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J&K Govt approves 5 Marlas land to landless poor

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Historic day for UT, new beginning for thousands of landless families: LG



STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a landmark decision, the Government of Jammu Kashmir on Monday approved a proposal for allotment of 5 Marlas of land each to landless PMAY (G) beneficiaries.

The decision was taken by the Administrative Council on 21st June 2023. The present allotment restricted to only the left out cases out of Permanent Waiting List (PWL) 2018-19, which may later, at the time of launch of next phase of PMAY(G) scheme in 2024-25 be extended to the same categories of landless beneficiaries, who otherwise become eligible for getting housing assistance under PMAY(G) Phase-III.

The categories of Awaas plus beneficiaries that will be considered by the Deputy Commissioner concerned for allotment of land under the JK revenue laws include, people residing on State land; people residing on Forest land; people residing in Rakhs and farms land. where construction is not permitted; people sitting on Custodian land; land allotted

to displaced people by

Government near Dachigam

park for agriculture purpose, where construction is not permitted and any other category of cases who are otherwise eligible for housing but do not have any land available for construction.

"It is a historic day for Jammu Kashmir and a new beginning for thousands of landless families, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said, adding that this historic decision will prove to be a golden chapter in Administration's effort for social justice, equality, respect, and equal opportuni-

ties to all citizens. "This path-breaking decision will not only entitle the landless poor to own a piece of land and have a house but it will also provide them means of livelihood, raise their living standards and realize their dreams and aspirations," the Lt

Four DvSPs adjusted, one transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Headquarters on Monday ordered adjustment of four Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs) and transfer one with immediate effect.

According to the order issued, Rakesh Jamwal has been posted as DySP EOW Jammu; Malik Zada Idress as SO to DIG SKR Anantnag; Rajesh Kumar as DySP PC Kulgam; and Khuswant Singh as DySP PTTI Vijaypur. "Further, Ghulam Hassan Bhat, DySP, SO to DIG SKR Anantnag has been transferred and posted as DySP CTS Lethpora." it added.

7 Inspectors among ten officials transferred

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Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rajouri transferred 7 Inspectors among ten police officials. According to the order, Inspector Rajesh Jasrotia has been transferred from Police

Rituals for Chhari-Mubarak Swami Amarnathji Yatra begins

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: While the Amarnath Yatra is going on smoothly, traditional rituals related to 'Chhari Mubarak' started after the holy mace was taken to Pahalgam in south Kashmir for 'pooja' on Monday.

Custodian of the holy mace, Mahant Deependra Giri, said as per the age-old tradition, 'Bhoomi-Pujan', 'Navgrah-Pujan', 'Chhari-Pujan' and 'Dhawajarohan' are connected with the commencement of annual 'Chhari Mubarak Swami Amarnathji Yatra' were performed at Pahalgam on the auspicious occasion of 'Ashad-Purnima' Purnima).

The sound of conch shell reverberated the whole atmosphere. Sizable number of Sadhus, pilgrims and numerous Kashmiri Pandit families from Martand were present on the occasion and participated in the Pujan. Hawan was also performed after Pujan. Langar was



Rituals for Chhari-Mubarak Swami Amarnathji Yatra being performed at Pahalgam on auspicious occasion of 'Ashad-Purnima' on Monday.

served to all present. Chhari-Mubarak of Swami

Amarnath Ji led by Mahant Deependra Giri ji started from Dashnami Akhara Srinagar at 7 in the morning for Pahalgam. District Administration Chhari-Mubarak at Sangam and accompanied up to Pahalgam.

Speaking on the occasion Mahant Deependra Giri ji said, "This year's pilgrimage brings greater significance as we have two 'Shravan'

months, this year, and this extraordinary astronomical event has taken place after

Mahant Deependra Giri also said, "People of Jammu and Kashmir irrespective of their caste, creed or religion have been cooperating, assisting and encouraging the pilgrims and Sadhus who come here from across the country and even abroad for this annual pilgrimage". Prayers were also offered

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BJP welcomes LG's decision of allotting land to landless people

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bhartiya Janata Party has welcomed historical decision taken by LG Administration in allowing 5 marlas of land to landless people for construction of which covers Beneficiaries of PMAwas Yojana . It has given huge relief and respite to lakhs of landless people of Jammu Kashmir Union Territory who will now have their dreams realised for having their own houses.

Chief Spokesperson of the party Sunil Sethi thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi Govt to taking just and

First batch of 4 e-buses

flagged off in Kargil

KARGIL: The first batch of

four electric buses was rolled

out here with the authorities

terming the initiative a move

to transform Ladakh into a

Territory and make Leh and

Kargil smart cities, an offi-

The 100 per cent zero

emission buses have been

Transport, Ladakh, he said.

One bus will operate clock-

wise covering Kargil town.

including the area of the new

district hospital, while

another will operate from

Kargil to Sankoo in three

The third e-bus will operate

from Kargil to Drass and

back to Kargil and the fourth e-bus will operate from

Kargil to Leh on a daily

"The main objective of the

electric vehicles is to reduce

carbon emissions and trans-

form Ladakh into a more

carbon neutral UT and pro-

vide better public transportation facilities for local

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basis, he added.

commuters in the

trips a day, the official said.

SIDCO

carbon-neutral

cial said on Monday.

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pro poor decision which will change lives of lacs of landless people . It is yet another example of Sushashsn and policy of Garib Kalyan of Modi Govt.

He said that Bhartiya Janata Party has again proved that it is always concerned about poor and underprivileged and leave no stone unturned to extend all such benefits to them which makes their lives meaningful.

Sunil Sethi also congratulated Jammu and Kashmir Bhartiya Janata Party President Ravinder Raina for taking initiative and effectively putting then

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to inform people about Govt's development works **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Asserting that his government has done a lot of development work in its nine years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asked his Council of Ministers to go all out over the next nine months to inform people about the works, sources said.

The prime minister chaired a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers at the newly built convention centre at the Pragati Maidan, which will host the G20 summit in September.

The sources said a presentation was also made in the



PM chairs meeting of Council of Ministers, asks them

PM Narendra Modi addressing meeting of Union Council of Ministers at the newly built convention centre at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on Monday.

meeting on India's likely growth journey in a host of areas, ranging from infrastructure to budget size, till 2047 when it celebrates the centenary of its independ-

This will put India among the leading countries in the world, they said.

Modi has described the era till 2047 as "Amrit Kaal"

The sources said the prime minister noted the global challenges and lauded the country's development. A number of secretaries

(golden era) for the country.

representing different ministries, including foreign and defence, spoke during the meeting in which Modi's recent state visit to the US was also highlighted for its unprecedent success, with the prime minister holding talks with President Joe Biden on all three days of his stay in Washington DC, the sources said. His visit to Egypt was also highlighted in

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Battery car service briefly halted enroute Mata Vaishno Devi shrine

Landslide partially blocks Jammu-Srinagar highway

BANIHAL/KATRA:

landslide hit the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Ramban district on Monday, disrupting traffic movement in one lane of the strategic road, officials said.

The landslide occurred in Kunfer area Chanderkote, they said.

The 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway is the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country.

Traffic in one lane of the highway was affected due to the landside. The movement

of traffic in the other lane remains unaffected, the officials said.

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic Highway, Ramban, Iftiqar Ahmad said work to clear the affected road in Kunfer is underway and it will be completed in the next few hours.

A landslide triggered by heavy rains forced suspension of battery car service enroute to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Monday evening, officials said.

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CS reviews progress of smart cities, calls for early completion of projects

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SRINAGAR: Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday impressed upon the officers of the Srinagar Smart City Ltd (SSCL) and Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) including the concerned Divisional Administration to speed up the pace of works so that all the ongoing projects are completed within the shortest possible timeframe.

He passed on these directions during a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the progress of smart cities in the UT of Jammu

The meeting was attended Principal Secretary, Principal Education: Secretary Commissioner Divisional Jammu; Kashmir Secretary, Commissioner Floriculture, Secretary, CEO, SSCL; CEO, JSCL,

other concerned officers. During the meeting the Chief Secretary took a detailed review of the ongoing projects in the twin cities under the Smart City Mission and set deadlines for each project. He expressed

Chief Engineer, PWD,

Kashmir and Jammu besides

that any undue delay in the execution of the projects is unacceptable. While reviewing the differ-

ent works in Srinagar City, Dr Mehta directed the officers to pace up the work on Nishat precinct, Shalimar Canal, Foreshore Road, Lal Chowk and other areas to expedite the execution of projects under the Smart City Mission by endeavouring to finish the works within the set timelines. He said that some of these works should be completed within next 20 days positively. He

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Cop shoots self dead

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A 23-year-old Special Police Officer (SPO) of the Jammu Kashmir Police allegedly shot himself dead with his service rifle in Kathua district on Monday, an official said.

SPO Avinash Sharma was on sentry duty at border police post Sanyal in the Hiranagar sector when he shot himself in the neck around 1.45 pm, the official

A resident of Sanyal village, Sharma died on the spot and later his body was removed for postmortem, the official said.

He said the motive behind Sharma's extreme step was

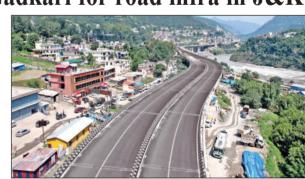
2-lane Ramban Viaduct completed; LG thanks PM, Gadkari for road infra in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: For smooth vehicular movement on the National Highway, 1.08 km

long, 2-Lane Ramban

Viaduct has been completed.

The viaduct built at a cost of Rs 140 Crore on the Udhampur-Ramban section of NH-44 will ensure the smoother movement of vehicles and relieve the congestion in Ramban Bazar. The construction of this 26-span viaduct incorporates various structural arrangements utilizing concrete and steel girders. It will also facilitate the seamless passage of vehicles and pilgrims traffic during



A view of 2-Lane Ramban Viaduct on Udhampur-Ramban section of NH-44.

5-judge SC bench to hear on July 11 pleas

Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway 44. Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday

expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Road Transport &

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World's eyes on J&K celebrating Amarnathji Yatra: LG Sinha

Visits Nunwan, Chandanwari base camps

STATE TIMES NEWS

PAHALGAM: Saying that world's eyes are on Jammu and Kashmir, as we celebrate the annual Shri Amarnathji yatra, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday asked the concerned authorities should work together to give a warm welcome and memorable experience to the pilgrims.

"The annual pilgrimage brings people from different walks of life and states together at one place", he said while interacting with the pilgrims, service providers, and the administrative and security officials deputed for the Yatra during his visit to the Nunwan and Chandanwari base

Sinha added: "It is not only a symbol of brotherhood of humankind but also shows the path to spiritual salvation and inspires all to embrace equality, compassion and humanism". 'Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra has con-



transformation." he said.

The Lt Governor took stock of the

arrangements and directed all con-

cerned departments to take every

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tributed immensely to our composite culture in the last several centuries. The annual pilgrimage provides a perfect opportunity to showcase J&K's priceless culture and historic

leave for Amarnath shrine JAMMU: A fresh batch of 4,758 pil-

Fourth batch of 4,758 pilgrims

grims left the base camp here on Monday for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials

Over 20,000 pilgrims have paid their obeisance at the 3,880-metre high cave shrine till early Monday. The fourth batch of pilgrims left in

two back-to-back convoys and were escorted by eight security vehicles and an ambulance between 3.40 am and 4.10 am, the officials said.

While 3,030 pilgrims took the 48km traditional Pahalgam route for their yatra, 1,728 pilgrims took the shorter but steep 14-km Baltal route, they said.

With this, a total of 17,565 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30 when ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

challenging abrogation of Article 370 STATE TIMES NEWS

years after the government abrogated Article 370 that bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, a five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud will take up for hearing on July 11 a batch of pleas challenging the contentious decision.

issued on the apex court website on Monday, the fivejudge bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant will take up the pleas.

tus and bifurcate it into two

Looking forward to SC hearing Article 370 petitions: Omar

NEW DELHI: Nearly four

According to a notice

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir of special sta-

SRINAGAR:

Conference leader Omai Abdullah on Monday said he s looking forward to the Supreme Court hearing petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370. "Finally the bench is constituted. I look forward to the hearings begin ning in right earnest now, Abdullah said in a tweet.

Union Territories.

Several petitions challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split J-K into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh were referred to a constitution bench in 2019.

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