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Seven dead, 17 injured as passenger vehicle falls into gorge in Doda

LG, CM, MoS in PMO, Azad express grief

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Seven people, including a woman and a minor girl, were killed and 17 were injured when an overloaded passenger vehicle veered off a hilly road and plunged into a deep gorge in Doda district on Tuesday, officials said.

The accident took place on the Doda-Bharth road near Ponda, some 30 kms from Doda town, when the driver of a tempo traveller lost control while negotiating a blind curve around 9 am, they said.

Mohammad Ashraf (35), son of Mohd Assadullah Wani, resident of Aul; Mangta Wani (51) son of Ghulam Wani, resident of Aul, Atta Mohamed (33) son of Ghulam Mohd, resident of Balli Dhar; Talib Hussain (35) son of Abdul Jabbar Naik, resident of Aul, and Rafeeqa Begum (60), daughter of Abdul Latief Magray, resident of Aul were declared brought dead at Government Medical College Hospital,



Doda, while five-year-old Uzma Jan, daughter of Amied Ahmed, resident of Aul and Shukar Din (36), son of Assdullah Wani, resident of Aul succumbed to injuries at a hospital in Jammu, the officials said.

Seventeen persons were shifted to hospital by rescuers, and the condition of some of them was stated to be critical, the officials said.

The injured have been identified as Mohd Rafi (26), son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of

Udhyapur; Saima Banoo (17), daughter of Lassa Naik, resident of Aul; Shama Begum (45), daughter of Moha Amin, resident of Aul; Shamila Beg (30), daughter of Amied, resident of Aul; Aliza Banoo (17), daughter of Ghulam Malik, resident of Aul; Aqib Hussain (20), son of Ghulam Mohd, resident of Balli Dhar; Abdul Qayoom (45), son of Ghulam Wani, resident of Aul and Kulsoma (33), daughter of Tariq Hussain, resident of Ail.

Locals rushed to the scene soon after the vehicle fell into the gorge and were later joined by police and other security agencies' personnel.

"The vehicle, which was on the way to Doda, was overloaded and a cognizance has been taken," Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Harvinder Singh told reporters. He assured adequate relief measures as per the rules to the families of the deceased and best possible treatment to the injured.

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Another batch of pilgrims leaves Jammu for Shri Amarnathji Shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A fresh batch of 6,388 pilgrims left a base camp here early Tuesday to offer prayers at the Amarnath cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

Over 2.25 lakh pilgrims have so far performed 'darshan' at the shrine since the start of the 38-day annual yatra, which commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 3. The yatra will conclude on August 9. Officials said the 14th batch of 6,388 pilgrims, including 1,308 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here in 248 vehicles between 3:25 am and

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CM reiterates commitment to strengthening medical education, rural health infra



STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday addressed the Annual Day function of SKIMS Medical College & Hospital, Benina, where he commended the commitment of the faculty, students and newly inducted doctors.

Addressing a gathering of medical professionals, students, staff, and parents, the Chief Minister said that the role of doctors in society is one of immense responsibility and trust. "Patients in our region place their utmost faith in their doctors, almost as much as they place in Allah," he said. "It is our collective duty to uphold that sacred trust with integrity and compassion."

Highlighting the rapid evolution in medical science, the Chief Minister noted the constant advancement in technologies, treatments, and surgical methods. "From robotics to artificial intelligence, the medical

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Meets His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Ladakh PM spreading Dalai Lama's message of peace, harmony across globe: Chugh



STATE TIMES NEWS
LADAKH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday paid respects to His Holiness Dalai Lama.

In his message to the Nation, His Holiness said,

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"Since coming into exile from Tibet in 1959, we have received immense support and assistance from the Government of India. Thanks to India's generosity that we have been able to preserve our unique identity, language, and cultural heritage deeply rooted in the principles of ahimsa (non-violence) and karuna (compassion)."

Tarun Chugh said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India has stood firm on its ancient promise of

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Will work together with everyone for development of Ladakh: Kavinder

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After holding several key positions including as Deputy Chief Minister and Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta, who is poised to start a new innings as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, on Monday said that it is a challenging assignment and he will work together with everyone for

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the development of the region.

"I am thankful to those who considered me worthy -- be it the Honourable Prime Minister, the Honourable President, the Home Minister, or the national leadership -- who have placed me in this position. I want to express my gratitude to all of them," Gupta told reporters here.

Gupta said there are "certainly challenges involved, but I accept them. I will

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STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Mock drills were conducted on Tuesday along the Amarnath Yatra routes in several districts of Kashmir to strengthen the security forces for the ongoing pilgrimage, police said. A police spokesman said these mock drills were conducted without causing inconvenience to the yatis or the general public, and the cooperation of citizens

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Recruitment process for Naib Tehsildars deferred

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on Tuesday deferred the recruitment process for naib tehsildar posts in the Revenue Department, citing an order issued by the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) the previous day. A two-member CAT bench has stayed the operation of the relevant provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Revenue (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules of 2009, insofar as they mandate graduation with knowledge of Urdu as the minimum qualification for the post of naib tehsildar.

The CAT further directed the JKSSB to accept applications for the post of naib tehsildar from candidates who possess a graduation with knowledge of any of the five official languages enumerated in the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020, which includes Hindi, Kashmiri, English, Dogri and Urdu.

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Shubhanshu Shukla, 3 other astronauts return to Earth

Shubhanshu inspired a billion dreams: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: With waves and smiles, Shubhanshu Shukla returned to Earth on Tuesday after an 18-day stay on the International Space Station, a feat that holds the promise to herald India's own human spaceflight ambitions.

The Lucknow-born Shukla and three other astronauts of the private Axiom-4 mission splashed down in the Pacific Ocean off the San Diego coast in California in the pre-dawn darkness at 2:31 am Pacific Time (3:01 pm IST) amid cheers from the citizens of India, literally on the other side of the world.

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Shukla, a Group Captain in the Indian Air Force, became the second Indian to travel to space after Rakesh Sharma's 1984 sojourn as part of a Soviet Russian mission.

He also scripted history by becoming the first Indian to travel to the International Space Station with the longest stint -- 20 days --

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CS for making cyber security audit of websites time-bound process

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a crucial meeting to thoroughly review cyber security measures safeguarding government websites and critical infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting besides the Secretary IT was attended by all Administrative Secretaries of various departments, and key officers from NIC, JaKeGA, and the IT Department.

In this meeting the Chief Secretary underscored the urgent need for fixing clear timelines for completing website security audits, stressing

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that prolonged website downtime causes significant inconvenience to the public. He emphasized that all exercises must be time-bound, with a focus on reviving all important websites at the earliest.

Furthermore, he directed the immediate decommissioning of all redundant and unused websites, stating they serve no purpose and pose unnecessary security risks.

To bolster internal capabilities, the Chief Secretary advocated for capacity building of all departmental Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and Information

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.9°C Min: 24.5°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 85

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 24.7°C Min: 18.2°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 87

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