THE BANQUET WITH A DIFFERENCE

MOON

Sub-inspector assaulted, FIR registered

Regd. No. L-29/JK-346/22-24

Dr Jitendra withdraws 'DNA Bill' since Parliament enacts 'Criminal Procedure Act'

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Police begins investigation

after 'blast-like' sound heard in Jammu locality

locality in the heart of

Jammu city, officials said on

Monday. However, there

were no reports of any dam-

The sound was reported

from the Kachi Chawni area

around 10 pm on Sunday,

reportedly heard from the

Kachi Chawni area. Police

and forensic teams, along

with technical experts, visit-

ed the spot and the matter is

being investigated," Senior

Superintendent of Police

(Jammu) Chandan Kohli

Shiv Sena (Hindustan)

chief Rajesh Kesari said he

heard a deafening noise in a

narrow lane outside his

home and immediately

informed the local police sta-

"A police party reached the

site and started a probe.

They took away CCTV

footage and samples from

'... a blast-like sound was

they said.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A blast-like sound was heard in a congested

Surge in infiltration due to Pakistan's frustration over G20 success in Kashmir

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

manhunt on to nab them

Two cops including SI 'violently and

brutally' assaulted; 8 culprits identified,

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As Jammu and Kashmir recently witnessed a surge in infiltration attempts from across the border with over 20 terrorists being eliminated by Army personnel in two months, security experts point to Pakistan's frustration with the successful G20 meeting in Kashmir.

The surge in the infiltration from across the LoC gained momentum in May, around the time of the G20 event, and it continued into June and July.

Former J-K director general of police Kuldeep Khoda stressed that Pakistan has renewed its efforts to increase terrorism in the Union territory but the security forces and police have effectively countered these attempts, resulting in a decrease in incidents of militancy and depletion of overground support.

"For the past 10 to 12

Taking up the plea moved

by the Committee of

Intezamia of the Gyanvapi

mosque for an urgent hear-

ing, the top court directed

the Allahabad High Court to

hear the appeal before its

"status quo" order expires on

The apex court's order

came at a time when a 30-

member team of the ASI was

inside the mosque complex to

ple existed earlier.

Management

years, the level of militancy has gone down in the Jammu region, prompting authorities to dilute the security grid due to betterment in the security situation. Taking benefit of the same, they (Pakistani terror setup) have tried to infiltrate more terrorists in Poonch region," he alleged.

"There have been some incidents in which there was a loss to security forces, Khoda said.

He emphasized that despite a low level of militancy in the Jammu region for the past decade, the security grid remains vigilant and continues to strengthen to combat infiltrations

Overall, the security forces are determined to prevent any attempt at disturbing the peace and tranquillity in the region, and they remain on high alert to counter any mischief orchestrated from across the border, the former

attempts gained momentum after the successful conclusion of the G20 events in the Kashmir valley which took place from May 22 to 24. The event was attended by

The surge in infiltration

representatives from G20 member countries, international organisations, and industry stakeholders. Security expert Captain

Anil Gaur highlighted that Pakistan's inability to disrupt the G20 conclave in Kashmir led to their escalated efforts to engineer infiltrations along the LoC, aiming to disturb the region.

"After the abrogation of Article 370, the terror infrastructure was eliminated by the security forces. It restored the environment of peace and normalcy in Kashmir and India conducted a G20 meeting in Kashmir. "Due to its success, Pakistan got very frustrated as they never wanted

UT Admin, GoI committed to ensure all arrangements for safe, hassle- free conduct of Muharram: LG



LG Manoj Sinha chairing high level meeting to review Muharram arrangements with eminent representatives of Shia Community, Officials of Civil and Police Administration at Srinagar on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that the Union Territory administration and Government of India (GoI) are working with sensitivity and commitment to ensure that all arrangements are made for smooth, safe and conduct of hassle-free Muharram.

"This is the occasion of

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proposal to

extend the

deadline for

exchange of

NEW DELHI: The finance

ministry on Monday said

In a written reply in the

Lok Sabha, Minister of

State for Finance Pankaj

Chaudhary replied in nega-

tive to a question about

whether there is a proposal

to extend the deadline for

the exchange of Rs 2000 in

utmost religious importance for all of us", the Lieutenant Governor said while chairing a high level meeting to review arrangements

The meeting at Civil Secretariat was attended by heads of religious organisations, eminent members of Shia Community; Dr Arun Mehta,

banks beyond September 30.

not under consideration," the

government is planning to demonetise other high-

denomination currency notes

The Reserve Bank, in a

surprise move, on May 19

announced withdrawal of Rs

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2.000 notes from

to eliminate black money.

"At present, this matter is

Chaudhary

also replied

in negative to

another

question

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whether the

No proposal to extend deadline for

exchange of Rs 2,000 notes: Fin Min

Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor: M.K Sinha, ADGP Hors; Kumar, ADGPKashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir: Administrative Secretaries; Deputy Commissioners; Heads of Departments and other senior officers of UT

administration. The Lt Governor directed

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NEW DELHI: In a relief to

the Gyanvapi management

committee, the Supreme

Court on Monday halted till

5 pm of July 26 a "detailed

scientific survey" by the ASI

to determine if the mosque

located next to the Kashi

Vishwanath temple in

Varanasi was built upon a

temple, saying "some breathing time" needed to be grant-

ed to appeal a district court

A Varanasi court had on

Archaeological Survey of

India (ASI) to conduct the

survey, including excava-

tions, wherever necessary, to

determine if the mosque was

directed

the Deputy Commissioners to ensure improved connectivity to Imambaras, power supply, availability of extra ration, water and basic amenities, regular market inspection cleanliness traffic management, best possible medical facilities to the people. He also sought valuable inputs from the eminent representatives of

Gyanvapi row: SC halts ASI's survey at premises till July 26

the scene," he said.

Chronology of events in Gyanvapi mosque row

NEW DELHI: Following is the timeline of developments in the Gyanvapi row, in which the Supreme Court on Monday halted till 5 pm on July 26 the Archaeological Survey of India's "detailed scientific survey" to determine if the mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi was

August 2021: Plea filed before a Varanasi civil court by five Hindu devotees seeking permission to offer daily prayers at the Gyanyapi mosque.

April 8, 2022: Civil court orders a survey of the premises and appoints Ajay Kumar Mishra as in-charge of the exercise. May 13, 2022: Supreme Court refuses interim order of status quo on the survey of the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri com-

May 17, 2022: SC passes interim order directing the district magistrate of Varanasi to ensure protection of the area inside

May 20, 2022: SC transfers the case from a civil judge to a

carry out the survey. The survey was immediately stopped after the apex court order. "Having regard to the fact that the order of

Wednesday evening.

Over 3,800 Amarnath pilgrims leave Jammu for cave shrine the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid tight security, the 22nd batch of 3,898 pilgrims left the base camp for the Amarnath Yatra here on Monday for the twin base camps of the cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said. More than 3.25 lakh pilgrims have so far paid obeisance at the cave shrine located at a height of 3,888 metres since the commencement of the annual pilgrimage from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal districts on July 1.

A total of 3,898 pilgrims --2,898 males, 898 females, 90 Niwas here in the morning in a convoy of 149 vehicles amid heavy security of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the officials said. They said 1,292 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp in 50 vehicles, followed by a second convoy of 99 vehicles carrying 2,606 pilgrims for Pahalgam. More than 1.2 lakh pilgrims have so far left the Bhagwati Nagar camp for the Amarnath Yatra since June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj

seers and 12 children -- left Inclusive development taking place in J&K: Chugh

Prof Rahul Gupta appointed Registrar JU **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Prof. Rahul Gupta from the Department



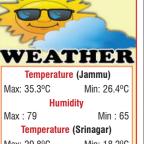
Statistics, University of Jammu on Monday appointed as Registrar University of

Jammu. The order reads Rahul Department of Statistics shall function as Registrar University of Jammu from July 25, 2023 till further orders, in addition to his existing duties, reliving Prof. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia of the additional charge of the Registrar on his request."

Prof. Rahul Gupta, M.Sc Statistics Medallist, 1990), Ph.D Statistics (1995), JU, is Professor of Statistics since August 1, 2011.

He has been Ex Director, UGC-Human Research Development Centre, JU, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus, JU, and having 30 years teaching and research experience in Higher

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Max: 29.8°C Max: 81 Min: 52 Sunset: 19:31 Hours Sunrise: 05:32 Hours

J&K leads country by holding over 1.5 lakh events under AKAM



STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday chaired a meeting to take stock of the preparations to be made for grand celebration of the finale of Azadika Amrit

CS, A K Mehta chairing a meeting at Srinagar. Mahotsav (AKAM), going on from last more than one year.

> The meeting was attended by all the Administrative Secretaries. ADGP Kashmir/Jammu; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir/Jammu; Deputy

Commissioners and Districts SPs besides other concerned

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to applaud the Divisional and District Administration for their untiring efforts during all these months to make the UT reach to top of the table by organising more events than other states/UTs under

AKAM program. Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers that the celebrations of the culmination of this nationwide festival should be made at each level

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Two dead as truck falls into ditch

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Two persons, including a Madhya Pradesh resident, were killed after a truck crashed into the safety barriers before landing into a ditch at a road construction site along the Jammu-Pathankot national highway here, police said.

The accident took place near Kaluchak on the outskirts of Jammu city around 6.30 am when the driver of a Samba-bound truck lost control and crushed a pedestrian before hitting the barriers set up by a construction agency to safeguard its workers engaged in road construction, Station

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Partys National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said on Monday that under

> the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government has only one aim to write a new chapter of development in the field of industry, tourism, youth, employment, development women, infrastructure, education and health in Jammu and

Kashmir. "Peace has come in Kashmir, which is imperative development", Tarun

Chugh said during his interaction with the BJP office bearers, adding that inclu-



Kashmir.

The meeting dis-

cussed elaborately the office

management as well as polit-

being written now," Chugh

ical and

issues

said. State Vice President of BJP Jammu and Kashmir Aseem Gupta, State Secretary Arvind Gupta, former MLC Vikram Randhawa and Office Minister Tilak Raj Gupta were also present on the

"Though the opposition

Conference, PDP, etc.

keep on doing politics of

spreading confusion, but

they should come out of

their homes and visit

Jammu and Kashmir to

see that a new saga of

peace and development is

National

like

DPAP Govt will bring revolution of development in border areas: Azad

GUREZ: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday sought immediate announcement of elections in Jammu and Kashmir as people have been suffering for want of elected representatives in their respective areas.

Addressing a mammoth gathering in this border Tehsil on the first day of his three-day tour, Azad said elections are the only panacea for all ills of Jammu and Kashmir as people prefer to get redressal of their woes from their elected representatives who is well equipped with the local aspirations at village or mohalla level.

"People are suffering as development in holistic terms has not percolated down to village level in distant border



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing gathering at Gurez on Monday.

areas where the reach of administration has been minimal over the years. Now, residents yearn for elected representatives for early redressal of basic issues confronting them," Azad said.

Hailing the role of people of Gurez during the peak militancy period of 33 years, Azad said people in border areas are working in tandem with security forces to maintain peace and tranquillity.

"Apart from security forces, people of Gurez deserve appreciation for making the border area a peaceful zone where militancy never had any foothold," he affirmed.

Recalling his tenure of two and half years as chief minister, Azad said during this period he never discriminated on religious, caste or regional basis but strived

hard to develop Jammu and Kashmir as a model state.

"Even though I had a brief period as CM, my focus was only and only development on an impartial basis as I never believed in biased politics or policies. All regions were equally treated in terms of plans and allocations which led to overall growth of Jammu Kashmir," Azad explained.

The former chief minister sought support from people of Gurez on electing DPAP representatives to represent them in developing the bor-

der area in all respects. "DPAP if elected to govern Jammu and Kashmir would usher in a new form of enormous development wherein the only focus would be overall employment, infrastructure (roads), education (colleges) and health (hospital) upgradation," he asserted.

Assuring people that once elected DPAP would guarantee full rights over their land, iobs and resources, Azad stressed that he would ensure implementation of the party's agenda of development in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

"DPAP'sdevelopment agenda is known to

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J&K Bank's Q1 PAT zooms 97 pc YoY to Rs 326 Cr

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sive Q1 performance, J&K Bank's net profit has jumped 97% Year-on-Year (YoY) to almost double its Profit-After-Tax (PAT) to Rs 326.45 Cr for the first quarter of FY 2023-24 when compared to Rs 165.97 Cr recorded for the April-June quarter last financial year.

Q1 results today after the Bank's Board of Directors approved the quarterly numbers in a meeting held here at Corporate the Bank's Headquarters.

Q1 of FY 2023 and 3.94% recorded in the last quarter

of FY 2023.

SRINAGAR: In an impres-

The Bank announced its

The Bank's Net interest

income (NII) rose 24% YoY to Rs 1283.30 Cr in the first quarter of CFY, while as, the Net Interest Margin (NIM) improved to 3.98% as compared to 3.46% registered in

Core operating profit of the Bank witnessed a sharp

spike of 38% YoY and reached Rs 528.05 Cr from Rs 381.45 Cr. Besides witnessing rise of 22% YoY and 7% QoQ in its operating income, the Bank's Cost to Income Ratio for the quarter has reduced to 65.07% as against 69.17% recorded Q1 last FY. The Bank's Return on Assets (RoA) for the June quarter was at 0.94%

Commenting upon the Bank's results, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "With an almost doubled Year-on-Year PAT, our Q1 performance gives us a very encouraging start to meet our annual guidance. Reflecting

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