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Dr Jitendra informs Lok Sabha, 55,554 pension grievances resolved under 7 months

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Omar calls for strict timeline enforcement under PSGA

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Reviews implementation of PSG Act 2011, functioning of Coop Banks



CM Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant push to enhance accountability and efficiency in public service delivery, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday directed all Administrative Secretaries to conduct mandatory monthly review meetings to assess the implementation of the Jammu & Kashmir Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), 2011, within their respective departments.

need for strict enforcement of timelines for service delivery and imposition of penalties on officials for delays, reiterating the government's zero-tolerance policy towards administrative laxity.

Chairing a high-level review meeting attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education; ACS, Jal Shakti; ACS to the Chief and Minister: Administrative Secretaries. Chief Minister expressed concern over the inconsistent monitoring of PSGA at the departmental level. He emphasized the importance of structured and regular oversight.

"The monthly review at the level of Administrative Secretaries is to be done. Departments must ensure the Act is implemented robustly. Delays without justified cause must invite penalties, as prescribed under the law," the Chief

While acknowledging challenges related to budgetary constraints and portal issues, the Chief Minister made it clear that these would be reviewed separately and decisions taken accordingly.

"Where applications are to be rejected, they must be rejected with clear reasons so that citizens retain their right to appeal," he said.

The Chief Minister particularly flagged the misuse of discretionary powers by officials, stressing that the PSGA framework designed to eliminate arbitrary decision-making. He instructed departments to strictly adhere to defined timelines and ensure the levy of penalties in all cases where services are delayed beyond the permissible limit.

"The spirit of this Act lies in delivering services on time, without exceptions. Where timelines are violated,

Pakistan steeped in fanaticism, terrorism:

India tells UNSC

Another batch of pilgrims leaves for Shri Amarnathji yatra state times news

JAMMU: Amid tight security, a small batch of 2,837 pilgrims left Jammu on Wednesday for the cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

Today's batch of pilgrims is the smallest so far to leave for Amarnath since the yatra began on July 3.

Over three lakh pilgrims have so far paid obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high shrine. The 38-day pilgrimage commenced on July 3 from the

The 21st batch of 2,837 pilgrims, including 2,286 men and eight children, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here in 128 vehicles for the twin base camps in Kashmir, the officials said.

With this, a total of 1,30,378 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp for the valley July 2, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first

Army rescues boy trapped in Rajouri flash floods

Two men die as landslide hits tent in Reasi

LG condoles loss of lives

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/RAJOURI: Two men were killed after a landslide triggered by heavy rains hit their tent in Reasi district, officials said on Wednesday.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha condoled the loss of lives due to the tragic landslide incident.

"The landslide incident at Badora in Reasi is saddening. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with the bereaved family members who have lost their loved ones. I pray that the injured recover at the earliest," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The incident took place near a shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva in the Badora mountainous belt of Mahore tehsil during the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, they said.

The two, who were deployed to smoothen the track leading to the shrine. The bodies will be handed over to the families after were sleeping in a tent when postmortem.

Amit Shah meets PM Modi in

Parliament office

the landslide struck, they An operation was launched by civilians and police, and both bodies were recovered

from the debris, officials The deceased have been identified as 26-year-old Rashpal Singh, a resident of

cials said. After receiving information, the Army, SDRF, police, Tuli Kalavan, and 23-yearand local divers conducted a old Ravi Kumar, a resident of

coordinated rescue

Meanwhile, a nine-year-old

boy was rescued in a joint

operation by Army, SDRF

and police after he got

trapped in a river following

flash floods in Rajouri, offi-

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President recommends pvt member's bill to rehabilitate, resettle KPs be taken up in RS

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu has recommended that a private member's bill calling for rehabilitation and resettlement of Kashmiri Pandits for consideration in the Rajya Sabha.

The Kashmiri Pandits (Recourse. Restitution, Rehabilitation and Resettlement) Bill, 2022, was introduced in the Rajya Sabha by Congress member Vivek Tankha on February 2, 2024, but had to get the President's recommendation as it involves financial impli-

"For the first time in the

India, China review border situation; prepare for Special Representatives dialogue STÂTE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India and Wednesday China reviewed the overall situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and prepared ground for the Special Representatives dialogue on the boundary question

The review was carried out at a meeting of Working Mechanism for Consultation Coordination (WMCC)

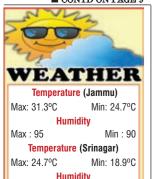
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2 Pharma establishments convicted

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu has pronounced conviction in the Case titled State through Drugs Inspector, Jammu V/s Mahajan & Mahajan Medical Agency related to sale and supply of a drug declared to be Not of Standard Quality by Government Analyst. The accused have been convicted under section 18 (a) read with section 27(d)of

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Sunset: 19:36 Hours

Sunrise: 05:38 Hours

Min: 59

Max: 89

ber bill titled "Kashmiri Pandits (Recourse. Restitution, Rehabilitation and Resettlement) Bill, 2022" has been recommended by the Hon'ble President for consideration in the house, subject to time constraint," Tankha said in a post on X.

"If discussed and approved, this can be a turning point in the fight for justice for Kashmiri Pandits. Its a big achievement as very few bills with financial implications, get recommend by the Hon'ble President under clause (3) of Article 117 of the Constitution,

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mer Chief Minister of

Jammu and Kashmir,

Ghulam Nabi Azad

arrived in Jammu on

Wednesday to a tumul-

tuous and spirited wel-

come by a large gather-

ing of party functionar-

ies, workers, and sup-

Azad was received at

the airport with enthusi-

astically and floral greetings,

reflecting the deep connec-

tion he continues to hold with

Democratic

JAMMU: President of the

Azad Party (DPAP) and for-

Progressive

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STATE TIMES NEWS

UNITED NATIONS: India told a UN Security Council meeting presided over by Pakistan that there should be a "serious cost" to nations who foment cross-border terrorism, as it described the neighbouring country as a "serial borrower" steeped in "fanaticism".

"As we debate promoting international peace and security, it is essential to recognise that there are some fundamental principles which need to be universally respected. One of them is zero tolerance for terrorism,"

Azad arrives to grand welcome in Jammu;

begins weeklong outreach across J&K

express their solidarity and

admiration for his leader-

ship. As part of his outreach

gathered in large numbers to tions and citizens. Following

Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said. Harish delivered the

national statement on Tuesday at the UN Security high-level open debate 'Promoting on Peace and International Security through Multilateralism and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes' held under Pakistan's presidency of the 15-nation Council for

Pakistan Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar presided over the open debate that was also addressed by UN

this, he will proceed next day

to the Kashmir Valley on a

weeklong visit, where he is

expected to meet

with the workers

and office bearers

The visit is seen

Democratic

Progressive Azad

Party's efforts to

strengthen grass-

roots engagement

significant

of the party.

Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

In his remarks to the debate in his national capacity, Dar raked the issue of Jammu and Kashmir as well as the Indus Waters Treaty. In the wake of the

Pahalgam attack, India decided that the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 would be held in abeyance until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism. Turkiye also made a reference to Jammu and Kashmir in its statement at the open

Giving a strong response to

1.09 lakh vacancies in CAPFs, recruitment for 72689 posts going on: Govt STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: There were 1.09 lakh vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles as on January 1, with the recruitment for 72,689 posts ongoing, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday.

Replying to a written question, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai provided data on sanctioned strength, actual strength, and vacancies in the central paramilitary forces. The data showed that sanctioned strength in these forces went up from 10,04,980 in 2021 to 10,67,110 in 2025

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Dar's remarks, Harish said that the Indian sub-continent offers a "stark contrast" in terms of progress, prosperity and development mod-

"On the one hand, there is India, which is a mature democracy, a surging economy and a pluralistic and inclusive society. At the other extreme is Pakistan, steeped in fanaticism and terrorism, and a serial borrower from the IMF (International Monetary Fund).

In May this year, the IMF had approved disbursement of about one billion dollars

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Parliament House office on Wednesday.

The meeting comes against the backdrop of the surprise resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar as vice president

on Monday, citing health reasons, and the continued disruption of proceedings in the Lok Sabha and the Rajva Sabha amid opposition

Modi will leave for a visit to the Maldives and the United Kingdom

protests over various issues.

DGFT authorises KCCI to

issue certificate of origin

via online trade portal

Foreign Trade (DGFT) has

authorised the Kashmir

Chamber of Commerce and

General of

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SRINAGAR:

Directorate

President Murmu



Newly appointed LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta calling on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

STATE TIMES NEWS DELHI: Newly

Lieutenant of Ladakh,

Kavinder Gupta, Wednesday called President Droupadi

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Industry (KCCI) to issue certificate of origin through online trade connect portal, according to a statement on Wednesday. The move will enable

Territory to access the crucial document locally, it said. The KCCI has been formally authorised by the

exporters from the Union

DGFT. Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, to issue the certificate of

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LS adjourned for day amid Opposition protests

and reaffirm its commitment

to inclusive development and

>> SIR in Bihar; RS adjourned

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day at 2 pm on Wednesday amid noisy protests by opposition members protesting against the revision of electoral rolls in Bihar.

This is the third consecutive day of the Monsoon session that the House has faced disruptions.

Waving placards and raising slogans, opposition members stormed into the Well of the House during the Question Hour, leading to the adjournment of the proceedings for the day.

Earlier the proceedings were adjourned till 2 pm when the protests and sloganeering continued.

Similar scenes played out when the House reconvened and TDP leader Krishna Prasad Tenneti, who was in the Chair, adjourned the proceedings

programme, Azad is sched-

uled to visit Reasi on

Thursday for a day-long

engagement with local delega-

Opposition members raised slogans like "SIR wapas lo (Roll back SIR)".

The opposition is demanding a discussion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, an exercise initiated by the Election Commission ahead of the state assembly polls due later this year.

Speaker Om Birla said the protesting MPs were behaving as if they were on the streets and warned that he would be forced to take "decisive" action against them. "You should behave in a

manner that reflects the

hopes and aspirations of the

people who have elected you.

You should work in a manner and debate and discuss issues that will make people's lives easier. But you have showing street-like behaviour in Parliament," he

Birla also told the members that their behaviour does not behove Parliamentarians. "The MPs are not supposed

to carry placards. If you con-

tinue with such acts, I will be

forced to take decisive action," he said and asked the members to take their seats. Meanwhile, the Rajva Sabha was repeatedly disrupted as Opposition MPs demanded a discussion on the issue of Special Intensive

Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, and finally adjourned for the day soon after it met for the post-lunch sitting. The Upper House saw its

first adjournment after it met at 11 AM, and the second one at noon. Both the times, the House was adjourned after Opposition protested over the Bihar voter list revision issue. When the House assembled

for the third time at 2 PM, it was adjourned for the day after witnessing similar protests.

At 2 PM, Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal moved the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill 2025 for discussion and passing.

Moving the Bill, the minister said it provides for responsibilities, liabilities, rights and immunities attached to carriers with respect to the carriage of goods by sea and matters related to it. The Bill

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Northern Army Commander reviews security situation in Doda-Ramban-Kishtwar region



Sharma arrives at Delta Force Headquarters in Batote.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The General

Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma on Wednesday reviewed the security environment and ongoing counter-terrorist operations in the

Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar districts of Jammu Several operations by joint

teams of the Army, police, and paramilitary forces are underway in the three districts to track down

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