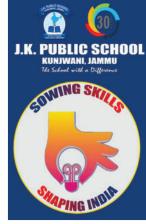
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# Rahul misleading nation on Agnipath: Rajnath



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NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajanth Singh on Monday said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was misleading the nation on the sensitive issue of national security and the Agnipath initiative and added that he was ready to make a statement in this regard in Parliament.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha shortly after Gandhi's remarks on the Union budget, the defence minister said the opposition leader had tried to spread a lot of misconceptions about the budget and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman would provide clarification when

she replied to the debate. Singh said Gandhi was trying to mislead the nation about the sensitive issue of national security and the Agnipath initiative.

"Our jawans protect the country's borders, it is such a sensitive issue of our national security. There are attempts to mislead the nation on the Agniveer

## Cong obstructed reservation for SCs, STs, OBC: BJP

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Monday hit back at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi sover his criticism of the government's alleged neglect of SCs, STs and OBC, saying the Congress' history is "replete with instances of obstructing reservation" for these communities.

The ruling party also described the Congress as "anti-

The BJP launched a broadside after Gandhi, during a debate on the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha, claimed the sole aim of the Budget is to strengthen the framework of big businesses, political monopoly that destroys the democratic structure, and the deep state or the agencies.

Gandhi also displayed a picture of the halwa ceremony that precedes the printing of the budget, saying there was no Dalit, Adivasi or backward-class person in the photo.

He said 20 officers worked on preparing the country's budget and of them, only one was from a minority community and one from the Other Backward Classes (OBC).

Hitting back at him, BJP National General Secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh posted on X pictures of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation's board members which included Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, former prime minister Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram, and asked which of them belong to OBC, SC and ST categories. "Rajiv Gandhi Foundation Board for your perusal. Identify OBCs, SCs and STs for the use of the Congress and its troll army," he wrote on X along with a screenshot of the foundation's website showing its board ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Modi to address post-budget conference today state times news

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the inaugural session of "Journey Towards Viksit Bharat: A Post Union Budget 2024-25 Conference" Tuesday.

The conference is being organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and aims to present the outline for the government's larger vision for growth and the industry's role in this endeavour, his office said on Monday.

More than 1,000 participants from the industry, government, diplomatic

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## Over 4.65 lakh pilgrims visit Amarnathji Shrine, surpass last year's record

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

1,800 pilgrims leave Jammu for Yatra

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The number of pilgrims who paid obeisance to Lord Shiva at Amarnath cave shrine in South Kashmir in this year's yatra has crossed 4.65 lakh, surpassing the total number of pilgrims who visited the naturally formed ice lingam last year.

According to officials, over 7,500 pilgrims paid obeisance at the 3,880 metre high cave shrine on Monday. This has taken the number of pilgrims this year to 4,66,342 as against 4.59 lakh pilgrims last year.

"As many as 7,556 pilgrims performed the yatra on Monday and had darshan of Baba Bholenath on the 31st day of the annual yatra," the

The officials said 4,364 male pilgrims, 1,791 female pilgrims, 148 Sadhus and one Sadhvis were among those who paid obeisance

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## **Education ministry notifies guidelines** for bagless days for classes 6-8

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Union Education Ministry on Monday notified guidelines for implementation of bagless days for classes 6-8 and making learning in schools more joyful, experiential and stress-free.

The guidelines, developed by PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, a unit of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), were released on the fourth

anniversary of the new National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

The NEP, 2020, had recommended that all students in classes 6-8 participate in a 10-day bagless period. "The idea behind 10 bagless

days is to make them an integral part of the teaching learning process rather than an add-on to the existing scheme of studies of education from classes 6-8. It will not only reduce the boundaries between the bookish

knowledge and application of knowledge but also expose children to the skill requirements in the work areas. thus helping them to decide the future career path," the guidelines stated.

"Every student will take a fun course during classes 6-8 that gives a survey and hands-on experience of a sampling of important vocational craft such as carpentry, electric work, metal

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## Four killed in blast at scrap dealer's shop

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: Four persons were killed in a blast in the Sopore area on Monday, officials said here. The blast occurred inside

the shop of a scrap dealer at Sher Colony in the town. Some people were unload-

ing scrap from a truck when the incident occurred, the officials said.

While two persons died on the spot, two others succumbed to injuries later, they said, adding the deceased have been identified as

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## Greater Kailash Murder case: Jammu Police files charge-sheet against Gola Shah, his son, Ex-SSP among 16 accused

**▶** Woman among 4 accused still absconding **←** 

JKSSB SI paper leak scam: Court

dismisses bail of 'kingpin'

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#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

The Jammu Police presented chargesheet against Sharat Puri, Mehmood Sheikh (IPS Retd), Ravinder Gupta alias Gola Shah, Parshotam Singh and Sachin Patiyal, Davinder Pal Singh, Suraj Singh, Varun Kumar, Rajat Jandiyal, son of Ravinder Gupta alias Gola Shah, Vikas Singh, Jaypreet Singh alias Honey and Sandeep Charak, Gambhir Singh and Vishal Singh, Poonam Kumari and Raghunadan.

After completion of investi-

#### Mini bus overturns in Jammu, 30 injured STATE TIMES NEWS

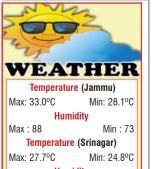
JAMMU: About 30 people were injured after a mini bus overturned on the outskirts of Jammu city on Monday, officials said.

The mini bus, on its way to  ${
m from}$ Maira Mandrian, was travelling at high speed when it skidded off the road and turned turtle near Khuga Morh, they said. About 30 people suffered injuries and were taken to hospital for treatment and first aid, they added.

Ten of the injured were shifted to Government Medical College, Jammu, for further treatment, the officials said.

#### Rains across Kashmir end heatwave **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Light-to-modrainfall across Kashmir on Monday ended the heatwave in the valley, which saw mercury rising to 25-year-high for July on Sunday. Officials said moderate to heavy rainfall was reported fromKashmir districts



Sunset: 19:31 Hours

Sunrise: 05:42 Hours

Max: 73

gation, the charge-sheet was presented in the Court of City Judge Jammu wherein sections 302, 323, 447, 147 read with Section 120B of IPC and Section 506 IPC stand proved against Sharat Puri, Sheikh Mehmood, Ravinder Gupta alias Gola Shah, Parshotam Singh and Sachin Patival, Section 302 read with Section 109 IPC and Section 447, 448, 147, 427, 461, 201, 506, 34 IPC stand proved against Darvinder Pal Singh, Section 302, 323, 447, 147, 34 IPC stands proved against Suraj

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: A special court

here on Monday rejected the

bail application of the alleged

'kingpin' in 2022 JKSSB

sub-inspector recruitment

exam paper leak case, saying

"money laundering is a seri-

ous threat not only to finan-

cial system of the country

but also to the global econo-

The alleged mastermind

Yatin Yadav (43), a resident

of Harvana's Rewari area,

was arrested by the

Directorate of Enforcement,

Jammu under criminal sec-

tions of the Prevention of

Money Laundering Act

(PMLA) on July 24 and is

my at large"

Singh, Section 302, 307, 323, 447, 147, 34 IPC stands proved against Varun Kumar, Section 302, 323, 447, 147 read with Section 109 IPC stands proved against Rajat Jandiyal, son of Gola Shah Section 323, 447, 147, 34 IPC stand proved against Vikas Singh, Jaypreet Singh @ Honey and Sandeep Charak, Gambhir Singh and Vishal Singh.

It is worthwhile to mention that separate charge-sheet will be filed against Jaypreet Singh alias Honey, Vikas

presently under judicial cus-

The Jammu and Kashmir

sub-inspector

Service Selection Board

recruitment exam was held

on March 27, 2022 but the

selected list of 1,200 candi-

dates along with 1,300 junior

engineers and 1,000 finance

account assistants was can-

celled by the Jammu and

Kashmir administration in

July following allegations of

paper leak and malpractice.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which

was handed over the case,

ADGP stresses on offensive ops in Jammu

region districts hit by terror

chargesheet against

already filed a

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#### Singh, Poonam Kumari and Ghambir Singh as they are currently evading their arrest.

In the charge-sheet, it has been submitted that the entire incident, the inaction and dereliction of duty of the then I/C PP Greater Kailash PSI Puneet Sharma comes

Despite repeated pleas as per eye-witness statements, PSI Puneet remained busy in updating senior formations instead of discharging his lawful duty, which

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### representation of OBCs in admissions, employment: Chairperson NČBC

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chairperson National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), Hansraj Gangaram Ahir on Monday met various delegations of OBCs at Banquet Hall Srinagar and listened to their grievances.

The delegations apprised the chairperson of their grievances and sought his intervention in ensuring redressal of the same in a

time-bound manner. The delegations raised the issue of raising reservations, restoring pre-matric scholarship of OBCs in Jammu

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## **Inaugural Session**

Shri Manoj Sinha

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&k

- Launch of Single Window Portal for film shooting permission and film subsidy
- Prize Distribution of Naya Jammu Kashmir Short Film Making Competition
- Launch of Frames of **Transformation Photography** Competition
- Inauguration of J&K Film **Screening Series**

#### Screening of Naya Jammu **Kashmir Short Films**

**MELTING STONES | I AM VALMIKI UNVEILING STRENGTH** THE WOMEN ATHLETES OF KASHMIR

### Film Screenings

J L KAUL | NOOREH | SCHIZOPHRENIA KHATTAY ANGOOR | UNICORN

## **Panel Discussion**

**Evolving Film Ecosystem** in Jammu & Kashmir

A New Dawn in Cinema



Film Conclave

1st August 2024 | 10:00 AM | SKICC, Srinagar





## Film Making Workshops

Local Stories, **Global Audience**  Rahhat Kazmi **Director & Writer** 

From Auditions to Screen: Blueprint for **Aspiring Actors and Filmmakers** 

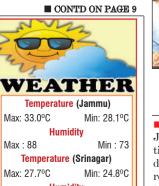
Paragg Mehta **Casting Director** & Producer

**Premiere Screening** 

First Time Screening in India!

**COUNTRY OF BLIND** 

Department of Information & Public Relations, J&K



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ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain convening high-level meeting with officials from CAPF, Intelligence agencies, Police, Security wing and Civil administration.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** officials emphasised at a JAMMU: Offensive operameeting here on Monday. tions should be carried out in There have been 15 terror districts in the Jammu incidents in the Jammu region in the last 50 days, region that have reported terror attacks and deployresulting in the loss of lives of ment in the hinterland and security personnel, including two officers, as well along highways reinforced to strengthen the security grid, as nine pilgrims, and injuries

The security situation ahead of Independence Day was assessed at the meeting, which was attended by officials of various security and intelligence agencies, a Jammu and Kashmir Police spokesperson said.

"There is a necessity to reinforce border deployments and secure police and army establishments. There also a need for offensive operations, alongside preventive measures in other districts," Additional Director General of Police (Jammu Zone) Anand Jain said.

He also stressed on establishing joint checkpoints at vulnerable locations and inter-district boundaries. Terror incidents have

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