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SDM Ramnagar, son die after landslide hits vehicle

LG, DyCM, CS express shock and grief over loss of lives in landslide



(File pic of Rajinder Singh JKAS 2011 batch). Wreckage of the ill-fated vehicle at the site of mishap on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: In a tragic incident, SDM Ramnagar Rajinder Singh Rana, JKAS -2011 Batch and his son lost their lives on the spot after a massive landslide hit their Bolero vehicle in the Salukh Ikhter Nallah area near Dharmari area of Reasi district on late Friday evening.

The incident also left three others injured, including Rajinder Singh's wife,

his cousin, and the cousin's wife. The family was traveling from Dharmari to their native village Pattiya when the tragic accident occurred.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has expressed shock and grief over the loss of lives in a landslide in Dharmari, District Reasi. He has conveyed his condolences and sympathies to the kin of Rajinder Singh, JKAS 2011, SDM

Ramnagar, District Udhampur. Rajinder Singh and his son succumbed to their injuries and died on spot. The Lieutenant Governor has spoken to the senior officials and asked them to ensure best possible treatment to the injured and to render all assistance to the kin of Rajinder Singh.

The Lieutenant Governor has posted on X: "Extremely saddened by the landslide incident in Dharmari, Reasi in which we have lost an outstanding officer Rajinder Singh, JKAS 2011, SDM Ramnagar and his son. The tragedy is heart-wrenching. My deepest condolences to bereaved family and I pray that the injured recover quickly".

"The tragic loss of SDM Ramnagar, Rajinder Singh Rana, and his son in a Reasi landslide is heart-wrenching. He served with sincerity and distinction. Prayers for strength to the family and swift healing for the injured. May their souls attain peace"; Dy CM Surinder Choudhary.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, expressed his profound grief and sorrow over the untimely demise of Rajinder Singh, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Amarnath Yatra suspended till Aug 3 due to 'urgent repair works'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The annual Amarnath Yatra was on Friday suspended till August 3 in the interest of safety of pilgrims as "urgent repair and maintenance works" are being undertaken on the twin routes of the pilgrimage following heavy rains, officials said.

On Friday morning, while the pilgrimage remained suspended from the Pahalgam route and no fresh batch of pilgrims was allowed to proceed to the cave shrine, the yatra was allowed from the Baltal route, they said.

However, owing to heavy

rains, the yatra was later suspended from the Baltal route as well, they said.

The movement of the pilgrims remained suspended from the Bagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu for the second consecutive day.

"Due to the recent heavy rains, repair and maintenance works are required to be undertaken on the Baltal Axis of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra route. In the interest of safety of the yatriis, no Yatra will be allowed on 3rd August from the Baltal route also,"

Divisional Commissioner Vijay Kumar Bidhuri said.

He said further updates will be issued in the due course of time.

Bhiduri said there have been recent heavy rains in yatra area on both Pahalgam and Baltal axis, and so, maintenance works of urgent nature are required to be carried out on the Baltal Axis following this heavy rainfall.

Torrential rains in Kashmir had rendered the roads unsafe, following which the pilgrimage was suspended on both the Baltal and Pahalgam routes on Wednesday. The requisite repair and

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Govt funds carding machine to revive Namdha Craft

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant step toward revival and promotion of the traditional craft of Kashmiri Namdha, the Government has approved funds for refurbishing and installation of a high-capacity Carding Machine at its UNDP wing.

This initiative falls under the larger objective of strengthening the infrastructure and sustainability of traditional handicrafts and handloom sectors in the Valley.

Namdha, a Centuries-old craft involving felting and embroidery of woollen

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Rajnath for enhanced civil-military synergy to boost preparedness

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday emphasised there is a need to move ahead with dynamism and innovative spirit in today's uncertain times and rapidly-changing security scenario, as he also pitched for boosting the civil-military synergy for enhanced military preparedness.

Addressing the 84th Armed Forces Headquarters (AFHQ) Civilian Services Day event at DRDO Bhawan here, he also said that amid uncertain times, "there is no control over unpredictability and our control is only on our preparations".

"Today, we can't assess that those parts of the world which are peaceful will not see tension or lack of peace in future. Three-four months ago, did we think that we would have to do Operation Sindoor so soon," Singh said.

The minister recalled he has always emphasised in his meetings with the

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'Citizen Centric Services'-initiative to boost legal access in J&K- unveiled



CS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant move to enhance the citizen services, the Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs on Friday presented to the Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo a new

initiative on 'Citizen Centric Services'.

The presentation, led by Secretary Law, Achal Sethi, in presence of Secretary, IT, Dr Piyush Singla; SIO, NIC, JS Modi and others detailed a comprehensive plan to

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Proceedings adjourned for day in LS, RS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Friday following continuous protests by Opposition parties over the revision of electoral rolls in Bihar.

As soon as the House resumed at 2 pm, the Opposition members continued with the sloganeering.

Pleas by the Chair to take up a bill, which seeks to provide seats to the Scheduled Tribes in the Goa Legislative Assembly, fell on deaf ears.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal wondered whether the Opposition was against the interest of the Scheduled Tribes and questioned their intent.

As the Opposition protests continued, the House was adjourned for the day.

Earlier in the day, amid slo-



ganeering and display of placards by the protesting members, Speaker Om Birla said the decorum of the House should be maintained and also urged them to go back to their seats.

Birla repeatedly asserted that the behaviour of the members was not appropriate and also took the name of senior DMK leader T R Baalu, asking whether it is

right to protest.

Efforts should be made to strengthen democracy and people have given the opportunity to raise their issues, Birla said as he again urged the protesting members to allow the House to run.

The Question Hour was disrupted due to the protests. With the din continuing, the proceedings were

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Vice Presidential election on Sep 9: EC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The election for the post of Vice President will be held on September 9, the poll authority announced on Friday.

The notification for the vice presidential election will be issued on August 7 and the last date for filing nomination papers will be August 21.

The polling, if required, shall take place in room number F-101, Vasudha, on the first floor of Parliament building on September 9 between 10 am and 5 pm. The results will be announced on the same day.

The post of the vice president fell vacant after the resignation of incumbent Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21. The Election Commission has

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Interacts with officers of Higher Command Course-54 We must vow to eliminate every terrorist, terrorist organization: LG



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with officers attending Higher Command Course - 54 at Army War College at Srinagar on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday interacted with the officers attending Higher Command Course - 54 at Army War College Mhow. The Lieutenant Governor

addressed the officers and faculty members of Army War College at Raj Bhawan and discussed contemporary Geo-Political and Geo-Strategic Issues, besides Counter-Terrorism Strategy and whole-of-government

approach to dismantle terror ecosystem.

"I congratulate and thank the outstanding officers of the three services for keeping all citizens safe and safeguarding the unity,

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Encounter underway in Kulgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Kulgam district on Friday, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the forest area in the south Kashmir district's Akhal after receiving specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists

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