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Bus driver among two arrested <mark>UL</mark> with 45 Kg poppy straw

Best Photography Awards: Shilpa awarded special prize: Nitin, Ishika, Ankush got first 3 awards

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Commemoration of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago address held at Ram Krishna Mission campus

Digitization of revenue records be completed as soon as possible: LG

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'Ensure timely redressal of complaints'



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with citizens during LG's Mulaqaat programme on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed officers to ensure fairness, objectiveness and speed with transparent mechanism to address public grievances and called for digitization of revenue records should be completed

Interacting randomly with selected applicants of JK-IGRAMS through virtual mode during the "LG's Mulagaat-Live Public Grievance Hearing" at Civil Secretariat, Sinha also directed the Deputy Commissioners to monitor the functioning of subordi-

redressal of complaints and speedy and efficient delivery of services.

During the LG's Mulaquat, he issued on-spot direction for posting of a Head Master at Government High School Manota (Marmat), Doda, immediately resolving the grievance of Ikhlaq Wani, a

Similarly, responding to the grievance of Daya Krishan from Jammu regarding the installation of an ATM Machine at Purkhoo, the concerned bank officials apprised the Chair that the ATM will be installed soon as the process of identifying premises is on. On the complaint of over-

loading in school bus at Poonch by Toseef Ali, the Lt Governor directed Deputy Commissioner Poonch to conduct regular checking of overloading in public transport vehicles and take action against those responsible for the same.

Addressing the grievance of Khurshid Ahmad from Pulwama regarding the closure of junction on NH at Galander Heights, Principal Secretary PWD R&B apprised the Lt Governor that alternate arrangements have

Complaints of atrocities against SCs/STs will be acted upon promptly: NCSC Vice-Chairman

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Complaints of atrocities against members of the scheduled castes and tribes will be acted upon promptly, National Commission for Scheduled

Castes (NCSC) Vice-Chairman Arun Halder said on Wednesday. In a press conference organised at the tourist

resort of Gulmarg in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Slice of cake of general seats for creamy layer OBCs reduced from 50 to 40 pc: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEWDELHI: The Supreme Court Wednesday posed a slew of queries to the Centre on grant of 10 per cent quota in admissions and government iobs to the EWS category, saying the slice of cake of 50 per cent open general seats available to OBCs above creamy layer now stands reduced to 40 per cent. A five-judge constitution

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SIA conducts raids in Bathindi, Kulgam to probe involvement of arrested cop in terror funding

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Investigation Agency of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday raided several locations linked to a head constable arrested on fraud charges to prove involvement of arrested policeman in terror financing, officials said.

Mohammad Ramzan, who was arrested on Tuesday, has 16 bank accounts in his name with transactions running into crores. He was also in touch with 10 foreign mobile numbers and had procured a fake passport, they

A team of the State Investigation Agency's (SIA) Jammu-wing raided the houses of Ramzan and Dubai-based Abu Baker in Kulgam and the Bhatindi area of Jammu city, respectively, the officials said.

The searches are underway. "We are investigating to see if he (Ramzan) was also involved in terror funding as

with transactions running into crores." an official said. Denving bail to Ramzan on nication purposes. Tuesday, a local court The SIA also found that

SIA team carrying out raid in a house at Bathindi

observed that the police report about his 16 bank accounts with transactions of around Rs 6 crore and his contact with 10 foreign uments. mobile numbers pointed towards the seriousness of the matter.

The police investigation has also revealed that Ramzan had visited many parts of the country, including Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh and Goa. He

cations and VPN (virtual private network) for commu-

Ramzan procured several PAN cards using fake documents. He also travelled abroad using the forged doc-According to a police

spokesperson, the case relates to the duping public of their hard earned money on many fake assurances, promises and also indulging in serious immoral activities having dangerous

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Rs 31 cr NPA account of Himgiri Infrastructure Development (P) Ltd CIC New Delhi fixed 2nd appeal for final hearing on Sept 23

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major development with regard to infamous Rs 31 crore NPA account of M/s Himgiri Infrastructrue Development (P) Ltd., which had availed term loan from Link Road Branch of J&K Bank Ltd for financing 3 MW Hydel Project (SAL-II) at village Sahoo (Chamba) Himachal the Pradesh. Central Commission Information (CIC), New Delhi has fixed 2nd appeal for final hearing on September 23, 2022 filed by Irtiza Mushtaq, a Jammu based lawyer who in December, 2020 had filed

Security agencies input indicate links between Rohingya migrants, Pak-based terror outfits: Govt to HC

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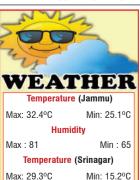
NEW DELHI: The Centre Wednesday told the Delhi High Court that it has contemporaneous data from security agencies' input indicating the linkage of some of the unauthorised Rohingya migrants with Pakistanbased terror organisations which is a "serious security concern.

The government said the most disturbing part is that there is an "organised influx of illegal migrants" from Myanmar through agents and touts who facilitate illegal migrant Rohingyas into via Benapole-Haridaspur (West Bengal), Hilli (West Bengal), and Sonamora (Tripura) Kolkata and Guwahati and "this situation is seriously harming the national security of the country.'

The Centre, in an affidavit before Justice Yashwant Varma, said due

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Min: 43



Sunset: 18:30 Hours

Sunrise: 06:20 Hours

Max: 65

2nd appeal before CIC, New Delhi against denial of information by PIO, J&K Bank Ltd., Zonal Office, Jammu Central-I on October 29th, 2020 and later affirmed by First Appellate Authority of the J&K Bank on November 23, 2020. Advocate Irtiza Mushtaq

filed an RTI application on September 28, 2020 before the PIO, J&K Bank Ltd. wherein he sought current status of the accounts maintained by Link Road Branch of J&K Bank Ltd. with regard to M/s Himgiri Infrastructure

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Arms Licenses scam: Assets worth Rs 4.69 Cr recovered from IAS officer Rajeev Ranjan, his clerks & arms dealers attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Adjudicating Authority, New Delhi has confirmed the attachments of 21 immovable/movable assets worth Rs 4.69 Crores including Bank Balances, plots, flats and residential houses obtained by government functionaries including IAS officer Rajeev Ranjan, the then DC Kupwara and other clerks and arms dealers of J&K for their alleged involvement Licenses scam.

Directorate Enforcement, Jammu has provisionally attached 21immovable/movable assets

Billing process for power amnesty period

to begin next month: MD JPDCL

Amnesty Scheme- 2022 to

avail the waiver of 100 per-

cent interest surcharge accu-

mulated on outstanding bills

ending March, 2022 and to

avoid penalty and legal

Arms License case vide its Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) which has been confirmed Adjudicating Authority, New Delhi on September, 16,2022 in the favour of the Directorate.

worth Rs 4.69 Crores in

The attached properties are in the form of Bank Balance, Plots, Flats and residential houses obtained by government functionaries including Rajeev Ranjan the then DC Kupwara and other clerks and arms dealers of J&K.

The said properties were obtained from the Proceeds of Crime generated by the

action, besides disconnection

Giving details of Amnesty

Scheme-2022, here at a

press conference, he said

100% Interest/Surcharge

accumulated on outstanding

bills ending March 2022

shall be waived off in favour

of Domestic Consumers. The

Principal Amount, after

waiver of Interest up to

March -2022, is to be

deposited in a maximum of

12 monthly Installments by

He further said that those

failing to avail Amnesty

September-2023."

Scheme and don't

of power.

Government Officials and the arms dealers through illegal activities of issuing and renewing arms licenses.

The investigation in the Arms license matter is also being conducted by the Special Crime Branch of Bureau Central Investigation, Chandigarh against the then DC Kupwara and other officials.

The investigation conducted by the Directorate has revealed that Government functionaries of J&K in the connivance with many arms dealers/brokers of J&K have brazenly flouted the norms, procedure and rules for issu-

Not ready to accept India

is communal: Faroog **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN/ JAMMU National Conference president and Lok Sabha MP Farooq Abdullah has expressed hope the Supreme Court will soon hear the petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, and also vowed to continue politically the fight to restore the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the next assembly polls will provide the first opportunity to fight the battle politically for the special status of J&K under the provisions of constitution.

"We are in the Supreme Court (for the restoration

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monetary considerations by abuse of their official position as public servants and generated huge Proceeds of Earlier Directorate had

ing arms licenses in lieu of

also conducted search operations at 11 different locations in J&K at the residential premises of the Govt. functionaries including Rajeev Ranjan, IAS, the then DC kupwara, Itrat Hussain Rafiqui, Retd. JKAS, the then DC Kupwara and other clerks and residential premise of arms dealers like Varun

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PM, LG Sinha pay tribute ■ STATE TIMES NEWS angioplasty procedure. He NEW DELHI: Popular was on the ventilator since

Comic-actor Raju Srivastava dies at 58:

comedian Raju Srivastava,

who dabbled in movies, made a mark as a standup comic and later entered politics, died on Wednesday after more than 40 days in hospital. He was 58.

Srivastava, who joined the BJP in 2014 after a stint with the Samajwadi Party, had a heart attack on August 10 while working out at a Delhi hotel. He was rushed to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) where he underwent an

regained consciousness. "I got a call

in the morning saying he is no more. It is really unfortunate news. He had been waging a struggle

for life in hospital for over 40 days," his brother Dipoo Srivastava told PTI from Mumbai.

President Droupadi Murmu offered her condolences to Srivastava's family and fans and said

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Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case: Court issues production warrant against Yasin Malik

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JAMMU: In the much publicized kidnapping case of Dr Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of former Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Syeed and sister of PDP Chief Mehboba Mufti, in which Special Judge TADA Court had already framed charges under sections 364, 368, 120-B of RPC, Section 3/4 of TADA Act. 1987 and Section 7/27 of Indian Arms Act against JKLF Chief Yasin Malik & others, Special TADAJudge JammuAshwani Sharma directed Tihar Jail authorities to produce Yasin Malik on next

date, which is fixed for October 19 and 20, 2022.

Malik had requested the court to allow him to appear physically to cross-examine witnesses in the case. The CBI counsel said that lawyers of other accused in case cross-examined Rubaiya Sayeed. On July 15, Rubaiya Sayeed identified Yasin Malik, who is facing life imprisonment in another case and is currently lodged in Tihar jail, as his abductor in 1989.

It is worthwhile to mention here that while framing charges, TADA Court, observed that Yasin Malik

that in the first week of December 1989, you and the others accused persons mentioned in the Column (I) and (II) of the charge sheet, entered into a criminal conspiracy to kidnap Dr Rubia Syed, who at the relevant undergoing was Resident Internship Training in Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar and to wrongfully confined her with ulterior motive of getting release of five militants namely Hamid Sheikh, Altaf Ahmed Bhat, Noor Mohd Kalwal, Javed Ahmed Zarger and Sher Khan of

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CS for exploring scientific methods like GPS for better traffic management

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JAMMU: The MD JPDCL,

Shiv Anant Tayal on

Wednesday called upon the

domestic consumers to take

the benefit of the power

JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday called for exploring different scientific methods like use of GPS technology and others for better management of traffic on the roads.

MD JPDCL, Shiv Anant Tayal briefing media in Jammu

"Procure all the road safety gear and methods for better surveillance of roads in the Union Territory", Dr Mehta said while chairing a meeting to review the traffic scenario on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway.

Dr Mehta also instructed for wearing of body-worn cameras and use of motorcycles and interceptors by the traffic police cops on duty. The meeting, convened in view of

the ensuing fruit season in the Kashmir Valley, was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Home; Secretary, Chief Additional Agriculture Production; Principal Secretary, PWD; IG Traffic; Transport; Deputy Secretary, Commissioner, Ramban; Transport



Commissioner, Representatives from NHAI and other concerned officers. Jammu based officers participated in the meeting through video confer-

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to ensure that there is smooth movement of the fruit laden trucks and their passage on the National Highway is given due priority over other vehicles for their smooth travel to their destinations.

He enjoined upon the officers to

complete the double laning of stretches between Banihal and Ramban and its subsequent black topping within a period of 10 days. He advised them to squeeze the travel time on this road to 6 and 8 hours for LMVs and HMVs respectively. On the request of the Traffic Police,

the Chief Secretary urged the NHAI to carry out the repair works on the shooting-stone prone stretches of the road for 4 hours within a period of 5 days from coming Friday (3:00-7:00 am). He asked them to halt the traffic only during the night when traffic is very lean and minimum. He underscored the need for creating minimum obstacles for the movement of traffic during all these days.

Dr Mehta directed the traffic police to strictly maintain lane discipline on the road and take all the steps against the violators including e-Challaning. He asked them to act tough on those resorting to road side parking. He also took note of the stagnant trucks found between Malpora and Qazigund stretch of the National Highway and remarked that the same should be looked into and found solution for.

The meeting was informed that the procurement of 213 bikes (one for each police station), 110 Royal Enfield bikes, 23 cranes, 20 mobile vehicle interceptors, 16 highway patrolling vehicles has been completed and their retrofitting is going on for their ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Deal strictly with elements pushing youth towards terrorism: DGP tells officers

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SRINAGAR: General of Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday emphasized on revisiting the city and south Kashmir security grid plans and called for continuing to deal strictly with elements involved in misguiding youth and pushing them towards terrorism.

"Strengthen area domination and night patrolling in grey areas", the DGP said while presiding over a high level joint meeting of officers to review the overall security scenario of Srinagar and districts of South Kashmir at Control Room Kashmir here this afternoon.

He appreciated the joint efforts of J&K Police and other security forces for conducting various successful

anti-terror operations adding that we have to augment and enhance of capabilities to achieve our targets.

The DGP stressed for placing the surprise Nakas and ambushes to check any suspect movement. He directed for the use of modern gadgets including drones and CCTVs for area domination.

The DGP stressed for identifying the gaps if any for desired results. He directed that Jurisdictional officers to ensure the supervision of the Nakas and deployments on a regular basis. The DGP directed for conducting the joint security meeting at District levels for executing the strategies. He also emphasized on adopting preventive measures to

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