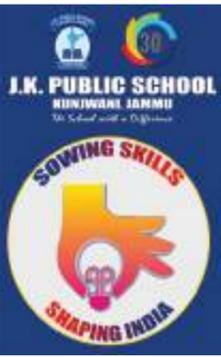


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LG calls for continuous monitoring of water levels, dissemination of early warning to all agencies

Flood alert in Kathua, Samba districts; water level recedes in Jhelum



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing preparedness for flood management during visit to Zero Bridge, Srinagar on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday visited Zero Bridge and reviewed the overall preparedness for flood management.

Interacting with officials of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, the Lt

Governor directed for continuous monitoring of water levels and dissemination of early warning to all agencies in real time.

Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control briefed the Lt Governor that appropriate measures has been taken by all concerned stakeholders to respond to emergent situation.

The I&FC Department has installed five automatic water Level Recorders installed on River Jhelum and nine on its tributaries to monitor the water levels on real time basis. The water levels are analysed and disseminated to all stakeholders.

The Lt Governor was apprised that as of now flood situation has been averted, water level at Sangam has receded and situation is under control.

The Lt Governor also enquired about the progress of PMDP-Phase (II)

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Amarnath Yatra resumes from Panjtarni, Sheshnag after 3 days, 6,491 perform Darshan

NH closed for second day, restoration work on

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Amarnath yatra resumed on Sunday from Panjtarni and Sheshnag base camps after remaining suspended for three days due to inclement weather in Kashmir, officials said here.

As soon as the skies cleared around the cave shrine, the authorities opened the gates and allowed the stranded devotees to offer prayers at the naturally formed ice-lingam in south Kashmir Himalayas, they said.

"Those devotees who had already performed 'darshan' have been allowed to return to Baltal base camp," a senior official at the Panjtarni base camp told PTI over phone.

According to an official spokesperson, a batch of 6491 yatries performed Darshan at Holy cave, on Sunday.

Among the yatries who paid obeisance at the cave included 4700 males, 1456 females, 213 children, 116 Sadhus and six Sadvis. 93929 pilgrims have performed Darshan at Shri Amarnathji Shri till date. The Army has sheltered more than **CONTD ON PAGE 9**



Pilgrims walking towards holy cave shrine of Amarnath in Baltal.

HM speaks to LG Sinha, takes stock of rain situation

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday spoke to the lieutenant governors of Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi and enquired about the situation in the union territories in the wake of the incessant rains, sources said.

Shah also took an update from the Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha about the Amarnath pilgrimage which was suspended due to the heavy rains.

"The home minister also spoke to LG of the Jammu and Kashmir and took updates about Amarnath pilgrimage which was suspended **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Main accused behind firing at Samba swimming pool arrested from HP

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SAMBA: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday claimed to have solved a recent case of firing at a swimming pool in Samba district by arresting the main accused from Himachal Pradesh.

Balvinder Singh alias 'Goru', a resident of Vijaypur area of Samba, was identified as the main accused in the case. He was arrested during raids at Dharamshala and Meleod Ganj in Himachal Pradesh, Samba Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Benam Tosh said.

He said police registered a case and started investigation immediately after a group of 10 masked criminals appeared at the Birpur swimming pool on July 3 and injured two staff members Tahir Latif and Muzaffar Siraj of Kishtwar - with sharp-edged weapons. They opened fire with a pistol before fleeing the scene. **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

2 soldiers among 5 dead as J&K, Ladakh receive heavy rains

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JAMMU/LEH: Two soldiers were among five people killed as incessant rains and unseasonal snowfall lashed a large part of Jammu and Kashmir besides Ladakh for the third consecutive day on Sunday, officials said.

With water bodies swollen, the meteorological department issued a red alert for Monday for certain parts of the Jammu region and Ladakh, while residents in dozens of lower catchment areas in the Jammu region were evacuated to safety as a precautionary measure. The body of a Junior

Commissioned Officer (JCO) was retrieved from a stream in the Poshana area of Surankote late Saturday evening, while the body of a second soldier was found this morning as the water level started receding in the district.

The two army personnel were washed away in flash floods while crossing a stream in the Poonch district, a defence spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a landslide hit a passenger bus at Bhangroon Thathri-Gandoh village road in Doda killing two passengers -- **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Amir Sohail and Mudassar Ali -- and injuring another who was rescued, Bhaderwah Superintendent of Police Vinod Sharma said.

A concrete bridge over Khellani Nallah on Batote-Kishtwar national highway was washed away as Chenab and its tributaries, especially Neeru in Bhaderwah and Kalnai in Bhalessa, were in full spate.

More than 15 people caught in flash floods in the district were rescued from low lying areas, the officials said. Mohammad Kazim, a resident of Kargil, was **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Teen from Nepal dies of suspected food poisoning in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: In a suspected case of food poisoning, a teenager from Nepal died and his cousin brother was hospitalised in Rajouri district, police said on Sunday.

Narendra Thakur (15) along with his cousin brother Noraj Singh (18), both residents of Jhajjar Kote in Nepal, were brought to Government Medical College (GMC) hospital

Rajouri in a critical condition late Saturday night, a police official said.

He said Thakur was declared dead by the doctors on arrival, while Singh **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Swift car skidded off along Mughal road Director Finance, wife, son killed; daughter injured

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POONCH: Director of Finance, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Ranbir Singh Bali, his wife and son were killed while his daughter received injuries when a vehicle they were travelling in fell into gorge near Pannar bridge along Mughal road on Srinagar-Poonch Highway on Sunday evening.

The accident took place around 7:40 PM when a swift car (JK02BD-4635) was on way to Surankote from Kashmir Valley via Mughal road. Three among those travelling in the car died on the spot while the injured **CONTD ON PAGE 9**



(L to R) Number plate of vehicle met with accident at Mughal Road and picture of Director Finance Ranbir Singh Bali.

and evacuated to nearby hospital by rescuers including locals and police.

The deceased have been identified as Ranbir Singh Bali (Director of Finance, **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Forest, Ecology and Environment Department), his wife Parvinder Kour and son Irvan Singh. Condition of his daughter Mahreen Kour is stated to be out of danger.

All villages of J&K declared ODF plus

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SRINAGAR: The Directorate of Rural Sanitation, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has achieved yet another milestone as all villages of Jammu and Kashmir have been declared as ODF Plus.

The achievement of 100% ODF Plus milestone is significant as it goes beyond constructing and use of toilets towards cleanliness by managing either Grey water or Solid Waste in each village.

In the journey of a village to achieve the condition where it is visually clean and has systems to process both solid and liquid waste, it has to pass through three stages; **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

ODF plus Aspiring, ODF plus Rising and ODF plus Model.

A village is ODF Aspiring when it has mechanisms to deal with either solid or liquid waste apart from ODF sustainability whereas it becomes rising when the system to deal with both solid and liquid waste are in place. Finally when the village has achieved a condition where it is visually clean with minimal litter and stagnant water apart from the solid and liquid waste management and adequate IEC activities, it is declared as Model.

As of now JK UT has 4473 ODF plus Aspiring villages, 1855 ODF plus Rising and 322 ODF plus Model **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

DPAP Govt will ensure all-round development of far flung areas of J&K: Azad Pays obeisance at revered Uri shrine

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URI: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday assured people of Uri that if elected his government will ensure all round development of far flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

This assurance the former chief minister gave after paying obeisance at revered shrine of Rangia Imam at Shahdara Sharief Uri today.

"The people of Uri, Karnah, Poonch where massive earthquake struck on October 8, 2005 are fully aware of the immediate relief and long term rehabilitation measures which I as chief **CONTD ON PAGE 9**



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing gathering at Shahdara Sharief Uri on Sunday.

minister implemented. I ordered fast relief in form of food, shelter and medical aid while serious patients were evacuated in helicopters, those requiring basic needs were attended to immediate- **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

ly. Your new houses stand testimony to my sanctioning of grant for quake hit victims," Azad said addressing hundreds of people here.

Recalling his tour of Kamalkote region after the **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

JPDCL worker dies repairing power transformer in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: A worker engaged with the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) was electrocuted while repairing a power transformer in Rajouri district, officials said on Sunday.

Jahangir Khan (35), a resident of Azmatnagar village of Thanamandi, was repairing a fault in the electricity transformer at village Manyal Gali when he came in contact with the live wire, resulting in his on-the-spot death, the officials said.

The death of Khan, a need-based worker, sparked protests against the alleged negligence of the **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.5°C Min: 20.9°C

Humidity
Max: 85 Min: 71

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 26.5°C Min: 14.9°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 55

Sunset : 19:42 Hours
Sunrise : 05:32 Hours