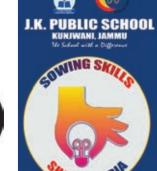


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LG sets up 3-member panel to inquire into BJP will keep its promise to make country landslide on Shri Mata Vaishno Devi track free of infiltrators: Shah

Yatra remains suspended for 4th day due to rains

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday constituted a threemember committee to inquire into the reasons behind the recent landslide along the pilgrim route leading to the Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta Hills in Reasi district, officials said.

The committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Jal Shakti, will submit its report within two weeks to Sinha, who is also the chairman of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, an official order said.

Thirty-four pilgrims were killed and 20 others injured after a landslide struck the pilgrim route on Tuesday

Meanwhile, heavy rain lashed Katra region, as the pilgrimage to the Vaishno Devi shrine remained sus-

pended for the fourth consecutive day following a recent

The Shri Mata Vaishno

Shrine Board (SMVDSB), which manages the Yatra, suspended the pilgrimage on Tuesday until

landslide.

further orders. "Inclement weather condi-

sion has been taken to continue the suspension of the Yatra in view of pilgrim safe-

Katra and Trikuta hills, on which the Vaishno Devi Shrine is located, have been witnessing heavy rain since

pour didn't stop till reports last came in.

The landslide triggered by a cloudburst struck the pilgrim route to the shrine at Adhkuwari in the Trikuta killing 34 people and injuring country," he added.

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Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the BJP will keep its promise to make the country free of infiltrators.

Addressing a programme in Guwahati on the birth centenary of Assam's first non-Congress CM Golap Borbora, he said the high-power demography mission. announced by PM Narendra Modi on Independence Day, is a definitive step towards studying the demographic pattern of the country and identifying infiltrators.

"We had made a promise to Assam, but we have not been able to fulfil it in 10 years. But we will keep our promise and make Assam and the entire country free of illegal foreigners," he said.

"I am among those people who believe that not a single hills on Tuesday (August 26), infiltrator should stay in our

recounted how Shah ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Borbora, who led a Janata



Home Minister likely to visit Jammu on Sunday

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to arrive here on a two-day tour of Jammu region on Sunday to review the situation in the aftermath of the recent record rain that left more than 110 persons, mostly pilgrims, dead and 32 others missing, officials said on Friday.

It will be Shah's second visit to Jammu in three months after he visited the region on May 29-30, nearly three weeks after the Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under Operation Sindoor to avenge the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 persons on April 22 The officials said Shah is likely to reach the Raj Bhavan in Jammu on August 31, where he ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

government from March 1978 to September 1979 in the state, had undertaken a drive to cleanse the voters' list when by-elections were necessitated for the Mangaldai Lok Sabha seat.

"Even in the absence of computerised electoral rolls, Borbora's government detected names of 36,780 illegal foreigners, and this cleansing of the voters' list can be deemed as the origin of the Assam Agitation," he said.

"The Election Commission is cleansing the voters' list through the SIR now, but some parties are opposing it. It shows the moral degradation in today's politics," he said.

Shah claimed that if Borbora was alive, he would have come out in protest against these parties that are opposing the SIR exercise.

He lauded the state government for its actions against "infiltrators", especially

Cop caught on camera slapping civilian in Srinagar; probe ordered

SRINAGAR: An inquiry has been ordered against a policeman for allegedly slapping a person in the Bemina locality here, an officer said on Friday.

A video purportedly showing the policeman slapping made rounds on social media and prompted the inquiry.

The video, caught on mobile phone by a passerby, showed the traffic police having a heated argument with a civilian while checking his vehicle documents and within moments slap-

The video showed the

NSG holds counter-terror exercise in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

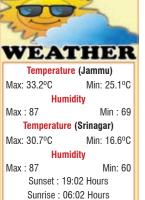
JAMMU: The National Security Guard (NSG) conducted a three-day joint counter-terror exercise here, officials said on Friday.

The drill was held from

August 27-29 in the mountainous terrain of Anantnag in collaboration with the Special Operations Group (SOG) and the Jammu and Kashmir Police to strengthen multi-agency anti-terrorism capabilities in Jammu and Kashmir, they said. The exercise validated multi-agency aerial insertion operations to neutralise terrorists in inaccessible areas, an officer said

Cloudburst in Gurez; no one hurt ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A cloudburst hit the Gurez Sector of Bandipora district on Friday, officials said. No casualties were reported. The cloudburst hit the Tulail area of the frontier Gurez Sector in the north Kashmir district. The sudden heavy rain caused panic among the people. Further details were awaited, officials said.



policeman trying to stop the person from recording and taking a swing at him, prompting the person to say, "look at this 'gunda gardi' (hooliganism).'

raising questions on social media about the conduct and accountability of the "Taking suo motu cogni-

where a traffic cop is seen slapping someone, a factfinding enquiry has been initiated," Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic (SSP) City Aijaz Ahmad Srinagar

CHANDIGARH:

National General Secretary

Tarun Chugh on Friday

slammed the AAP gov-

ernment in Punjab for

not coming to the help of

thousands of people suf-

In a statement, Chugh

said the Bhagwant

Mann government has

abjured all its constitu-

tional and moral respon-

sibility to come to the

rescue of the marooned peo-

He launched a sharp attack

on AAP Convenor Arvind

Kejriwal and Punjab CM

fering due to floods.

The incident got people

sance of the viral video

ty," an official said.

Friday morning. The down-

PM Modi, Prez Xi likely to meet twice on SCO summit sidelines in the current context of a

STATE TIMES NEWS

BEIJING: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to hold two bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Tianjin on Sunday, as both nations look to strengthen ties amid global trade tensions sparked by US President Donald Trump.

Prime Minister Modi, who will arrive in Tianjin on Saturday evening from Japan, will have a bilateral meeting with President Xi around Sunday noon and a possible second one before the official banquet of the

Kejriwal creating distraction while Punjab suffers

at AAP's grave mismanagement : Chugh

Bhagwant Mann, stating

that while Punjab reels

under devastating floods,

AAP leaders have fled from

their responsibilities and

abandoned the people of

Punjab in this hour of crisis.

Instead of saving lives and

delivering relief, Kejriwal



SCO summit, according to

On Monday, the Prime Minister will take part in the SCO Summit and is likely to have a bilateral meeting with

and Mann are busy playing

Chugh said that Kejriwal

falsely projects himself as the

"only honest leader," but if he

already knew that the

Gandhi family was deeply

involved in the National

Herald scam, why did he

repeatedly forge alliances

with the Congress? This

exposes the duplicity and

hypocrisy at the core of

Kejriwal's politics-where

principles are invoked only as

a cover for deception and

He pointed out that

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Kejriwal's latest outburst

power, he said.

political theatre, he added.

Putin before leaving for

The summit of the 10member bloc is regarded as significant and most consequential from the point of view of India-China relations

Shailendra Kumar promoted to Apex Scale

STATE TIMES NEWS Ministry

H o m e Affairs on Friday prom o t e d 1995 batch A G M U T

cadre IAS officer Shailendra Kumar

to the Apex Scale. "In pursuance to the rec-

ommendations of the Screening Committee, Shailendra Kumar, IAS (AGMUT995), currently posted in the cadre, is promoted to the Apex Scale (Level-17 in the Pav Matrix) with effect from September 1, 2025 or

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sudden downturn in India-US ties after Trump imposed 50 per cent tariffs on Indian exports.

This will be Modi's first visit to China in seven years, perhaps the most significant.

Though Modi is expected to have bilateral meetings with several leaders, his meeting with Xi will be the most watched one, not simply in India and China but all around the world.

The outcome of the meeting was expected to set the tone for the future course of bilateral relations, which,

Rs 88 lakh land fraud case: HC denies anticipatory bail to Tehsildar

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The High Court of

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has rejected the anticipatory bail plea of Tehsildar Nusrat Aziz, accused of playing a key role in a well-planned conspiracy involving fraudulent land mutations worth over Rs 88 lakh in Srinagar.

Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, while pronouncing the order, held that given the gravity of allegations, the stage of investigation, and the nature of offencesincluding cheating, criminal conspiracy and corruptionthe petitioner was "not entitled to concession of antici-

The case stems from complaint by Dilafroz Buch of Rawalpora, who alleged that she purchased 5 kanals and 4 marlas of land at Balhama in 2012 through bank payments and exchange of land. However, after the sale deeds were returned for 'updation," the documents were allegedly tampered with by revenue officials in connivance with private parties.

Investigations by the Economic Offences Wing (Crime Branch) Srinagar revealed that a false mutation (No. 2163/1) had been illegally inserted in

No appointment without genuine habitation: DB

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has dismissed a writ petition filed by Maisara, a resident of Handwara, who sought her appointment as an Education Volunteer under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), holding that her claim was "misconceived" as the Education Guarantee Centre (EGS) she relied upon was sanctioned for a non-genuine habitation.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal upheld the order of the

Tribunal (CAT), which had rejected Maisara's claim in September 2023. The court observed that the alleged "Hajam Mohalla, Kachloo"for which the petitioner claimed the post- was in fact a self-created locality established by her father and a few residents, and not officially

The petitioner argued that she had been selected at the top of the panel in 2005 after due process, with her certificates verified and approval granted by the Chief Education Officer, Kupwara. However, despite sanction, a formal engagement order

recognized.

Education Department, on the other hand, submitted that as per SSA guidelines, an EGS Centre can only be set up in school-less habitations with at least 15 children above five years of age, located one kilometre away from the nearest school. In Kachloo, the officials found a middle school and another EGS Centre already functioning, leaving no scope for creating a new one.

The Bench held that the claim was not sustainable as the habitation itself

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Army engineers construct 110-ft Bailey Bridge over Tawi River in less than 12 hours

Traffic on vital Bhagwati Nagar bridge restored

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Indian Army engineers, in a 12-hour-long operation, laid a 110-foot Bailey bridge connecting the flood-hit Tawi bridge to restore vehicular traffic on the vital link in Jammu city.

Heavy rain in Jammu had damaged the road near the fourth Tawi bridge as the river swelled, causing vehicles to get stuck on the broken stretch on August 26. "Engineers of the Tiger

Division began work this morning to connect the road with the Tawi bridge," an army officer said. He said that severely dam-

aged by floods, the eastern span of the Tawi bridge was revived, as engineers laid the

challenging conditions.

By this evening, traffic was restored, he said. Thousands of people use this bridge to commute

daily.

In the 2024 floods, the bridge had suffered damage at the same spot and was later repaired.

2 fraudsters booked for land fraud STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Crime

Branch Kashmir on Friday registered two separate land fraud cases against two alleged fraudsters, an official

The Economic Offences (Crime Branch Kashmir) has registered cases against Riyaz Ahmad Bhat, resident of Nowgam here, and Shabir Ahmad Wani, resident of Lasjan area of the city, for deceitful property sales, cheating, forging revenue documents and criminal breach of trust, a Crime Branch spokesperson said.

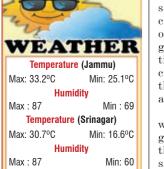
He said one case has been registered upon a complaint submitted by a woman who alleged that Bhat sold her a piece of land measuring one kannal and five Marlas situated at Moza, Balhama, against a payment of Rs 25

However, no land was provided to her, and instead, the said land has been sold to some other person. The cheques issued by the accused as repayment were dishonoured, the spokesman

The second case has been registered upon a complaint received from an individual who alleged that Bhat and Wani sold the complainant a patch of land measuring one kanal and 10 Marlas situated at Balhama, Patha Chowk here, against a payment of Rs 73 lakhs for which a sale deed was also registered, the spokesperson said.

However, the accused individuals, in connivance with Revenue Department officials, fabricated records and sold the said land to some other person, thus

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SpiceJet flight makes emergency landing at Srinagar airport ■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: An inbound

from Delhi requested emergency landing at the Srinagar airport on Friday, and landed safely, officials

SpiceJet flight SG 385, flying from Delhi to Srinagar with 205 passengers, including four children, and seven crew on board, "reported emergency due to pressurisation problem," the officials said, adding that the aircraft landed safely

at the airport at 3:27 pm. "No medical assistance was requested by passengers or the crew on board the flight," the officials said. The aircraft would necessary undergo inspection, they added.





110-foot Bailey bridge constructed by army connecting flood-hit Tawi bridge. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

Bailey bridge in just 12 hours, overcoming washedout approaches and limited workspace, and restoring vehicular movement under