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Some myths about J&K State related issues cultivated over years had also been dismantled by Constitution Bench Judgement of Dec 11, 2023

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# CM reviews rain situation in J&K, directs admin to intensify ground response



CM Omar Abdullah reviewing situation following incessant rains across J&K on Wednesday

Dy CM attaches 2 DMOs on

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday convened an emergency meeting to review the situation arising from

Jammu and Kashmir.

Minister Sakina Itoo and Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani briefed him on the latest situation in the Kashmir Valley, while Ministers Javed Ahmad >> Schools shut in J&K

>> NH closed amid rising water levels

>> Various KU exams postponed

Rana and Satish Sharma reported on conditions in the Jammu division, including flash floods, road blockages and vulnerable habitations near riverbanks and landslide-prone areas.

The Chief Minister directed the administration to intensify ground response, clear waterlogged areas, ensure supply of essential services such as power, water and healthcare, and ensure timely evacuation of residents from critical zones.

He instructed divisional and district administrations to work in close coordination with disaster response agencies, police and health departments, and to maintain readiness for any eventuality. CM directed that ade-

Wednesday approved a com-

plete overhaul of the tangled

Goods and Services Tax

The GST Council approved

limiting slabs to 5 per cent

and 18 per cent effective

from September 22, the first

Almost all personal-use

**GST** Council meet: Omar seeks central

support for terror-hit economy

here, that major economic

sectors including tourism,

handicrafts, agriculture and

horticulture had come to a

Proposed GST reforms

could further reduce the

UT's revenue by 10 to 12 per

cent. the Chief Minister said.

He was of the view that the

GST Council could go ahead

with rate rationalisation pro-

posals, but suitable mecha-

nisms should be devised to

compensate states as well as

The Centre's support to

Jammu and Kashmir to deal

with the fiscal crisis was crit-

standstill after the attack.

(GST) regime.

day of Navaratri.

quate stock of ration, fuel, medicines and drinking water be made available in vulnerable areas, with emergency medical teams kept on standby.

Chief Minister has been taking hourly updates on rising water levels in Jhelum and its tributaries, status of power & water supply, road connectivity and has directed concerned departments to ensure that advance warnings are issued to the general public about any eventuality and for administration to provide timely help and assis-

tance to people Appealing for public cooperation, the Chief Minister urged people to follow advisories, avoid unsafe areas,

government looks to boost

domestic spending and cush-

ion the economic blow of the

Briefing reporters after a

marathon day-long GST

Council meeting, Union

Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman said all decisions

were taken unanimously,

with no disagreement with

The panel approved simpli-

fying the GST from the cur-

rent four slabs - 5, 12, 18

and 28 per cent, to a two-rate

structure - 5 and 18 per cent.

A special 40 per cent slab is

also proposed for a select few

"The major sectors of the

economy, like tourism, trans-

port, construction, and auto-

mobiles, have come to a

standstill post April 2025.

The proposed reform can

further reduce our GST rev-

"Hence as the Finance

Minister of Jammu and

Kashmir, I am of the opinion

that establishing suitable

mechanisms and safeguards

for the fiscal stability of

States and UTs is critical,"

He highlighted the devas-

tating impact of the event on

enues by 10-12 per cent.

promptly. He assured that the government is closely monitoring the situation and committed to mitigating hardships.

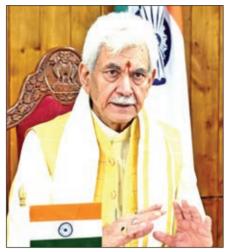
"The safety and well-being of our citizens is our top most priority. I appeal to the public to stay vigilant, extend cooperation to the administration. Together, we will overcome this challenge," CM Omar Abdullah said.

The Chief Minister directed officials to provide regular updates and reaffirmed that all possible measures are being taken to ensure relief and safety of the affected

Authorities announced the closure of schools and colleges across the Kashmir Valley for the day, as the weather department has forecast more rainfall over the next 24 hours, they said.

"Hon'ble Ministers @JavedRanaa @satishsharmajnk briefed

# LG takes stock of situation in wake of incessant rain, flood



**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoi Sinha has spoken to senior officials and taken stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall across the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir.

He was briefed on rescue and relief measures by Army, Air Force, CAPFs, district administrations, NDRF and SDRF teams on the ground to ensure the well-being of those affected by heavy rain and flood.

He was briefed that people affected by flood in Akhnoor were evacuated to safety by BSF,

#### Sinha expresses gratitude to Modi, Nadda for increase in MBBS seats in J&K

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda for approving an increase in MBBS seats across Government Medica Colleges (GMCs) in Jammu and Kashmir. "Grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji & Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Ji for increasing MBBS seats across Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) of J&K, taking total MBBS seats in GMCs

from 1,185 to 1,375", LG posted on X. "Under Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Mod i's leadership, the number of additional MBBS and PG Seats has increased significantly over the last few years and he has ensured accessible, affordable and quality healthcare for all in the UT", Sinha further

NDRF & Police. People from around 67 villages in Anantnag, Budgam, Pulwama were moved to safer locations and nomadic families in Pulwama and Shopian were provided shel-

# ters by the district administrations. In GST Bonanza: Tax rates slashed from roti/paratha J&K gets 190 additional

#### public complaints STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Taking serious note of the complaints by general public, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary attached District Mining Officer (DMO) Kupwara to the office of Director Geology & Mining Jammu and DMO Samba to Directorate of Geology and Mining Srinagar.

An order issued in this regard read that pending into various complaints against the District Mining Officer Kupwara, Mumtaz Ahmad, who has additional charge of DMO Bandipora, is here by attached with immediate effect in the office of Director,

#### BDO among 3 officials issued show cause notice for unauthorized absence STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three officials in Reasi district, including a block development officer and an assistant executive engineer, have been issued show-cause notices for being absent from duty contrary to government directions.

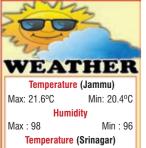
Administration Department (GAD) on August 27 explicitly said that no leave shall be sanctioned to any officer or employee due to inclement weather and incessant rains in the region. Additional District

General

Development Commissioner of Reasi, Sukhdev Singh Samyal, issued show-cause notices to the block development officer of Chassana Mahore, Gulabgarh, an assistant executive engineer of the PWD, Mahore, and a senior assistant of the department

"You are hereby directed to submit a written explanation within two days from the date of receipt of this notice, through the assistant commissioner development,

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Sunset: 18:53 Hours

Sunrise: 06:06 Hours

Min: 75

Max: 20.9°C

Max: 96

Geology & Mining Jammu.

Similarly, District Mining Samba, Sharfraz has been attached in Directorate Geology & Mining Srinagar with immediate effect. It is also ordered that DMO Kathua shall hold additional charge of DMO Samba in addition to his own

The Deputy Chief Minister asked the officials to prioritize public service as it is the prime motto of the Omar Abdullah led government. He cautioned that complaints against the officers shall be taken seriously and immediate action will be initiated

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: Highlighting

the devastating impact of the

Pahalgam terror attack on

the economy of Jammu and

Kashmir, Chief Minister

Wednesday sought the

Centre's support to deal with

The Union Territory was

facing a severe fiscal crisis as

its public revenues had "col-

lapsed" in the aftermath of

the April 22 terror attack in

which 26 people were killed,

Abdullah, who also holds

the finance portfolio, told the

56th GST Council meeting

Omar Abdullah

the situation.

he said.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** NEW DELHI: Common use Mohd items from roti/paratha to hair oil, ice creams and TVs will cost less, while tax incidence on personal health and life insurance will be brought down to nil after the all-powerful GST Council on

US tariffs.

any state.

items will see rate cuts as the items such as high-end cars,

to TVs as GST Council approves overhaul of rates tobacco and cigarettes.

> The new rates for all products, except pan masala, gutkha, cigarettes, chewing tobacco products like zarda, unmanufactured tobacco and bidi, will be effective September 22, she said. While daily use food items

will continue to attract nil tax rate, tax rate has been slashed to nil from 5 per cent on ultra-high temperature milk, chena or paneer, pizza bread, khakra, plain chapati or roti. Nil will also be the tax on

paratha (currently charged at 18 per cent). Common use food and beverages ranging

#### from butter and ghee to dry nuts, condensed milk, cheese, figs, dates, avocados, citrus fruits, sausages and meat, sugar boiled confectionery, jam and fruit jellies, tender coconut water, namkeen, drinking water packed in 20litre bottles, fruit pulp or fruit juice, beverages containing milk, ice cream, pastry and biscuits, corn flakes and cereals, and sugar confectionery are likely to see a cut in tax rate to 5 per cent from current 12 per cent or

18 per cent. Erasers, maps, pencil

## **MBBS** Seats STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a major boost to medical education in Jammu & Kashmir, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has on Wednesday issued Letters of Permission (LoP) for 190 additional MBBS seats across five Government Medical Colleges of the Union Territory.

The approvals include 50 additional seats each for Government Medical College Baramulla, Government Medical College Doda, and Government Medical College Kathua, while Government Medical College Jammu and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Government Medical College

Srinagar have been allotted 20 seats each. With this development, the total MBBS Government Colleges of J&K has now jumped from 1,185 to 1,375

This timely enhancement will significantly increase opportunities for aspiring medical students from J&K, reduce competition pressure, and contribute to the longterm strengthening of the healthcare delivery system by producing more trained doctors. Officials have further indicated that more seats are expected to be

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## Woman gives birth to baby boy onboard train

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BANIHAL/JAMMU: A 21-

Akhtera Bano, a native of Sumber village, had boarded the Sangaldan-Baramulla train with her husband Mohd Ashraf to go to a government maternity hospital in Sherbagh in Anantnag

However, she went into labour while still on the train. A midwife, a fellow traveller, helped Akhtera in delivering her first baby.

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year-old woman gave birth to a baby boy onboard a train near Banihal in Ramban district on Wednesday, officials

district, they said.

Railway Station

# Landslide hits Vaishno Devi shrine track, no casualties Jammu-Katra shuttle train service suspended

JAMMU: A landslide on Wednesday hit the track of the suspended pilgrimage to the shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said, adding that no casualties were reported.

Authorities have also vacated the accommodations of officials as a precautionary measure in the wake of heavy rainfall and the threat of landslides, officials mentioned further.

The landslide occurred at the Sammar Point of the track, thereby blocking the route to the shrine. However,



injury to anyone in the incident, as there were no pilgrims. Efforts are on to clear

The pilgrimage remained suspended for the ninth day on Wednesday, leaving the

the absence of devotees Meanwhile, shuttle services of four trains that were introduced to help locals and stranded passengers travel between Jammu and Katra -

the base camp of the

## Two killed in house collapse near Sunderbani, LG conveys condolences Multi-agency ops underway to prevent flooding near 4th bridge in Jammu

45 trapped villagers saved by BSF choppers in Akhnoor



Rise in water level in Tawi River after heavy rain pound Jammu on Wednesday, while BSF rescuing stranded villagers in Akhnoor sector.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU/SRINAGAR

Heavy rains across Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday left a woman and her daughter dead while 45 persons were trapped in a flooded village in Akhnoor, officials

said. A police team led by Neeraj Choudhary SHO Khour rescued flood affected

Officials said the incessant rains claimed the life of a mother-daughter in Kangri village of Sunderbani in

Rajouri district. The two died after the roof of their house collapsed.

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#### Three of family narrowly escape house collapse in Pacca Danga

JAMMU: A ventilator of a house turned out to be a lifeline for three members of a family who were stuck in a room after the nouse collapsed due to incessant rains here on Wednesday. With the help of police, local leaders and neighbours, the rapped inmates were pulled out through the ventilator amid ntense rains in Pacca Danga area in the heart of the city, officials said. The old house in the densely populated Kali Jhani ocality collapsed around 7.15 am, trapping an elderly voman, her son and grandson, the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Over 4,000 affected people housed in 90 shelter camps

JAMMU: Authorities have housed over 4,000 people in over 90 shelter camps across Jammu region after evacuation from rulnerable areas following incessant rains, flash floods and

Heavy and continuous rains across the Jammu region have riggered a series of landslides, flash floods and land sinking incidents, forcing thousands of people to flee their homes and seek shelter in safer locations. "Over 4,000 affected people have been housed in 93 camps across CONTD ON PAGE 9