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**19** Kuch Din Toh Aaiyein Ladakh Mein: LG Kavinder asks in Navi Mumbai

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LG lauds JKP for upholding rule of law, ensuring public safety, fighting terrorism



Manoj Sinha speaking at closing ceremony of Jashn-e-Dal, Water Sports event organised by Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday attended the closing ceremony of Jashn-e-Dal, a Water Sports event organized by Jammu Kashmir Police, at Dal Lake, Srinagar.

address, the

Lieutenant Governor congratulated the Jammu Kashmir Police for playing a significant role in nationbuilding, upholding rule of law, ensuring public safety and order and fighting terrorism.

"Jammu Kashmir Police's

proactive engagement with communities and empowerment of youth is laudable. It been working with integrity and dedication to protect the nation's internal security," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also commended the

J&K Police for organising the annual sporting tournament at iconic Dal lake with the main objective of youth engagement and to foster unity, harmony and camaraderie among athletes.

"Jammu and Kashmir Police is serving as a guardian for the youth of Jammu Kashmir. It is committed to provide opportunities, resources, support, and mentorship to the youth, fostering a sense of civic responsibility and inclusive development. Events like Jashn-e-Dal, Pedal for Peace, and various marathons, football, and cricket tournaments are more than just sports activities. Each tournament is a symbol of a new and positive chapter for our youth,'

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# CM calls for reducing power losses, enhancing hydropower generation to strengthen J&K's economy **Addresses 58th Engineers' Day at SKICC**

**UPLIFTING FARMERS & AGRICULTURE** 

**COMBINE HARVESTER THRESHERS** 

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday underscored the need for Jammu & Kashmir to reduce its power losses and then focus on harnessing its vast hydropower potential to strengthen Jammu and Kashmir's economy.

Addressing the gathering at the 58th Engineers' Day Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), the Chief Minister said that electricity generation and efficient distribution hold the key to economic prosperity in J&K.

The event was held to honour the legacy of Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya for his pioneering contribution to engineering in India. Advisor to the CM Nasir



CM Omar Abdullah addressing gathering at 58th Engineers' Day at SKICC on Monday.

# Will discuss plying of all vehicular types on Jmu-Sgr NH with Gadkari: CM

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said he will discuss the full restoration of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway with Union minister Nitin Gadkari, as fruit growers and dealers are bearing losses due to the suspension of heavy vehicular traffic on it.

The 270 km-long Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH44) was closed for nine consecutive days following heavy rainfall last month. It was ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Aslam Wani, President All India Power Engineers' Federation Shailendra Kumar Dubey, President J&K Electrical Engineering Graduates (JKEEGA) Pirzada Hidayatullah and General Secretary JKEEGA Sachin Tickoo also addressed

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# 2025 Waqf law: SC stays few key provisions, refuses to stall entire law

### STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Supreme Court on Monday put on hold a few key proviof $_{
m the}$ Waqf sions (Amendment) Act, 2025, including a clause that only those practising Islam for the last five years could create Waqf, but refused to stav the entire law outlining the presumption of constitutionality in its favour.

"Presumption is favour of constitutionality of a statute and intervention (can be done) only in the rarest of rare cases," a bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai

CS directs unhindered

transport of essentials,

apple produce through

rail & roads

JAMMU: In view of frequent

disruptions on the Jammu-

Srinagar National Highway

(NH-44) due to inclement

weather, Chief Secretary,

Atal Dulloo, on Monday con-

vened a high-level meeting to

review restoration measures,

assess supply chain manage-

ment, and ensure seamless movement of essential com-

modities across Jammu and

The meeting was attended

by Principal Secretary,

Home; Principal Secretary,

Public Works Department

Supplies & Consumer Affairs

Director, FCS&CA Kashmir;

Food,

Commissioner

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Sunrise: 06:14 Hours

Max: 84

Max: 82

Secretary,

(FCS&CA);

Commissioner.

Kashmir; IG,

STATE TIMES NEWS

#### and Justice Augustine George Masih said in its 128page interim order on the contentious issue.

The bench went on, "We do not find that any case is made to stay the provisions of the entire statute. The prayer for stay of the impugned Act is, therefore, rejected.

However, in order to "protect the interest of parties" and "balancing the equities" the order stayed some provisions including the powers accorded to a collector to adjudicate the status of

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first dedicated Parcel Train from Budgam to Adarsh Nagar, New Delhi.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ushering a new era of trade and business for apple growers and traders of the Valley. "It will significantly reduce transit

time and increase income opportunities for thousands of farmers and boost the agricultural economy of the region," the Lieutenant Governor said The Lieutenant Governor also con-

gratulated the Indian Railways for dedicated freight train service between Budgam to New Delhi.

"The new freight train service is a big



LG Manoj Sinha flagging off first dedicated Parcel Train from Budgam to Adarsh Nagar Delhi on Monday.

step for the apple growers of the Union Territory to transport their produce to different parts of the country. This will provide a faster and more economical transportation mode, strengthen mar-

New freight train service big step for apple growers: Sinha

ket linkages and bring improvement in the lives and livelihoods of farmers," the Lieutenant Governor said. He said the disruption of movement at national highways, due ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# Three cab drivers booked for violating traffic advisory, overcharging and JK17A-6364 were inter-

# ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Traffic Police Jammu have booked three cab drivers for violation of Traffic Advisory and overcharging of fare as per an official handout of the Department.

To ensure strict implementation of the THQ Traffic Advisory issued for today authorizing only down-movement of vehicles on NH-44, a Traffic Naka was established at Jagti near IIM Jammu.

At around 1000 hrs, 3 commercial Swift vehicles bearing Registration Numbers JKO6C-0915, JK17A-6305 cepted and found to be transporting passengers towards Doda-Kishtwar in violation of Traffic Advisory as well as charging fares above the approved rate.

The drivers started misbehaving with the Traffic Cops and refused to comply with lawful directions requiring them to produce documents. They were detained immediately and taken to Police Station Nagrota. The drivers have been identified as Abdul Gafoor of Bhala, Gandoh; Agib Hussain Bhat

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# DB overturns acquittal, Army gunner gets life imprisonment for wife's murder

# ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has overturned a 15year-old acquittal and sentenced an Army gunner to life imprisonment for murdering his wife during a pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi in 2004.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Sanjay Parihar allowed the State's appeal against the judgment of the Sessions Judge, Reasi, which had acquitted Rajan Lal of charges under Section 302 RPC. The Court ruled that

the trial court erred in discarding consistent and credible testimony of Army offibefore whom the accused voluntarily confessed to the crime.

According to the prosecution, Rajan Lal, serving with 32 Rashtriya Rifles, harboured suspicion about his wife, Lovely Mishra's character. On June 17, 2004, while on leave, he took her for darshan to Mata Vaishno Devi. Near Bhairon Temple, he administered an intoxicant, rendering her unconscious, and then pushed her off a cliff. Her body was recovered

in a nallah but remained unidentified until Army officers reported his confession. The High Court noted that

three Army officials-Major C.S. Sidhu, Lt. Col. J.S. Matang, and Subedar Vijay Shanker-testified consistently about the accused's extrajudicial confession. "The conduct of the respondent in abandoning his wife after her fall and failing to inform the authorities points squarely to his guilt," the bench the bench observed.

Letters recovered from the deceased's belongings

# **Cloudburst triggers** flash floods in Reasi Distt. no casualties

## **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: A cloudburst trig-

gered flash floods in Reasi district on Monday, causing fear and panic among mountain dwellers.

The incident took place in Maadi village in Poni tehsil of the district, with no loss of life or damage to any property, officials said.

"There was a huge sound like a blast, and within no time our houses were flooded," a tribal villager said.

He said the cloudburst occurred around 0300 hours on Monday. "Floods gushed into the village, and

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# LoP Sunil Sharma meets Amit Shah, discusses current political, security scenario in J&K

# STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Leader of the Opposition in the Jammu & Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, today met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and held a detailed discussion on the prevailing political and security scenario in Jammu & Kashmir. He also apprised the Home Minister of the destruction caused by the recent floods and submitted a comprehensive ground assessment report.

During the meeting, Sharma highlighted the



LOP Sunil Sharma meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah at New Delhi on Monday.

evolving political and security dynamics in the Union Territory. He underlined the need to maintain peace and

stability through effective governance, strengthening democratic institutions,

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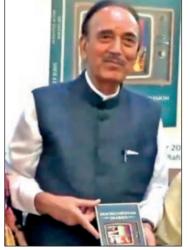
# 'Doordarshan Diaries: The Golden Era of Television' launched on 66th Foundation Day of Doordarshan

# STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: On the occasion of the 66th Foundation Day of Doordarshan, the Delhi Study Group, in association with Om Books International, hosted the launch of "Doordarshan Diaries": 'The Golden Era of Television', authored by veteran journalist and news anchor Sheila Chaman.

The event was held at the Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.

The book was formally released by Ghulam Nabi Azad, Former Deputy Minister for Information & Broadcasting, in the presence of Dr. Vijay Jolly, Ex-MLA, and several eminent personalities from diverse



Sheila Chaman, a distinguished face of Doordarshan, has had a remarkable career spanning over three decades as a news anchor, journalist, columnist, and documentary producer. She is also widely respected for her contributions as a social worker and environmentalist.

Her book Doordarshan Diaries offers a rare insider's perspective and  $\,$ serves as a valuable archival account of Indian television history.

Speaking on the occasion, Ghulam Nabi Azad congratulated all those who worked tirelessly to promote television media in the country, especially Doordarshan. He fondly recalled the contributions of legendary pro-

ducers such as Ramanand Sagar (Ramayan), B.R. Chopra (Mahabharat) and Sanjay Khan (The Sword of Tipu Sultan), whose timeless creations left a deep imprint on the nation's collective memory.

Highlighting the challenges of today's competitive visual media landscape, Azad stressed the need for Doordarshan to reinvent itself. He noted that in many remote villages, Doordarshan continues to be the primary source of information and entertainment for the poor, as private channels remain mostly paid services.

Emphasizing the importance of strengthening India's presence in global broadcasting, Azad suggested ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# Kashmir Crime Branch's EOW nabs man accused in impersonation, financial fraud case to the Lieutenant Governor

# STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Crime Branch Kashmir on Monday arrested a notorious fraudster involved in a case of impersonation and financial fraud, officials said.

The accused, Abdul Majid Mir, a resident of Kupwara, was apprehended in connection with case registered against him for cheating several persons to the tune of Rs 50 lakhs, a spokesperson of the agency said.

The case was registered following a written complaint that the accused impersonated himself as a Duty Officer

of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson said. According to officials, Mir

'dishonestly" assured victims of government jobs and land allotment at SDA Colony, Bemina, Srinagar. "It was further alleged that

the accused fraudulently collected over Rs 50 lakhs from the complainants under this pretext," the spokesperson said. During investigation, it

was revealed that the accused had issued fake appointment letters,

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