issuance of revenue extracts of land in favour of the complainant. He further said

that deal was later settled for Rs 15,000 as first installment for the same. "On this, complainant approached ACB for taking legal action against erring revenue official under relevant laws. "As contents of the complaint prima facie disclose commission of offence as defined under section 7 of PC Act 1988, accordingly FIR No 26/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar and investigation started. A trap was laid by the ACB team and accused namely Gulzar Ahmad Makloo. Patwari, Halqa Zakura, Srinagar was caught

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# India eliminated all queues by going online: PM

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

GANDHINAGAR: Praising the role of digital technology in changing the lives of people of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India has eliminated queues or lines by going online and offering a host of services.

In the last eight years, he said, the DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) initiative, which aims to transfer subsidies or financial assistance directly to eligible beneficiaries through their linked bank accounts, has saved Rs 2.23,000 crore which were otherwise going to ineligible

The PM was addressing a



gathering after inaugurating "Digital India Week 2022" here at Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre. Till eight to ten years ago,

we had to stand in lines (queues) for everything. We had to stand in line for birth certificates, to pay bills, for ration, for admission, for results, for certificates, in banks. There were so many lines we used to stand in. India has eliminated all these lines by going online. Now, a majority of these services are digital," Modi said.

Highlighting the importance of his government's Digital India Mission, Modi said time will not wait for a country which does not adopt technology when required and maintained the country had suffered this during the third

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# 7,282 pilgrims leave for Amarnath shrine from Jammu

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Amid tight security, the sixth batch of over 7,200 pilgrims left from here on Monday for the twin base camps of 3,880-metre-high Amarnath cave shrine in south Kashmir, officials said.

A total of 7,282 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here in a convoy of 332 vehicles amid heavy security of CRPF, the officials said. Of these, 5,866 are males.

1,206 females, 22 children, 179 sadhus and nine sadhvis, they said. They said 2,901 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave in 150 vehicles around 3.40 am followed by

for Pahalgam. The annual 43-day pilgrimage commenced on June 30

the second convoy of 182 vehi-

cles carrying 4,381 pilgrims



from the twin base camps --Nunwan in Pahalgam of south Kashmir's Anantnag and Baltal camp in central

Kashmir's Ganderbal district. Till today, over 52,000 pilhad offered their



the officials said.

rally formed ice-Shiylingam.

The Yatra is scheduled to

end on August 11 on the occa-

sion of Raksha Bandhan.

### SASB to take 'feedback' from pilgrims on facilities

JAMMU: Pilgrims visiting the Amarnath can now give their feedback to the shrine authorities for improving facilities. The Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) on Monday

launched pilgrim feedback services (PFS), officials said. People can rate their experience on overall yatra facilities, accommodation, sanitation and food quality in the camps, besides giving suggestions and comments.

The system is taking the feedback directly through SMS from all the people who have undertaken the yatra, an official told PTI. Over 55000 pilgrims had offered prayers on the fifth day of the pilgrimage at the shrine, located at a height of 3880-meter and housing the naturally formed ice-shivling. The official said that feedback is being used for continuous upgrading of facilities

The Jammu Municipal Corporation has also employed young research assistants for two months to get feedback from pilgrims in Jammu city. The annual 43-day yatra commenced from the twin base camps -- traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- on June 30. A total of 39,269 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 Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. The yatra is scheduled to end on August 11 on Raksha Bandhan.

### Drone spotted along IB in Samba



Security personnel carrying out search operation after drone spotted near IB in Samba.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A drone was spotted along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, prompting security forces to launch a massive cordon and search operation, officials said on Monday.

"We got an information that there was some flying object hovering over the bor-

der hamlet Chilliyari in Samba last night. It may have been a drone from across", a police officer told reporters in Samba. However, a BSF officer

said there are no such reports about drone sighting. Security forces mobilised and a search operation was conducted,

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