

Major Bhang destruction operation conducted in Kashmir under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

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Earthquake of 3.5 magnitude hits Katra in J&K

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NIA Court grants bail to 17 accused in

cop lynching case

SRINAGAR: A special

Agency court here has grant-

ed bail to 17 persons accused

of lynching a police officer in

2017 outside Jamia Masjid.

Judge M S Manhas, while

allowing the bail application

on Wednesday, said there

were no reasonable grounds

to believe that the accused were guilty of lynching

Artist dies on stage while

performing dancing

opera of Lord Shiva

JAMMU: A male artist per-

forming role of goddess

Parvati in a Lord Shiva's

dancing opera died after he

collapsed on stage in Jammu

city outskirts and the video

of his last moments went

20-year Yogesh Gupta was

performing in Lord Shiva's

dancing-cum-musical opera

at a night Jagran in Kotha

viral on social media.

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deputy superintendent

Investigation

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National

Amnesty scheme for domestic

Rajouri Volleyball meet from Sept 29

power consumers approved Payment of only principal amount in 12 installments, defaulters to face legal action

SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Thursday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the amnesty scheme for domestic power consumers in the UT.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The decision is going to benefit more than 5.50 lakh domestic consumers by waiving off an amount of Rs. 937.34 crore, accumulated as surcharge or interest, on account of non-payment of timely dues.

The Administrative Council has provided this last opportunity to the consumers in view of not being able to avail the benefits of the last scheme

structure more user friendly

The Lt Governor advised

officials for making efforts to

turn Srinagar Municipal

Corporation into a sustain-

able entity and ensuring that

the public service delivery

processes are smooth and

institutionalized across the

city. "There is a need to start

a campaign for revenue gen-

eration to further expand

and enhance the quality of

public services being deliv-

Commissioner, SMC also

apprised the chair about the

status of progress achieved

ered by SMC", he said.

and utilitarian.

envisages that the outstanding principal amount arrears accumulated upto 31.03.2022 after waving off 100 per cent interest/surcharge shall be paid in a maximum of twelve monthly (12) installments.

pandemic during the scheme

The scheme further entails that the failure of payment of any installment/installments within the prescribed twelve months period shall invite penalty and legal action under tion to the accrual of compound interest on the outstanding dues

period. The new scheme The consumers who fail to pay the current bill simultaneously with the payment of monthly outstanding installments shall forfeit the benefits of the Amnesty scheme besides disconnection of

power supply. An independent Project Management Agency will be hired for overseeing efficient implementation of the

Electricity Act, 2010, in addi-Corruption by public servant

LG, Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting

at Srinagar on Thursday.

offence against State: SC STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Corruption by a public servant is an offence against the State and the society and courts cannot deal with such cases like "suits for specific performance", the Supreme Court said on Thursday.

A bench of Justices S A Nazeer and Ramasubramanian made the observation while setting aside an order of the Madras high court which quashed a criminal complaint in a cash -for- job scam on the basis of

settlement between the par-

"It is needless to point out

the State and the society at large. The Court cannot deal with cases involving abuse of official position and adoption of corrupt practices, like suits for specific performance, where the refund of the money paid may also satisfy the agreement holder.

servant is an offence against

"Therefore we hold that the High Court was completely in error in quashing the criminal complaint," the

bench said. the high court supporting the

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The complainant in the case had filed an affidavit in

accused and praying for quashing of the case

India, China begin disengagement in eastern Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Marking a significant forward movement. the Indian and Chinese armies on Thursday announced that they have begun to disengage from the Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area of eastern Ladakh where the two sides have been locked in a standoff for over two years.

The announcement came around a week ahead of the annual summit of the Cooperation Shanghai (SCO) in Organisation

Uzbekistan which is expected to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Chinese Jinping among other leaders of the grouping. There is speculation about

a possible meeting between Modi and Xi on the sidelines of the summit though there is no official word on it from either side. The beginning of the disen-

gagement process in the

LONDON: Queen Elizabeth

II, the UK's longest-serving

monarch, died on Thursday

at Balmoral Castle in

AGENCY

Scotland after

reigning for 70

years. She was

Her family

had been gath-

ering at her

Scottish estate

Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's

longest-serving monarch, dies

Consort

nessed



ment said.

outcome of the 16th round of high-level military talks in July, the two armies said in a

"On September 8, 2022, according to the consensus reached in the 16th round of China Corps Commander level meeting, the Indian and Chinese troops in the area of Gogra-Hotsprings (PP-15) have begun to disengage in a coordinated and planned way, which is conducive to the peace and tranquility in the

at Balmoral this afternoon,

Buckingham Palace said in a

"The King and the Queen

The Queen came to the

throne in 1952 and wit-

change. With her death, her

eldest son and heir

[Charles

Camilla]

Balmoral this

evening and

will return to

London

tomorrow

[Friday]," the

enormous social

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remain

will

ed following disengagement in other friction points. A thorough verification

Official sources told PTI

that the withdrawal of troops

from Patrolling Point 15

(PP-15) began this morning

and the local commanders

from both sides are working

out the modalities for the

There is a possibility of

both sides creating a "buffer

zone" or "no-patrolling" area,

a mechanism that was creat-

subsequent measures.

PP-15, according to a source. It is learnt the high-pow-

ered China Study Group, comprising NSA Ajit Doval, the three service chiefs and a number of other top national security planners, is expected to meet in the next few days to review the overall situation in eastern Ladakh.

mentation of the disengage-

ment process will be carried

out by the Indian Army at

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar attended some of the previous meetings on the eastern Ladakh row.

Following the 16th round of Commander-level talks, ground commanders of both sides held a series of negotiations on the nittygritty of the disengagement Initially, around 30 soldiers

from each side were in a faceoff position in PP-15 but the number of troops kept changing depending on the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday chaired a review meeting of Srinagar District and Srinagar Municipal Corporation, at SKICC.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor reviewed various developmental works besides implementation and progress of the schemes being executed by District administration and Municipal Corporation.

Commissioner, Deputy Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz and SMC Commissioner, Athar Amir Khan gave a detailed briefing to the chair on the status of various proj-



ects and schemes and other initiatives of District Administration and SMC, respectively.

Observing that Srinagar city is visited by people from across the country and abroad, the Lt Governor stressed upon the need for holistic development of the city and public amenities. He said the focus should not be limited to enhancing the aes-

thetics but making the infra-

Mega Job Fair in Jammu: 1,132 candidates shortlisted, 73 selected for jobs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: As many as 1132

candidates were shortlisted for jobs after the interview, 73 selected for jobs and 93 for skill training by different companies during a Mega Job Fair-2022 held at Kala Kendra here.

Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment Department (LED), Sarita Chauhan inaugurated the Fair, organised by the Directorate of Employment. The event witnessed huge participation of voungsters in which more than 30 local and national companies par-

Sonia, Rahul fired missiles at me but I grounded

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that corruption by a public ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Rajpath symbolised India's slavery; Kartavya path will inspire citizens: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said Rajpath symbolised India's "slavery" and has now been consigned to history as he inaugurated the revamped stretch with a new name, Kartavya Path, and unveiled a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate.

In a swipe at previous Congress governments, he said had India followed the path shown by Bose, then it would have reached new heights but the iconic leader was sadly forgotten and his symbols and ideas ignored.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the 'Kartavya Path' in New Delhi on Thursday.

He added that imprints of his ideals and dreams are

ernment's works. Kingsway or Rajpath, a symbol of

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No decision yet on merger of NEET, JEE with

CUET: UGC chief STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: No formal

decision has been taken on the merger of medical entrance exam NEET and engineering entrance test JEE with CUET-UG and nothing will be imposed on students, UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar said on Thursday.

Kumar's comments came two days after Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said there are no plans to merge JEE and NEET with the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for the next two years.

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IASOWA JK donates blankets at SDH Akhnoor

SDPO Akhnoor among 3 DySPs transferred STATE TIMES NEWS

Aberdeenshire after concerns

grew about her health earlier

on Thursday. The UK now

has a new monarch in

Charles, the former Prince of

"The Queen died peacefully

JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh on Thursday transferred three Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs).

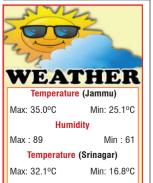
As per PHQ order, DySP Ajay Sharma has been transferred from CTC Lethpora and posted at CID SIA; DySP Mohan Lal from PC Srinagar and posted as SDPO Akhnoor vice DySP Varun Jandial, who has been posted at PHQ.

Actor Sanjay Khan meets LG

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Renowned

Bollywood Actor and Filmmaker, Sanjay Khan on called Thursday Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here.

The veteran actor discussed with the Lt Governor about the promotion of film related activities in Jammu and Kashmir. The



Sunset: 18:49 Hours

Sunrise: 06:11 Hours

Min: 4

Max: 74

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: IASOWA (IAS Officers Wives Association) J&K under the guidance of its President Dr. Amita Secretary J&K, donated 25 blankets to the needy patients at Akhnoor Sub-Hospital District Thursday.

The three member team of IASOWA J&K were represented by Shveta Kansal, Anuradha Jangid and Divya Yadav.

The visiting members handed over 25 blankets to BMO Akhnoor in presence of Sub Divisional Magistrate

Rise in NCC activities in **South Kashmir: DG NCC**

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that cadets carry forward a strong message of "nation first", NCC DG Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh on of enthusiasm.

Corps (NCC) training academy at Nagrota and was accorded a guard of honour by cadets of 2 J&K batallion

"The activities of NCC have increased in South Kashmir. There is a lot of enthusiasm". the NCC Director General said in reply to a question referring to South Kashmir as

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J&K handing over blankets to needy patients at SDH Akhnoor.

for the welfare of needy patients.

BMO Akhnoor briefed the members about infrastructure, staff position, daily patient footfall and other

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BHADARWAH: Taking a dig at his

former colleages Sonia and Rahul

Azad was addressing his first public

rally in his native district Doda at

Jam packed Bhalla market in

Bhadarwah on Thursday afternoon.

Azad was accompanied by former

Ministers G M Saroori, Abdul Majeed

Wani, two time MLC Naresh Gupta,

Mohd Aslam Goni, retired IGP P R

Manhas and BDC Chairpersons

Azad said that he will fight to

restore the statehood and the rights

Bhalla and Kahara.

functions of the hospital. Staff, attendants and patients present on occasion appreciated this goodwill gesture by the IAS Officers

them with a single shot of 303: Azad

Former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad being given rousing reception by his supporters in Bhadarwah on Thursday.

of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The first right on the land of Jammu and Kashmir and jobs is that of our people and it's my foremost priority to fight to give my people their right to their," Azad said.

Taking a pot shot at Soniya Gandhi and Rahul. Azad said that in his 50 years of political career he neither used fowl language against any of his political rivals nor has ever made below the belt remarks but they

they got grounded with a single shot of 303 rifle, If I have used ballistic missile, then they would have vanished from the politics forever," Azad added. He added that his party will focus

pushed me to corner to retaliate.

"After my resignation letter, I main-

tained a dignified silence for 4 days

but when Soniya Gandhi and Rahul

kept on attacking at me, I was left

with no other option but to make my point as my religion and ethics of pol-

itics give you the right to protect

yourself, when you are attacked,"

"They tried to defame me by firing

missiles at me but when I retaliated.

on the restoration of full statehood, right to land and employment to native domicile. Azad is scheduled to address a public rally at Drabshalla and Chatroo areas of Kishtwar District tomorrow.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) chief had last month announced that Joint Entrance

Gandhi, Ghulam Nabi Azad while ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Thursday said the activities addressing his maiden political rally in his native district post Cong exit at of the youth wing of the armed forces have increased Bhalla township of Jammu and Kashmir's Bhadarwah said "I mainin South Kashmir with a lot tain a dignified silence but they kept Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh on firing missiles at me but when I visited the National Cadet retaliated, they got grounded with a single shot of 303 rifle