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# **Sports Council bars unrecognised sports** associations from national level competitions

# LG rolls out 'PM's Food Supplementation for Priority Households Scheme' for J&K UT

>> The scheme will strengthen food security for marginal

sections of society. It will ensure accessibility, affordability

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household is provided to 2.29 lakh households in UT, benefitting

Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries are provided free of cost

holders with around 57.24 lakh beneficiaries in J&K. New scheme

will augment the monthly food availability to PHH category on a

subsidized rate while ensuring it does not exceed 35 kg per household

Augmentation was discontinued last year after Open Market Sale

Scheme (OMSS-D) run by GoI was discontinued. It has now been

poor families and ensuring access to food and nutritional security,

Under new scheme, a PHH with one beneficiary will get an

additional allocation of 5 kgs and a PHH with beneficiaries

ranging from 2-5 will get an additional 10 kgs, each month

For the additional allocation, J&K Government will procure the

beneficiaries at Rs.25 per kg, thus ensuring subsidy of Rs.9 per kg

rice from GoI at Rs.34 per kg and it will be provided to the

The new scheme will incur a financial implication of over

while maintaining maximum allocation per household

revived at revised price. In order to remove financial burden of

Currently, in PHH Category, there are 14.32 Lakh Ration Card

the poorest of the poor. Also, 5 kg food grains per person to

and availability of adequate quantity of food to Priority Households



LG Manoj Sinha addressing media persons during press conference at Srinagar on Saturday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: In order to strengthen food security for marginal sections of society, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday rolled out 'Prime Minister's Food Supplementation for Priority Households Scheme' for UT Kashmir. Jammu Interacting with media persons, the Lt Governor said the scheme would ensure accessibility, affordability and availability of adequate quantity of food to Priority

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Anna Yojana, 35 kg food grains per household is provided to 2.29 lakh households in UT, benefitting the poorest of the poor. Also, 5 kg food grains per person to Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries are provided free of cost, he said. The Lt Governor said, currently, in PHH Category, there are 14.32 Lakh Ration Card holders with around 57.24 lakh beneficiaries in J&K. New scheme will augment the monthly food availability to

PHH category

#### 95 pc of 111-km-long Katra-Banihal rail line of USBRL project complete: Officials STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL: Top Northern officials here Railway Saturday said 95 per cent of the work on the 111-km-long Katra-Banihal rail line has been completed.

They said Northern Railways General Manager Shobhan Chaudhuri inspected the ongoing work on the Katra-Banihal section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway

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#### Two soldiers feared drowned

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Two Army soldiers were feared drowned in a swollen stream in Poonch district on Saturday, officials

The soldiers were crossing the Dogra nallah at Poshana in Surankote area when they were swept away by flash floods triggered by heavy rains, the officials said.

A joint rescue operation by the Army, police and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) is on but there

**DoB** tampering to seek admission in MBBS

**Anti Corruption Court reserves orders on** 

# Thousands of pilgrims stranded as inclement weather forces suspension of Amarnath Yatra for second day

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: The Amarnath Yatra was suspended for the second consecutive day on Saturday following incessant rains and landslides, leaving thousands of pilgrims stranded in Jammu and at various places en route to the cave shrine.

Union minister Jitendra Singh assured the pilgrims that senior officials are monitoring the situation and requested them not to panic and to follow instructions issued by authorities from time to time.

Heavy rains have lashed large parts of Jammu and Kashmir since Thursday night while several high-altiareas, including Mahaguns Top and adjoining areas near the Amarnath cave shrine, experienced snowfall. Some places witnessed record rainfall over a 24-hour period for July.

"The Yatra remains suspended from both the Pahalgam and the Baltal routes for the second day

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Pilgrims stranded at Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu.

### Amarnath Yatra: Div Com directs DCs to increase lodgment capacity, activate EOCs

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Saturday chaired a meeting of concerned Deputy Commissioners to review the arrangements in view of yatra suspension due to bad weather conditions.

The Div Com inquired about the number of yatris accommodated in 5 districts of Jammu division including Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Ramban, and Udhampur. It was informed by the concerned Deputy Commissioners that around 6000 yatris have been lodged in Yatri Niwas Chanderkote-Ramban, 600 in Udhampur, 6000 in Jammu, 1200 in Samba and 1100 in Kathua district.

The Div Com directed the concerned DCs to increase accommodation capacity in their respective districts and ensure uninterrupted water, power supply to the lodgment centres. He also instructed the DCs to ensure CONTD ON PAGE 9

Democracy murdered in Panchayat

elections in Bengal: Chugh

'Bengal became Jungle Raj under Mamata's rule'

## Cong means 'Loot Ki Dukaan' and 'Jhooth Ka Bazaar;: Modi

#### STATE TIMES NEWS BIKANER (Rajasthan):

Accusing the Congress indulging in corruption and deceit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

the dubbed party as a 'loot ki dukaan' and 'jhooth ka bazaar" and said it is clear from people's "anger" in Rajasthan the Ashok Gehlot government is

on its way out. Addressing a public rally at Norangdesar here, the prime

Congress government has

#### carved a new identity for itself when it comes to cor-

ruption, crime and politics of appeasement. "In terms of crime against women,

Rajasthan

tops the list in

rape cases. The situation is such that here the protectors are becoming the predators. The whole government here seems to be busy in savand murder

Coming down heavily on remains in power it.

Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and

Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh interacting with civil

administration at Tangdhar.

### GMC Principal Dr Sudhan's pre-arrest bail STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Special Judge

Rs. 180 Crore a year

new scheme has been launched

Anticorruption pre-arrest bail application of Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu in case of forging her Date of Birth (DoB) certifi-

According to Crime Branch, a written complaint was lodged by Manu Gupta, son of late Dewan Tilak Raj Gupta, resident of Flat Number 1-B, Rahat villa, Sector I-A. Channi Himmat

CJ inaugurates Legal Aid Clinics at Tangdhar, Teetwal

Interacts with bar, students, civil administration

Aid Clinics at Tangdhar and

Teetwal and interacted with

bar members, students and

Principal Secretary to

Chief Justice M K Sharma,

District and Sessions Judge

civil administration here.

Sudhan Sharma has tampered her age documents to admission as per Medical Council of India rules, an enquiry was initiated by

fore that Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma is having two Date of Births certificates--April 8, 1964 and April 8, 1965, and she has cheated the Government by forging/tampering her DOB.

(Jammu), that Dr Shashi that while applying for

MBBS course, she had submitted her matriculation diploma mentioning therein her DoB as April 8, 1964 and got admitted for MBBS course in the year 1981.

It further came to fore that she had applied for correction of her DoB from April 8, 1965 to April 8, 1964 and J&K Board of School Education had issued the order for making the requisite correction in her DOB and accordingly, she became eligible to fill up MBBS selection form but later on she again switched over to her long run advantageous

It further transpired that she was well aware about her DoB but she intentionally and deliberately claimed her DoB as April 8, 1965 at the time of getting appointed as Assistant Surgeon in 1988 and as per her service records for illegal gains.

Besides this, she also tampered her DoB on PAN Card as per her choice and while preparing her Aadhaar Card, she used her DoB as April 8, 1964 instead of April 8,

Accordingly, FIR 57 dated July 1, 2023 has been registered against Dr Shashi

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata

Party's National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday said that the situation in Bengal is very serious today.

Mamata Banerjee's government has completely failed to establish law and order

Panchayat

Chugh said adding that the news of violence, arson, looting and murder on such a large scale in the Panchayat elections in Bengal on the

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that Mamata Banerjee's government has completely failed to conduct elections in Bengal in a democratic man-



tions in Bengal, large scale, polling

tion is worrisome, incidents of violence, arson, murder, looting are happening on a

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#### Azad hails Govt for increasing ration scale

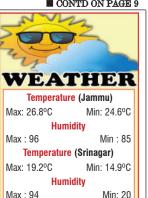
### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad Saturday hailed the announcement of government wherein it announced to enhance the monthly ration quota for consumers. DPAP has been protesting for past months to press for this demand and held Jammu Kashmir wide protests against the curtail-

"Big thanks to the Home Minister Amit Shah, LG Manoj Sinha for heeding our protests and announcing 10 kg additional ration for 57 lakh households in J&K. Our united efforts have paid off, bringing relief to countless families across several districts. Together, we can make a positive impact," Azad

The government on Saturday announced that priority households in J&K are already getting 5 kg ration free per member

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Sunset: 19:42 Hours

Sunrise: 05:32 Hours

# ing rape

accused," Modi alleged. the Congress, he said if it

#### Jammuget undue advantage for get-Tahir Khurshid Raina on ting admission in MBBS Saturday reserved order on course at GMC Jammu as she was under age for $\overline{\text{MBBS}}$

Crime Branch Jammu. During enquiry, it came to

Enquiry further

DLSA Kupwara)

Ayushi Sudan; Principal

Government Degree College

Kupwara, Prof. Haroon

Rashid, SSP Kupwara,

Judge/Munsiff, Tangdhar

Court, Faizan I Nazar; DDC

Najma Hamid, President

Mehboob Illahi, Members of

Bar Association Karnah and local PRIs and officers of

Tehsil administration were

present at the inauguration

held

Bar Association,

Karnah,

Manhas;

Commissioner

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Member

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Government

Deputy

Adv.

Degree

Kupwara,

#### day of polling makes it clear ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 LG urges BHU alumni to strengthen

I&K's healthcare ecosystem Addresses BHU Urology Alumni Meet



**STATE TIMES NEWS** Lieutenant

Saturday urged the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) alumni for their active par-

ticipation to strengthen the healthcare ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are making sincere efforts to augment the health infrastructure and ensuring accessible, affordable and quality healthcare services to all", he said while addressing the BHU Urology Alumni Meet, organized by the Department of Urology, SKIMS at Srinagar.

In his address, he lauded the significant contribution of BHU alumni to the knowledge economy and pioneering new areas of research for all round development of the

# Traffic suspended on Jammu-Srinagar NH, Mughal Road following landslides

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

KUPWARA: On the second

day of his visit to Kupwara

district, Chief Justice, High

Court of Jammu and

Kashmir and Ladakh.

Justice N Kotiswar Singh on

Saturday inaugurated Legal

**STATE TIMES NEWS** BANIHAL/JAMMU: Traffic movement was temporarily suspended on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and the Mughal Road here on Saturday following multiple landslides triggered by heavy overnight rainfall, officials said.

Train service between Banihal and Qazigund stations has also been suspended for the day, they said.

Several landslides struck the national highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, at Mehar, Cafeteria Morh, Keela Morh, Sita Ram Passi and Panthiyal in Ramban, the officials said. They said a portion of the



A portion of road washed away near tunnel at Ramban on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway

road leading to the Panthiyal tunnel was washed away. A traffic department offi-

cial said work was underway to clear the road and repair the affected sections despite

the incessant rains. "People tive link connecting the twin are advised not to travel on border districts of Poonch the highway till the restoraand Rajouri with the Shopian tion work is completed," he district of south Kashmir, also witnessed several Mughal Road, an alterna-

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Water level rising fast in Jhelum, tributaries due to continued rain SRINAGAR: The water level in the Jhelum river and its tributaries has risen rapidly over a few hours due to heavy rainfall at many places in Kashmir, even as authorities have advised the people living near the embankments of water bodies to remain alert and avoid venturing near the water.

The water in some of the water bodies is flowing close to the flood-alert level at many places, officials said. An official of the Irrigation and Flood Control (IFC) department on Saturday

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### ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 **Transfer Scam:** Court returns closure report, directs Director ACB for further investigation

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a much publicized case of transfer industry in which ACB registered a case against then I/C CEO in which ACB filed closure report, Additional sessions Judge Anticorruption Doda Amarjeet Singh Langeh on Saturday returned the closure report with the direction to Director ACB for further investigation. Director.

Vigilance Organization J&K received a communication from the then Director Education Jammu, namely Ravinder Singh dated September 9, 2017 alleging therein that the then Incharge Chief Education

Officer, Kishtwar Ajit Kumar Sharma has committed certain malpractices while effecting transfers during his tenure as Incharge CEO from June 2017 till September 9, 2017 wherein under the guise of strengthening his office, transfers were made in connivance with subordinates for pecuniary benefits. The said communication

further mentioned that in order to unearth truth and nexus between CEO and his subordinates/ beneficiaries, detailed investigation needed to be conducted. The Director School Education Jammu accordingly

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