

**02** Theft case solved; two brothers among 4 arrested, stolen gold, phone recovered

**08** Kashmir's 'Shravan Kumar' leaves wife to take care of his ailing mother

**10** JK Public School Kunjwani organises Motivational Lecture for students by Captain Shrang Vats

Website : [www.statetimes.in](http://www.statetimes.in), Email: [statetimes1@gmail.com](mailto:statetimes1@gmail.com)

## Rajnath inaugurates 90 infra projects in Jammu



LG Manoj Sinha receiving Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Jammu on Tuesday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday inaugurated 90 infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation, completed at a cost of Rs 2,941

crore, in Samba district. Singh, accompanied by Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office Jitendra Singh, was received at the Jammu airport by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and

senior Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) officers. Singh inaugurated the state-of-the-art 422.9 metre Devak Bridge on the Bishnah-Kaulpur-Phulpur Road in Samba district

### All political parties united when it comes to national security: Defence Minister

SAMBA: Underlining the need for civil-military fusion, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said all political parties are united when it comes to safeguarding the nation. He said the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to development of border areas as he lauded Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for completing major infrastructure projects over the past couple of years.

"The BRO is a glaring example of civil-military fusion and its role in the development of infrastructure along the borders will be written in golden words.

"The civil-military fusion is the need of the hour as safeguarding the country is not the responsibility of our armed forces alone but the civilians as well," the defence minister said, addressing a function here.

He quoted from Hindu religious texts and said, "We have to work together to safeguard our borders." "It is heartening to say that we are getting full support from all to secure our borders the projects which were completed

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

besides 89 other projects virtually.

The Devak Bridge is of strategic importance to the defence forces and will facilitate speedy induction of troops, heavy equipment and mechanised vehicles to forward areas and will also boost the socio-economic development of the region, a

spokesperson of the BRO said.

The BRO projects include 22 roads, 63 bridges, one tunnel, two airstrips and two helipads across 10 Border States and Union Territories of northern and northeastern regions constructed under challenging weather

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## One terrorist killed, soldier martyred in Rajouri encounter

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: One suspected Pakistani terrorist was killed while an Army soldier was martyred in a gunfight during an ongoing search operation in a remote village in Rajouri district on Tuesday, officials said.

Three security personnel were injured in the exchange of fire, they said.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh said the encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Narla village.

"One terrorist was killed and an Army soldier martyred while three security personnel two Army jawans and one special police officer were injured in the gunfight," he said.

The security forces launched a search and cordon operation in the forested Patrada area on Monday evening and fired a few rounds after noticing suspi-



cious movement of two persons, the officials said.

However, they said, both the suspects managed to escape from the scene taking advantage of the darkness and thick foliage. They left behind a rucksack along with some clothes and other articles that were recovered by the search parties.

The cordon and search operation was extended to nearby areas, including Babel and Narla, to track down the terrorists, the officials said, adding the search operation in the area was underway.

A Defence spokesperson said a brave Army dog, a six-year-old female Labrador from 21 Army Dog Unit, also lost its life in the encounter while saving its handler.

"Army dog Kent was at the forefront of 'Operation Sujaligala'. Kent was leading a column of soldiers on the trail of the fleeing terrorists. It came down under heavy hostile fire. While shielding its handler, it laid down its life in the best traditions of the Indian Army," he said.

The border districts of Rajouri and Poonch

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Three persons sentenced to 7-year RI in culpable homicide case

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A court in Kulgam district has sentenced three people to seven years' rigorous imprisonment in a culpable homicide case.

Additional Sessions Judge, Kulgam, Parvaiz Iqbal also imposed a fine of Rs one lakh each on the convicts, Mohammad Amin Bhat, Rauf Ahmed Bhat and Younis Ahmed Bhat.

If they fail to deposit the fine amount, they shall undergo rigorous imprisonment for a further period of six months, the judge said in his order.

However, he said, the period of detention already

undergone by the accused during the period of trial would be taken into consideration.

The three were involved in an altercation with the victim Bashir Ahmad Parray in Kulgam district on September 9, 2016 which led to the latter's death at a hospital in Srinagar.

The judge convicted the three for culpable homicide while noting that the accused did not have any previous enmity with the deceased.

The judge said the accused have prayed for showing them leniency on the grounds that all of them were

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Invest more in R&D for India to keep pace with evolving world: Rajnath

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday called upon domestic defence companies to invest more in research and development for India to keep pace with the evolving world.

Addressing the North-Tech Symposium, jointly organised by the army's Northern Command, the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and IIT-Jammu, Singh described the country's defence manufacturing sector as "imaginative, innovative, dynamic and progressive".

"Though research and



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing during North-Tech symposium on Tuesday.

development (R&D) is a risky venture as it requires out-of-the-box thinking and sometimes does not give desired results, it still remains one of the basic elements for the development of any country," he said. Hence, capital investment in R&D becomes a necessity, the minister added.

The defence minister said India is passing through a transitional phase. "There is nothing wrong in acquiring a technology through imitation or transfer, but we cannot become a developed nation on these grounds alone. We

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

**Gyanvapi row:** Allahabad HC chief justice specifies reasons for withdrawing cases from single-judge bench

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PRAYAGRAJ: Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Pratinkar Diwaker has passed an order specifying the reasons for the withdrawal of cases related to the Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi land title dispute from a single-judge bench that had been hearing the matter since 2021.

Chief Justice Diwaker said that the decision to withdraw the cases from single-judge bench of Justice Prakash Padia to his court was taken on the administrative side in the "interest of judicial propriety, judicial discipline, and transparency in the listing of cases".

Justifying his decision, the chief justice said, "Single judge continued with the hearing of these cases for more than two years even though he had no jurisdiction in the matter as per the roster."

In his order dated August 28, the chief justice also mentioned that it was a

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## SEC reviews 2nd supplement of Panchayat Electoral Roll in UT

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: State Election Commissioner (SEC), B R Sharma on Tuesday convened a meeting to review the preparations for adding left out voters in Panchayat Electoral Roll by way of new Supplement.

During the review meeting, SEC asked DCs to ensure that no eligible voters with respect to 1.1.23 as qualifying date is left out of current process of updation which will be started from 20th of Sept and will culminate on 10th of October. A tentative schedule was shared with the Deputy Commissioners to start pre-

election activities.

The meeting held brief discussions on availability of soft/hard copies of Panchayat Electoral Rolls-2023 for displaying the same for preparing 2-d Supplement, Printing of electoral rolls /forms and availability of infrastructure, Strategy to include new voters in Panchayat rolls whose names already exist in Assembly Rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2023 as qualifying date, availability of ERO/AERO/ Panchayat Election Booth Officials (PEBO) and updation of their names and other details on websites of Districts as well as on SEC

website. The mechanism of updation and printing both online and offline mode i.e (passwords etc for the users & user IDS and role of NIC/DIOs), requirement of funds by each District for the Electoral Roll (Updation & SVEEP activity), tentative Schedule of Revision, Handbook for revision of rolls, meeting of DCs with District Technical team headed by DIO of concerned District and (ERO/AERO/ PLBOs) along with RDD functionaries Was also discussed. The SEC sought details from all deputy commissioners regarding polling

stations, physical verification of polling stations, classification of polling stations into various categories, availability of minimum basic facilities, Migrant voter, besides, other special category of voters and Panchayat wise availability of their data for use in Election.

The meeting was attended by all Deputy Commissioners, Secretary SEC, Director RDD Kashmir, Director RDD Jammu, Director Panchayat Raj, Jammu, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, J&K State Informatics Officers, Dy DEOs, DPOs and other concerned.

## India's borders more secure than ever under Modi Govt: Dr Jitendra

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said the country's borders are more secure than ever before under the Narendra Modi government.

He was addressing a gathering at the inauguration of 90 infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organization here by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

"Bharat has gained great strategic strength with technological interventions in the last nine years and its borders have become more secure than ever under the

prime minister (Narendra Modi) and defence minister," Jitendra Singh said.



On the two-day G20 Summit, which ended on Sunday, he said, "The world today looks up to Bharat as an equal partner in every field."

"The recently concluded G20 Summit with the adoption of the Delhi declaration is a testimony to it and it showcased Bharat's technological capabilities as well as economic strength," Jitendra Singh said.

He said India's G20 presidency also coincided with the country's glory in space with the success of the Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission.

Hailing the defence minister, Jitendra Singh said the construction of much needed border bunkers, four per cent reservation to border

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Kashmiri saffron, Kannauj's 'ittar' among curated collection of gifts given to G20 leaders

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Heads of state from across the world and other leaders who attended the G20 Summit here were gifted a curated collection of handcrafted artefacts and products that speak volumes about India's rich cultural traditions, officials said on Tuesday.

Some of the gifts were meticulously hand-crafted by master artisans of the country, they said.

The gift items included saffron from Kashmir, sheesham wood chests with brass patti, Pekoe Darjeeling and Nilgiri tea, Araku coffee, Kashmiri Pashmina shawl, Sundarbans multiflora mangrove honey and Zighrana 'ittar' (perfume oil) from Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj, they said.

The G20 Summit was held at the newly-built Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan from September 9-10.

It was attended by US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron, among other world leaders.

The government of India gifted the leaders a curated collection of handcrafted artefacts and products that speak volumes about India's rich cultural traditions, the officials said.

"Some of the products gifted to them are those of centuries of tradition and cherished across the world for their unparalleled workmanship and quality," a senior official said.

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 31.5°C Min: 24.3°C

Humidity  
Max: 98 Min: 81

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 34.2°C Min: 19.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 74 Min: 38

Sunset: 18:37 Hours  
Sunrise: 06:06 Hours