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12 dead, 29 injured as mini-bus plunges into gorge in Poonch

LG visits injured in Distt Hospital; announces Rs 5 lakh each for NoKs of deceased, 1 lakh for seriously injured
Prez, VP, Modi, Chugh express grief; Rs 2 lakh ex-gratia to each NoK from PM's Relief Fund

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Twelve people, including four women, died and 29 more were injured when an overcrowded mini-bus plunged into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Wednesday, officials said here.

The bus was on its way to Poonch from Gali Maidan when it met with the accident near Brari Nallah in the border belt of Sawjian around 8.30 am, they said.

The officials said a joint rescue operation by the Army, police, and local villagers was immediately launched.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and several leaders from the Valley expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident.



Wreckage of ill-fated vehicle at accident site.

Ill-fated vehicle Challenged 6 times earlier this year

POONCH: The vehicle which met with an accident in Poonch on Wednesday leaving 11 dead and 29 injured, has been Challenged six times this year.

As per the details of Challans issued by the Challenging officer of the Traffic Rural Jammu, Sub-Division Rajouri-Poonch, vehicle (JK12A-1419) was Challenged by SO (T) Loran-Mandi Challan number 187933 on March 8, 2022 through driver Farooq Ahmed, son of Abdul Majid having driver license 62741/Poonch under offence 39/192; SO (T) Loran-Mandi vide Chalan number JK6567022042 0101435 on April 20, 2022 under offence 194 (A); SO (T) Poonch-Challan Number 503662

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The officials said nine passengers were found dead on the spot, while two more succumbed to injuries at a hospital.

The condition of nine of the 29 injured is critical, and six of them were airlifted to the Government Medical College and Hospital in Jammu for specialised treatment, they said.

The bus rolled down more than 250 feet into the gorge and hit the hard ground strewn with boulders, the officials said, adding that the vehicle, also carrying students headed for schools, was completely damaged.

Ten of the deceased have been identified as Bashir Ahmad Lone (40), his daughter Nazima Akhter (20), Shaida Akhter (32), Razia Akhter (18), Zarina Begum (40),

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LG Sinha reviews security situation along LoC in Poonch



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing security situation along border during his visit to forward areas of Poonch on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: India will give a befitting reply to anyone who tries to disturb peace, unity and integrity of the country, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday as he reviewed the security situation along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district.

He said the Union territory is witnessing a new dawn of peace, progress and prosperity and "our armed forces, police, central armed police forces are handling the challenges with full strength, valour and dedication."

"I salute the exemplary

bravery of our armed forces...India will give a befitting reply to anyone who tries to disturb peace, unity and integrity of the country, the lieutenant governor said as he visited the forward areas of Poonch and took stock of the security situation along the border.

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Pt Tika Lal Taploo was first martyr of Kashmir Valley: Tarun Chugh



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP's National General Secretary and in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Telangana, Tarun Chugh, while paying tributes to the first martyr of Jammu and

Kashmir Pandit Tika Lal Taploo on the completion of 33 years of his martyrdom said that no stone will be left unturned in implementing the principles and ideals of Pandit Tika Lal Taploo, the son of BJP Kashmir.

Chugh said that Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo is an inspiration for all of us, We learnt courage and social service from him. He said that on September 14, 1989, Pandit Tika Lal Taploo was shot dead outside his house in Srinagar.

Earlier on September 8 and September 12, 1989, there was a failed fatal attack

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Article 370 did not obstruct J&K's development: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said Article 370 was not an obstacle in the development of Jammu and Kashmir, and claimed that the erstwhile state had performed better than national average on 30 indices.

The former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir also claimed that he never ruled out the possibility of the restoration of Article 370, but said it could be a time-consuming process, adding only Prime Minister Narendra Modi could do so immediately.

"It (Article 370) was not an



Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad interacting with people during a public meeting at Srinagar.

obstacle. (As the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir), I introduced a three-shift work system, Assembly sittings were held six days a week, roads were built, a network of schools and colleges

Two terrorists killed in Srinagar encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces here on Wednesday, police said.

Based on specific inputs, security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Dangerpora under the Nowgam police station area, a police official said.

During the operation, he said, the terrorists opened fire at the security forces. The security forces retaliated, triggering an encounter.

So far, two terrorists have been killed in the operation, which was underway when last reports came in. The slain militants are yet

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Most of stolen cars sold in J&K, Odisha Notorious car-lifter along with 2 Kashmir-based receivers arrested in Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two Kashmir-based stolen-car receivers have been arrested in Delhi along with a notorious car lifter Kunal alias Tanuj alias Tarun alias Vijay, resident of Amar Colony Delhi.

The stolen-car receivers have been identified as Suhail alias Jana (42) and Adil Irshad Bhat (32) both residents of Srinagar. The Anti-Vehicle Theft Squad (AATS) of South-East district arrested car lifter Kunal alias Tanuj who had created terror by stealing vehicles in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar

Pradesh. The accused Kunal, known as super car lifter was stealing vehicles for last 25 years and has stolen more than 5000 cars, police said, adding the accused Kunal had even got his face surgery done for more than five times to escape from the arrest and even used to steal luxury cars on demand.

According to the South-East police, in view of the incidents of vehicle thefts in the district, a special team was constituted under the supervision of AATS In-charge Rajendra Dagar.

During a special Naka, Super thief Kunal (42) resident of Amar Colony and receiver Suhail alias Jana (42), resident of Srinagar, were arrested from Tilak Nagar area.

Eleven stolen cars, seven fake number plates, one electronic pad, one dog and a vehicle theft equipment have been recovered from their possession. After interrogating them, their third accomplice Adil Irshad Bhat (32), also resident of Srinagar, was arrested from South Delhi. The accused Kunal

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Special Summary Revision One each AERO appointed for Kashmiri Migrants at Jammu, Udhampur, Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Election Commission of India has appointed three AEROS (Migrant) one each at Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi for Special Summary Revision of Kashmiri Migrant Photo Electoral Rolls. The Election Commission of India has ordered Special Summary

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Indian Navy revives training centre Manasbal Lake after 33 years

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MANASBAL: The Indian Navy has revived its training area at the Manasbal lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district, 33 years after it was closed following the eruption of militancy in the erstwhile state.

The facility at the Manasbal lake in the central Kashmir district was

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.4°C Min: 24.5°C

Humidity

Max: 81 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.1°C Min: 14.0°C

Humidity

Max: 71 Min: 45

Sunset : 18:41 Hours

Sunrise : 06:15 Hours

IASOWA J&K undertakes donation drive in Delhi



President IASOWA J&K, Dr. Amita Mehta along with other members during donation drive in New Delhi on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The President IASOWA J&K, Dr. Amita Mehta along with its members Sapna Agarwal

and Jyoti Chauhan, on Wednesday organised a donation drive in New Delhi. The delegation today donated blankets and cash money

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BJP will ensure holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday: Raina

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To support the demand of holiday on the birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina called a meeting of the social, religious, traders, industries, transporters, business and student organizations at BJP headquarters, here on Wednesday.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting said that no one can ever forget the contribution of Maharaja Hari Singh in the history of Jammu & Kashmir as well as in the freedom struggle of India from the British.

He said that BJP has followed the movement for the holiday since long and the party has successfully ensured the holiday on the

Vilay Divas "The Accession Day" which falls on 26th October.

"Maharaja Hari Singh is the icon of the Jammu & Kashmir, who was a great social reformer and patriot. He was first amongst all those who asserted for the Independent India challenging the authority of British. BJP has always been on the forefront of the movement to demand recognition of the efforts of Late Maharaja. Now the BJP will ensure the holiday on the birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh," he said.

Ramesh Arora (President Arora Vansh Sabha), Zorawar Singh (Social Activist), Neeraj Kumar (Chamber), Arun

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ECI orders special revision of Photo Electoral Rolls across J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday ordered special revision of Photo Electoral Rolls in all the Parliamentary Constituencies (PCs) / Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in UT of J&K with reference to 01-10-2022 as the qualifying date.

According to Public Notice of office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Publication of Integrated Draft Electoral Roll will be held on 15-09-2022 (Thursday), Period for filling claims and objections has been scheduled from 15-09-2022 (Thursday) to 25-10-2022 (Tuesday).

Similarly, Special campaign dates have been scheduled on 24-09-2022 (Saturday), 25-09-2022 (Sunday), 01-10-

Election Commissioner of India launches BLO e-Patrika

JAMMU: Election Commissioner of India, Rajiv Kumar on Wednesday e-launched BLO e-Patrika during a function organized in this regard.

All Booth Level Officers and other election officers participated online.

At Jammu, the programme was attended by the Chief Electoral Officer along with Nodal Officer SVEEP and BLOs from Jammu and Samba districts.

The objective of launching e-Patrika is to highlight the achievements and innovative practices of BLOs country wide. Chief Election Commissioner of India interacted with the BLOs and shared his experiences while taking stock of their expertise in the field. He appreciated their efforts for roping in the masses in electioneering process at grass root level thus strengthening the democracy.

Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Hirdesh Kumar, also interacted with the BLOs and emphasized upon them to work with dedication to accomplishing the job of updating the electoral roll commencing from 15th September,

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2022 (Saturday), 02-10-2022 (Sunday), 15-10-2022 (Saturday) and 16-10-2022

(Sunday). Likewise, disposal of claims and objections have been

scheduled on 10-11-2022 (Thursday) while as final publication of Electoral Roll has been scheduled on 25-11-2022 (Friday).

The Public Notice also reads that the Draft Photo Electoral Rolls-2022 will be available at District Headquarters/Tehsil Offices/Offices of Srinagar and Jammu Municipal Corporations/ Booth Level Officers at Polling Station level and on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K (ceojk.nic.in) for the Information of all concerned.

It adds that Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (Migrant) in Delhi, Jammu & Udhampur shall receive the claims and objections from the Kashmiri Migrants living within

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35 new COVID-19 cases reported in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir registered 35 fresh Covid cases on Wednesday, taking the infection tally in the union territory to 4,78,841 with no fresh death due to the Coronavirus was reported, an official said here. While 13 cases were reported from Jammu division, 22 cases were reported from Kashmir valley, the official said. The death toll due to the virus was 4,784 as no fresh death was reported from the union territory, he said.

There are 297 active cases of the disease in the union territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,73,760, the officials said.

The official said there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus).