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**02** Udhampur Police undertakes incineration of 771 Kgs & 934 grams of seized contraband substance

**03** To safe guard against any problems in future better modify Balaji Complex Majeen land to 99 Yrs Lease

**10** JK Public School holds 'spread and serve', 'pour and serve' activities for toddlers

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## LG terms pilgrims from across country, abroad as brand ambassadors of J&K 'Economic activities associated with spiritual Yatra generate livelihood for locals, spur tourist influx to UT'



LG Manoj Sinha during visit to Nunwan base camp on Saturday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PAHALGAM: Saying that pilgrims from across the country and abroad are now the brand ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday observed that the economic activities associated with spiritual Yatra generate livelihood for

the locals and spur tourist influx to the Union Territory. During his visit to Nunwan and Chandanwari Base camps, the Lieutenant Governor said that the administration is sensitive and responsive to the needs of pilgrims and has ensured better arrangements for hassle-

free pilgrimage. "I am extremely proud of entire team, Shrine Board, J&K Police, CAPFs, Army, BRO, NDRF, SDRF, Mountain Rescue Teams, service providers, citizens for commendable work and ensuring smooth conduct of Yatra. Through our solidarity, resolve and preparation, we'll overcome any future challenges," he said. At the Nunwan Base Camp, the Lt Governor interacted with the pilgrims and reviewed arrangements for queue management. In a review meeting held with the senior officers at the base camp, the Lt Governor discussed measures taken for comfortable stay, food, healthcare, connectivity, sanitation, water and other facilities for Yatris in case of bad weather. The Lt Governor was briefed that the Camp Directors are holding regular meetings with service providers, stakeholders and additional lanes have been added at check-points. The meeting also discussed the deployment of security ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Cloudburst triggers flash floods in Ladakh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR/JAMMU: A cloudburst triggered flash floods in the Union Territory of Ladakh, causing debris to flow into the main market area and throwing life out of gear; but there are no reports of any loss of life, officials said on Saturday. The cloudburst hit the Gangles area of the Union territory late Friday night and left several parts of Leh town inundated, they said, adding the debris entered many buildings in the low-lying areas, causing some damage to them. A police spokesperson said rescue and rehabilitation work was underway in the town, especially in Khakshal, Sanker, Skampari, Chhubi, Zangsti and the main market Gonpa Soma areas. As a result of the flash floods, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Rains, landslides: Traffic suspended on NH, Amarnath yatris' convoy stopped at Ramban Man killed by shooting stone in Ramban; flood like situation in Doda, 2 rescued

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANIHAL: A fresh batch of over 3,000 Amarnath pilgrims left a base camp here for Kashmir on Saturday but their convoy was stopped in Ramban after authorities closed the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway following heavy rains and landslides. Landslides due to rains have been reported from Mehar and Dalwas areas along the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, officials said. A 55-year-old man was killed when he was hit by a rolling stone from a hillock amid heavy rains in Ramban district. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



A portion of road washed away in Doda on Saturday.

Abdul Rashid Bhat was on his way to Chakki in Pogal Paristan area when he was fatally hit by the shooting stones, Tehsildar Nasir Javed said. He said Pogal Paristan witnessed heavy rains, cloudburst and flash floods in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## NIA raids absconding accused's house in Hizbul terror conspiracy case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday raided the residential premises of an absconding accused in the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) terror conspiracy case. The accused has been identified as Riaz Ahmed @ Hazari, a resident of Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir. NIA has announced a cash reward of Rs. 3 Lakh for leads on Riaz Ahmad @ Hazari. The searches conducted at his house led to the seizure of one mobile phone, which is being analysed.

The case, registered initially by ATS, UP Lucknow on 12th September 2018, was re-registered by NIA as case RC-02/2018/NIA/LKW under UA (P) Act on 24th September 2018. The case, registered against one Kamrukh Zaman & others, related to a criminal conspiracy to carry out terror attacks by HM cadres at different places in U.P and other parts of India. Kamrun and one absconding accused, Osama Bin Javed, were charged in NIA Special Court, Lucknow on 11th March 2019 under various sections of IPC and

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Osama was killed in an encounter with security forces on 28th September 2019. Subsequently, on 29th May 2021, a Supplementary Chargesheet was filed against arrested accused persons Nisar Ahmad Sheikh and Nishad Ahmad Butt, both residents of J&K. A second supplementary chargesheet was filed against arrested accused Danish Naseer on 25th November 2022. Investigations have revealed that ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Shetty Pay Commission: DB directs to file ATR Report

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a petition filed by the employees borne on the cadre of Subordinate Courts through JEWA State seeking implementation of Shetty Commission Report so far as recommendations pertaining to the Ministerial staff working in the Subordinate Courts in the State of Jammu and Kashmir are concerned, which was agreed to by the State Government and, to pay the arrears which are admissible to the Ministerial Staff working in the Subordinate Courts by implementing the Shetty Commission report ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## CM Mann looking for photo shoots, political opportunities even in floods: Chugh 'Rs 6500 only per acre is like putting salt on farmers' wounds'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
CHANDIGARH: Attacking Punjab government, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday said that the state government has not done anything concrete work for relief in the flood-affected areas. On the contrary, the vehicles of private helpers are being stopped, he added. Tarun Chugh said that the Bhagwant Maan government is not desisting from promoting itself even in times of crisis by putting gov-

ernment stickers on the vehicles of relief materials. Punjab Government's decision to give only Rs.6500 per acre compensation to the flood affected farmers is like rubbing salt on the wounds of the farmers, he said. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

He described the decision of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann as anti-farmer as for those farmers whose crops worth lakhs were destroyed and houses damaged, this relief is like cumin in the mouth of a camel. Crops over about 60,000 acres have been heavily damaged due to floods. According to agricultural experts, crops cannot be sown in flooded fields for several months, he added. Chugh said that in such ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



## Brazen usurpation of 150 Kanal temple land Court takes serious note of investigation, returns Challan for further investigation

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a case of illegal sale of a temple land measuring over 150 Kanals, Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu Tahir Khurshid Raina on Saturday took serious note of investigation and returned the challan to ACB with the direction for further investigation. The Special Judge, after going through the challan, observed that Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, very conveniently, has given benefit of Section 13 of the Land Alienation Act to these Revenue officials and exonerated them from any criminal liability by observing that as lease is permissible that as made under Section 13 of the Act for a period of 21 years,

hence no illegality is committed by the Revenue Officials. Even the two private persons, namely, Arun Kumar Gupta and Amit Gupta, who on the basis of Power of Attorneys, executed in their favour by Bawa Ram Millan Dass, sold out a major chunk of land, have not been arrayed as accused, nor the persons to whom they sold out the land, nor the Revenue Officials, who facilitated this sale to take place. Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu Tahir Khurshid Raina further said that this Court was amazed to find that how much arrogance had been displayed by all these miscreants, who, in spite of clear mandate of the High Court with regard to

protection of the Mandir land, with a clear directions to the accused Bawa Ram Millan Dass to simply act as its custodian, still the landed property of the Mandir could not be saved from its usurpation. The wanton greed for money of these persons did not spare the temple, the place of worship, where one goes as per his faith for soul purification, satisfaction and salvation. These are the aspects which, on the face of the record, speak of prima-facie serious lapses in the investigation of such a high magnitude case wherein around 150 kanals of the land of a Pracheen Mandir, namely, 'Thakur Dwara Shri ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## J&K declared top contributor to 'Swachhata Chronicles- Transformative Tales from India' compendium

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been declared as top contributor for 'Swachhata Chronicles - Transformative Tales from India', a compendium of 75 Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus Best Practices' to meet the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) Phase-II. The Manual for Disaster Management Plan and 'Swachhata Chronicles -

Transformative Tales from India: A compendium of 75 ODF Plus Best Practices' was released on Saturday by Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat after inaugurating National Conference on Rural WASH Partners' Forum here. Addressing the conference, the Union Minister said that under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, we have achieved more than 12.6 Crore tap connec-

tions and over 64% ODF Plus Villages. He highlighted that the "75 Transformative Tales of India" bring to the forefront stories that, highlight the transformative sanitation journey of India over the years. This a major achievement for the UT of J&K where its innovations, special campaigns and efforts in varied arenas of SBM G were recognized. Out of the total 75 best practices included in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Delhi Prisons suspends 4 officials over Yasin Malik's SC appearance

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Department of Delhi Prisons has suspended four officials, including a deputy superintendent, in connection with the physical appearance of jailed JKLF chief Yasin Malik in Supreme Court, a statement said on Saturday. The presence of Malik, serving life term in Tihar jail, in a packed courtroom created a flutter in the apex court on Friday. Malik, who is in jail following his ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## ACB arrests clerk for accepting Rs 10,000 bribe

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Saturday said that it trapped and arrested an clerk in the office of Tehsildar, Boniyar for demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs 10,000 from complainant for issuance of appointment order of Lumberdar. "A written complaint was received by Anti Corruption Bureau UT of J&K from ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Jammu CB arrests absconding fraudsters from Haryana, Maharashtra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Two fraudsters, accused of duping dozens of educated youth on the pretext of providing jobs, were arrested from Haryana and Maharashtra after a long hunt, an official of the Crime Branch, Jammu said here on Saturday. Satvinder Singh and Rajeev Bharanatti were arrested by two special teams of Crime ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 24.8°C Min: 13.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 71 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 6.8°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity  
Max: 94 Min: 83

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Sunrise : 07:23 Hours

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