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Moment of glory for India, vindication 🚺 of Sarabhai's dream: Dr Jitendra

Driver among 3 die after camper fell into gorge

Army Chief discusses

security issues with LG

SRINAGAR: Chief of Army

Staff General Manoj Pande

on Friday called on Jammu

and Kashmir Lt Governor

Manoj Sinha here and dis-

General Pande met Sinha

at the Raj Bhavan here dur-

ing his visit to the Union Territory. "Met General

architects of J&K's strong

and glorious future. The

recent reforms and initiatives

have brought new momen-

tum to schemes aimed at

their empowerment and

abundant opportunities for

entrepreneurship for a new

socio-economic revolution,"

he added. Sinha shared

growth journey and

unprecedented

Manoj Pande, Chief of

Territory.

various security

in the Union

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Rather elected President of Kulgam Volleyball Association

J&K undergoing rapid transformation stands tall on development parameters: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the valedictory function of CBC, Ministry of I&B's Multimedia Exhibition in Srinagar on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Highlighting the rapid transformation taking place in Jammu and Kashmir under the guidance of the Prime Minister, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the Union Territory proudly tall on development parameters and full of self-

"Benefits of development

are reaching all sections of society and they are fully participating in the progress of the nation," the Lt Governor said at the valedictory function of Multimedia Exhibition, organized by Bureau Central Communication, Ministry of Information and

Broadcasting at Sri Pratap Higher Secondary School

The Lt Governor said: "The strength of youth, women & farmers and aspiration of the

"Women and Youth are the

Former CS B R Sharma appointed J&K's SEC

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday appointed retired IAS officer Braj Raj Sharma

as the State Election Commissioner (SEC). In an order, Administration Department,

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Nearly 50 lakh tourists visited Jammu till June, indicates positive trend for tourism in region: Official **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Nearly 50 lakh tourists have visited Jammu till June this year, indicating a positive trend for tourism in the region, an official said, highlighting that a campaign has also been launched to inform Amarnath pilgrims about must-visit places.

The annual yatra to the cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir

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Two local LeT terrorists carried out attack on non-local labourers in Shopian: ADGP

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

Protests held in Jammu against attack

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two local terrorists of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba are believed to be behind the attack on three non-local labourers in Shopian district on Thursday, officials have said.

Kashmir Police chief Vijay Kumar has directed personnel to apprehend those responsible for the attack as soon as possible.

Terrorists on Thursday shot at and injured three non-local labourers at Gagran village of the south Kashmir district. The injured labourers were identified as Anmol Kumar, Pintu Kumar Thakur and Heralal Yadav -- all residents of Bihar's Supaul district.

Two masked men entered the first floor of a building at Gagran and fired on the three labourers.

The officials said on Friday that based on human and technical intelligence, the

police believe two local

Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists carried out the attack. "Two local boys affiliated with the proscribed LeT out-

fit are believed to be responsible for the attack," they said. "Raids are being carried out in adjoining villages and

various parts of the district," the officials added.

Many terror associates have been picked up and their sustained questioning is underway, the officials said. adding that the police have got vital clues in the case.

Additional General of Police Vijay Kumar reviewed the overall security in the district, especially in areas where nonlocals and members of the minority community reside,

the officials said. Security has been beefed up in such areas, they said.

"Kumar directed the police to catch those responsible for the attack as soon as possible and bring them to justice," the officials said. Thursday's firing incident was the

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Over 7,000 more pilgrims leave Jammu base camp for Amarnath Yatra



Pilgrims standing in queue for registration for Amarnath Yatra in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid tight security, a fresh batch of over 7,000 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims left the base camp here early Friday morning for pilgrimage to the cave shrine of

chopping hair of

7-year-old student

PULWAMA: A government

school teacher here has been

arrested for allegedly chop-

ping the hair of a seven-year-

old girl student, an official

Abdul Rashid Kumar, who

works at the Government

Primary School, Tengpuna,

has also been suspended by

the school after the incident

happened on Thursday,

J&K Resident Commission

retrieves 1 Kanal, 11.2

Marlas land at New Delhi

NEW DELHI: The J&K

Resident Commission on Friday carried an eviction

drive and retrieved land

measuring 1 Kanal and 11.2

Marlas with built up tempo-

rary structures at Kashmir

House, Rajaji Marg here,

which was under unautho-

rized occupation of unknown

persons. The drive was carried on the directions and

WEATHER

Sunset: 19:36 Hours

Sunrise: 05:25 Hours

Min: 53

guidance of Estates

Max: 34.8°C

Max: 31.5°C

Max: 80

Max: 68

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said on Friday.

Pulwama Chief

STATE TIMES NEWS

Lord Shiva in the south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said A total of 7,245 pilgrims --

4,880 men, 1,936 women. 424 seers and six children

STATE TIMES NEWS

Municipal Council.

SRINAGAR: In a maiden victory in any polls

in Kashmir, Democratic Progressive Azad

Party (DPAP) on Friday won the prestigious

elections to the post of Chairman Baramulla

DPAP candidate Umer Kakroo was

declared elected as Chairman MC Baramulla

after he defeated his rival Tauseef Raina in a

Congratulating the newly elected Chairman

Baramulla MC Umer Kakroo and other

DPAP members, party chairman Ghulam

Nabi Azad said:"It's a big and first win for

DPAP in Kashmir and for it the credit goes

to Umer Kakroo and all other members of

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society are taking J&K to new heights. Together, we have to create Viksit Jammu Kashmir in Amrit Kaal and it should be our collective responsibility to ensure every city and village aims higher and realizes their aspira-

NIA arrests two LeT over-ground workers in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency on Friday arrested two overground workers of the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba who were "actively involved" in transporting weapons and funds on the directions of their Pakistan-based handlers, it said. Investigation National

(NIA) probes revealed that terror groups were delivering hardware and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) for attacks in Jammu and Kashmir either through drones or these were assembled locally.

In a major breakthrough in the Jammu and Kashmir ter-

Baramulla MC Chairman elections

Azad congratulates Umar Kakroo, members for maiden DPAP victory

Teacher arrested for opens first electoral account; wins

ror conspiracy case, the NIA arrested from Srinagar two involved Kashmiri terror groups, the federal agency said in a

statement. Mushaib Fayaz Baba alias Shoaib (20) and Hilal Yaqoob Deva alias Sethi

Soab (35) hail from Shopian district in south Kashmir and were working for Pakistan-based commanders and handlers of proscribed

terror organisations such as

the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)

and its shadow outfit

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Lala involved in drugs, weapon recovery cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS POONCH: The Investigation agency (SIA) on Thursday took the custody of Mohd Rafiq, who is named in cases related to anti-national activities and narcotics seizure, from jail authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, official sources said.

The agency intends to interrogate the accused in connection with several cases related to drug recovery and hawala racket, they said.

Rafiq, arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA), is named in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic

Ex-terrorist arrested; booked under PSA

SRINAGAR: A former terrorist and a member of the Hurriyat Conference has been arrested under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Bandipora district for alleged "continuous involvement" in anti-national activities, police said.

The police identified the person as Ameer Hamza Shah, a resident of Quilmuqam Bandipora district of north Kashmir.

"Bandipora Police booked one ex terrorist & member of namely Ameer APHC Hamza Shah

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Killing of 4 IAF officers: Court issues production warrant against accused arrested in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A local court on Friday deferred the hearing in a case related to the killing of four IAF officers by terrorists in 1990 after one of the key accused, Mohammad Rafiq Pahloo alias 'Nanaji', was arrested by the Srinagar police along with nine others for conspiring to revive separatist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The special TADA court Jammu has issued warrants for the presence of Nanaji on the next date of hearing which was set for August 19, CBI $_{
m chief}$ prosecutor Manoka Kohli said.

Besides Pahloo, others

accused in the killing of IAF personnel include JKLF chief Yasin Malik, Ali Mohammed Mir, Manzoor Ahmed Sofi alias Mustafa, Javed Ahmed Mir alias 'Nalka', Showkat Ahmed Bakshi and Javed Ahmed

As the proceedings of the much publicized case started Friday, the court was informed by both sides (prosecution and defence) that one of the accused, Nanaji, was arrested by the Srinagar police on Monday and is not available. He is presently in police remand. "A prosecution witness was present

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SIA takes custody of Rafiq I ala involved in drugs SI JKP recruitment Scam: HC rejects bail of two main conspirators

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JAMMU: Justice Rajesh Sekhri rejected the bail applications of two main conspirators Yatin Yadav and Pardeep Kumar, who leaked the question paper of J&K Police Sub Inspector Recruitment Exam conducted by Service Selection Board.

The facts of the case are that the Government of J&K through Deputy Secretary, GAD, directed investigation into allegations of irregularities in written examination for the posts of Sub

Selection Board (JKSSB), through CBI, on the basis of report of Enquiry Committee constituted Government.

The stand of the Government is that report of Enquiry Committee prima facie reveals criminal conspiracy amongst officials of JKSSB, M/s Merit Trac, Bengaluru, beneficiary candidates and other accused persons causing gross irregularities in the conduct of written examination.

Consequently, FIR No: RC0042022A0008-CBI/ACM/JAMMU came to be registered under Section

120-B IPC read with Section 420 IPC against officials of J&KSSB, M/s Merit Trac, Bengaluru, beneficiary candidates and other accused persons on 03.08.2022. The investigation culminated into filing of final report in terms of Section 173 Cr.P.C. on 12.11.2022 against 33 accused persons, some unknown private persons, officials of M/s Merittrac Services Private Ltd. and officials of JKSSB in the court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, (CJM), Jammu. It is pertinent to mention that role of each

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DPAP who worked sincerely to secure the DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad along prestigious Municipal Council chairman seat Inspector in the J&K Police with newly elected Chairman Baramulla conducted by J&K Services ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 MC Umer Kakroo CONTD ON PAGE 9 Tarun Chugh holds review meeting at party headquarters in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) & Prabhari Jammu and Kashmir, chaired a crucial review meeting at the party headquarters in Srinagar.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary Organization, J&K BJP, also addressed the meeting.

The senior leaders were also accompanied by BJP National Council Member Dr Ali Mohammad Mir, Former MLC Charanjeet Khalsa, BJP Spokesperson, and social media Prabhari Thakur Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, District President Srinagar Ashok Bhat, Bashir Ahmed Sheikh, Iqbal Ahmed along with other key party members.

The review meeting chaired by Tarun Chugh reiterated the BJP's commitment to the progress and development of Jammu and Kashmir. The party remains dedicated to



Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari Jammu and Kashmir chairing a review meeting at the party headquarters in Srinagar.

implementing effective programs and initiatives that foster unity, peace, and prosperity throughout the region, he said.

Amidst the discussions, Tarun Chugh, the BJP National General Secretary and In-Charge of Jammu and Kashmir, condemned the recent

terrorist attack on three non-locals in the Shopian district of south Kashmir. In a statement, Chugh expressed his deep concern, highlighting the attackers' desperation in the face of the positive developments taking place in Jammu and Kashmir. Chugh emphasized that the people

of Kashmir have realized that peace is the only way forward, thereby rejecting the terrorists' agenda. He denounced the division between locals and non-locals, categorizing it as a result of frustration, and reinforced the idea that all citizens of India are united under one nation, transcending regional boundaries.

Calling for justice, Chugh stressed that those responsible for this heinous crime must be swiftly brought to book. He extended his sympathies to the victims' families and prayed for their speedy recovery.

Ashok Koul, while assessing the progress of the "Sampark Se Samadhan" program, appreciated that the Abhiyaan was conducted extensively throughout the length and breadth of the Kashmir valley. The party leaders deliberated on the outcomes and discussed further strategies to enhance the effectiveness of the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

India successfully launches Chandrayaan-3 ceeds in landing a robotic

STATE TIMES NEWS SRIHARIKOTA: With its

lunar rover in the space eyes set becoming

major space power, India on Friday successfully launched its third moon mission, this time a far more complicated 41-day voyage to reach the lunar south pole where no othernation has gone before

If the estimated Rs 600 c r o r e Chandrayaan-

3 mission of Space Research

Organisation (ISRO) suc-

the Indian

agency's second attempt in four years, India will

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