

Why delay in nominations out of POJK DPs & **Kashmiri Migrants to Legislative Assembly even** when there is no stay from High Court?

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'Unprecedented cloudburst-triggered landslide on Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Track'

Rescue work underway post floods in Jammu; 4 more bodies found

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A multiple agency operation has been underway in Jammu and Samba to rescue and rehabilitate the people whose properties were devastated in the floods.

Four more people were swept away in flash floods in the region on Thursday.

A record rainfall in the Jammu region in the past deaths of 45 people, most of them in a landslide on the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage

On Wednesday, a let-up in showers allowed relief operations to pick pace.

"Operations to rescue and rehabilitate people, reconnect villages, and assess damages are underway across the region," an official said.

against Slocus Nar, who had

been working as Cashier

from 2008 to 2022 in the

office of the XEn Mechanical

Division Jammu, official

During the course of inves-

tigation, official added, it

transpired that Slocus Nar

placed under suspension

Schools across Jammu Div to remain closed till Aug 30

JAMMU: The Government and private Schools across Jammu Division shall remain closed up to 30th August 2025 as per an order issued by The Director School Education Jammu. An order issued today stat-

ed "In view of the continuous and heavy rainfall being experienced across various parts of Jammu Division. the region has witnessed multiple weather induced disruptions which have significantly impacted day-today life and the safe functioning of educational insti-

Reports received from varous districts have highlighted severe water logging and accumulation of mud in school premises, making them unfit for physical classes. The flooding in low-lying areas has restricted ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Inclement Weather: LA suspends Committee meetings till Sep 5 STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In view of the inclement weather and floods in Jammu and Kashmir, the Legislative Assembly has suspended all Committee meetings till September 5,

In an official communiqué, the Assembly Secretariat informed that all meetings of House Committees, including Financial Committees and other Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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Written Test for **Counsellor Post at GMC** Srinagar postponed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In view of inclement weather conditions in the valley, the written test for the post of Counsellor (under scheme) at Institute of Medical Health & Neurosciences Kashmir (Psychiatry), Government Medical College Srinagar, scheduled for August 29, 2025, has been postponed. A fresh date will

Will sit with officers to understand flood mitigation measures taken after 2014 deluge: CM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said his government would seek answers from the administration to understand what flood mitigation measures were taken in Jammu and Kashmir after the 2014 deluge.

His remarks came after flash floods triggered by incessant rains wreaked havoc in Jammu and caused water bodies, including the Jhelum river, in Kashmir to swell.

"There were heavy rains in both Jammu as well as in Kashmir. God saved us. Had the rainfall continued for a day or more, we would have faced immense difficulties. But the water has started receding. It recedes faster in Jammu and takes some time here in Kashmir.

"We are out of danger, but I will have to sit with the officers and understand what we have done after 2014, Abdullah told reporters.

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involved in a grenade attack

on a CRPF camp earlier this

year, from Pulwama district,

During a swipe search at

Hari Parigam village in

Awantipora tehsil of the

south Kashmir district late

on Wednesday evening, secu-

rity forces arrested a sus-

pected person, the official

The arrested suspect has

been identified as Sakib

Reyaz Ganie, resident of

Chaki-Cholan of the Shopian

a police official said.

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Two terrorists killed during infiltration bid in Bandipora

CB arrests cashier for misappropriation of funds

said.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch (CB) has arrested Cashier of Mechanical Division Jammu for huge misappropriation of funds misusing official position in the case registered against him on the complaint of Executive Engineer (XEn).

"The arrested accused has been identified as Slocus Nar (Junior Assistant), son of David, resident of Old Rehari, Jammu, the then posted as Cashier in the office of XEn, Mechanical Division Jammu," CB official said. Allegations levelled in the

complaint were proved

Jammu-Srinagar NH

shut due to landslides

the only all-weather road

linking Kashmir with the

rest of the country, was

vehicular movement from in Udhampur

towards Srinagar due to

damage at several places

Chenani. No vehicular move-

ment shall be allowed from

Nagrota in Jammu towards

Reasi, Chenani, Patnitop,

Doda, Ramban, Banihal,

WEATHER

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Sunrise: 06:02 Hours

Srinagar," a traffic

Max: 26.9°C

Max: 26.7°C

Max: 95

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Min: 69

said.

between

Ultra behind grenade attack on CRPF camp held in Pulwama **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Two terrorists were killed as security forces foiled an an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez sector of Bandipora district, Army said on Thursday.

flooded water channels in

One body was pulled out of

the Tawi River in Nagrota on

Wednesday evening. The victim had reportedly drowned

Another body of an elderly

man was retrieved from a

nallah in Marh. A body was

recovered from waters

at Chak Rakwala.

Jammu

"Based on intelligence procommitted criminal breach by Jammu and of trust and misappropriation of huge funds causing Kashmir Police regarding loss to the state exchequer likely infiltration attempt, a and by misusing his official joint operation was launched by Indian Army and Jammu position manipulated the and Kashmir Police in Gurez entries in the official records, treasury challans and in the Sector," Army's Srinagarrevenue remittance register. based Chinar Corps said on The aforesaid Cashier was

> The Army said alert troops spotted suspicious activity ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

and challenged the intruders, which resulted in terrorists opening indiscriminate fire.

"Troops responded with effective fire, neutralising two terrorists," the Army

said. The operation progress, it added.

Meanwhile, security forces have arrested an alleged terrorist, who is suspected to be

"The subject was the prime suspect of a grenade

district.

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CM Omar Abdullah briefing media at Srinagar on Thursday

Reviews preparations for Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting at Hazratbal Shrine to review the arrangements being put in place for the forthcoming Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) being celebrated during Rabi al Awwal, the third month of Islamic lunar calendar.

Describing the occasion as one of the most important events in the Muslim religious calendar, the Chief Minister stressed the need to make every possible effort to ensure the celebra tions are conducted smoothly and devotees face no inconven-

Reviewing the arrangements, the Chief Minister highlighted traffic management and facilitation of devotees as the fore nost priorities.

He underlined the need for proper parking arrangements, adherence to designated traffic routes, provision of shuttle services, and strict regulation of fare charges to prevent over charging of devotees. "People must ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Railways run special Jammu-Delhi train for stranded passengers

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Northern

Railways said it has deployed a special unreserved train from Jammu station to New Delhi on Thursday, to ensure a smooth journey for tourists stranded due unprecedented monsoon onslaught in the UT this year.

Scores of people, especially pilgrims, were stranded as heavy rains lashed the Jammu region in the last two days severely disrupting rail and road traffic, and also due to a landslide that struck Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra, claiming 34 lives. Jammu region recorded its heaviest rainfall since 1910,

CJI B R Gavai to administer oath

at 380 mm by Wednesday morning. The Northern Railways

had on Wednesday ordered the cancellation of 58 trains to and from Jammu and Katra stations, while 64 trains were short-terminated or short-originated at various stations in the division due to the devastation caused by record rains.

"An unreserved special train is scheduled from Jammu to Delhi, around 2 pm on Thursday to help stranded tourists. It will have stops at major stations like Kathua and Pathankot Cantonment,"

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PM Jan Dhan Yojana gave people power to script their own destiny: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Jammu-■ STATE TIMES NEWS Srinagar national highway

NEW DELHI: With the PM was closed for traffic for the third consecutive day on Jan Dhan Yojana Thursday due to multiple completing 11 years, landslides triggered by heavy Minister rains in the Udhampur-Narendra Modi on Ramban belt, officials said. Thursday said the Due to the closure of the scheme has given highway, over 500 to 600 people the power to vehicles are stranded at variscript their own desous places en route. tiny and asserted The 270-km-long stretch, that when the last

blocked by multiple landforward together. The PM Jan Dhan Yojana, slides at several places between Jakheni launched on this day in 2014, Chenani in Udhampur, they "Highway is closed for

is a national mission on financial inclusion encom-India hopeful of resuming trade talks

with US soon: Official

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STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: India is hopeful of resuming negotiations with the US on the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA), and resolving the issue relating to the steep 50 per cent tariff on Indian imposed Washington will be key to striking the deal, a government official said on

Thursday. However, the official said the new dates for the next round of negotiations for the agreement have not yet been finalised.

"We have not finalised new dates because of the overhang of this (50 per cent) additional tariff. It was not practical to have official level discussions on the

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passing an integrated approach to bring about



financial inclusion of all the households in the country. The scheme envisages uni-

comprehensive

facilities with at least one basic banking account

versal access to banking

household, financial literacy, access to credit, insurance and pension facility. In a post on

X. Modi said. When the last mile is financially connected, the entire

nation moves forward together. That is exactly what the PM Jan Dhan

Let-up in rain eases flood threat in Kashmir, Jhelum starts receding

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The flood threat in Kashmir eased on Thursday, with the water levels in the Jhelum river and other water bodies starting to recede as the weather

In the past 12 hours, there has been very little rainfall in the Kashmir Valley, officials here said. Due to the let-up in the

rain, the Jhelum dropped below the flood alert level at Sangam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, they said. Though it is still above the

danger level downstream in Srinagar, the water level ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

to new SC judges today ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India B R Gavai will on Friday administer oath to Bombay High Court Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Patna High Court Chief Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi who were elevated to the Supreme Court on August 27.

With their elevation, the apex court is set to regain its full working strength of 34 judges, including the CJI.

Justice Pancholi will be in line to become the CJI in October 2031 after Justice Joymalya Bagchi's retirement on October 2, 2031.

He would assume the СЛ's office on October 3, 2031, and retire on May 27, 2033. On August 25, the apex court collegium recommended to the Centre the names of Justices Aradhe and

Pancholi for elevation as top

Born on April 13, 1964, Justice Aradhe was appointed as additional judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on December 29, 2009 and as a permanent judge on February 15, 2011.

court judges.

He was transferred to the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and took oath on September 20, 2016. He was

appointed as an Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir on May 11, 2018. Justice Aradhe was trans-

ferred to the Karnataka High

Court where he took oath as a judge on November 17, 2018.He assumed charge as the Acting Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court on

July 3, 2022 and functioned as such up to October 14, He was appointed as the

Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court on July 19, 2023 and took

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Army hoists 72-foot-high National Flag in Baramulla to commemorate capture of Haji Pir Pass

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Army on Thursday hoisted a 72-foot-high national flag in Baramulla district to commemorate the historic capture of Haji Pir Pass in the The Tricolour was hoisted at the

Army's Cheetah Post in the north Kashmir district, an official said. In homage to the valour and sacrifice

of the Indian Army, a flag-hoisting ceremony was held on Haji Pir Day, commemorating the historic capture of Haji Pir Pass in 1965, which is a symbol of sacrifice, courage and national pride, the official said.

He said the ceremony was organised by the Dagger Division with support from the Flag Foundation of India.

The Chinar Corps Commander proudly hoisted the Tricolour at Cheetah Post overlooking the Baramulla town and the Jhelum river, he said.

The event featured performances by



the military band and children from local schools, the official said.

Organised under the aegis Baramulla Rashtriya Rifles, the event exemplified the enduring bond between the armed forces and the local commuThe official said the event was also

attended by civil dignitaries from Baramulla, representatives of the civil administration as well as security

Terrorists targeted Baisaran due to high tourist footfall, relative isolation

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Terrorists

the picturesque Baisaran meadow as the target for the dastardly attack in Pahalgam due to its high tourists presence and relative isolation, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said on Thursday.

"Three terrorists" were directly involved in the brutal terror attack in which 26 people were killed in cold blood on April 22, NIA officials said.

The target was also chosen considering the "response time" from the security agencies, said a spokesman for the NIA, which is probing the case.

terrorists chose Baisaran as the target due to its "high tourist presence",

'relative isolation" and after considering that the 'response (from the security agencies) would take time". he said.

In the targeted attack, terrorists killed male tourists milling around eateries, taking pony rides or just picnicking with their families, including young children and parents, in the meadow near Pahalgam touted as 'Mini Switzerland' for its serene

The NIA in June arrested two men for harbouring the three Pakistan-based terrorists, who were killed by the armed forces late last month.

The arrested duo -- Parvaiz Ahmad Jothar from Batkote and Bashir Ahmad Jothar from Pahalgam --

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