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CM reviews preparations for Kashmir Marathon, launches promotional video



CM Omar Abdullah chairing meeting at Srinagar on Monday

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday chaired a meeting to review preparations for the upcoming Kashmir Marathon-2025, a flagship sporting event aimed at promoting sports, fitness, tourism, and Kashmir's vibrant culture.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the CM. Nasir Aslam Wani; Additional Chief Secretary to the CM, Dheeraj Gupta; Additional Chief Secretary Tourism; Principal Secretary Finance;

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir: Secretary IT. Information and GAD; and other senior officials.

Director Tourism, Kashmir made a detailed presentation on the preparations and proposed plan of activities for the marathon.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the marathon must go beyond being a sporting event to become a holistic cultural and tourism experience.

He directed officials to tie

and local businesses to provide special packages for participants and visitors, allowing them to explore

Kashmir's hospitality, cuisine

and heritage during their

He also suggested introducing 10 km and 5 km runs for local participants in addition the full and half marathons, thereby expanding community engagement and encouraging youth participation. Stressing the

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Pak intruder arrested along IB

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JAMMU: A Pakistani intruder was arrested along the International Border (IB) in R S Pura sector here and a protest is being lodged with the neighbouring country over the incident, the Border Security Force said on Monday.

The incident took place at the Octroi outpost. The intruder, Siraj Khan

from village 27-Chak ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Special train service on Katra-Sangaldan section to facilitate stranded passengers ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Northern Railways on Monday started a special local train service between Katra Sangaldan to facilitate stranded passengers in the wake of the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Udhampur district. This is the first-ever local train from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi railway station in Reasi district

Two terrorists killed, 2 soldiers martyred in Kulgam encounter

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two terrorists including one believed to be a Pakistani national were gunned down while two soldiers were martyred in a fierce encounter in the Kulgam district of south Kashmir on Monday, officials said and added that an Army Major was also injured in the operation.

The encounter erupted security launched a search operation in the Gudar forest area of Kulgam based on specific intelligence about the presence of terrorists

The search turned into an encounter when the terrorists opened fire on the security forces.

During the operation, two soldiers, identified as Sub Perbhat Gaur and Lance Naik Narender Sindhu, and an Army Major were injured in the gunfight, the officials

Gaur and Sindhu suc-

ther states that the action

has been taken after due con-

sideration of all relevant

materials, reports, and cir-

cumstances that clearly

establish that the continu-

ance of such activities by the

Member posed a grave threat

to peace, public order, and

under the PSA was, there-

fore, found necessary in the

interest of maintaining pub-

lic order and safeguarding

detention

tranquility in the district.

"Preventive

law and order in the

cumbed to their injuries CRPF and police in Guddar while the officer's condition is forest of Kulgam.

> suspicious activity and were met with gunfire when they challenged the terrorists. Initial reports indicate one of the neutralised terrorists was a local, while the second is believed to be a foreign mil-

Vigilant troops observed

itant with the code name 'Rehman Bhai'. Director General of Police

Nalin Prabhat visited the encounter site in Guddar, where he praised the joint operation led by the Army.

Restoration work on Jammu-Srinagar NH enters final phase "The work on restoring the

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stated to be stable.

A tweet by the Army's

Kashmir-based Chinar Corps

said that it "honours the

supreme sacrifice of the

Bravehearts, Sub Perbhat

Gaur and L/Nk Narender

Sindhu, in line of duty for the

Nation Their courage and

dedication will forever inspire

us". Earlier, based on an

intelligence input from

Jammu and Kashmir police,

a joint search operation was

launched by the Army,

JAMMU: The restoration of a 250-meter-long stretch of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, which had been blocked for a week, has entered its final phase, officials said on Monday.

This restoration aims to reopen the only all-weather road connecting Kashmir to the rest of the country.

The highway has been closed since August 26 due to multiple blockades following torrential rain, flash floods, and landslides. However, it was reopened for traffic for a few hours on August 30. In total, the highway has been closed for 13 days.

washed-out stretch of highway in Udhampur has entered the final phase to make the highway trafficable. The Thard stretch is quite difficult as the highway had to be rebuilt here," a National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) official stated.

Officials anticipate the highway will reopen for traffie by Monday night, as work is progressing rapidly. Crews have successfully blasted and removed six large rocks that were the main obstacles, and they have excavated three additional rocks to

IIM Jammu signs MoU with JKTPO, I&C Deptt to launch MSME Health Clinic STATE TIMES NEWS ny included detailed presen-

JAMMU: The Indian

Institute of Management,

the Jammu & Kashmir Promotion Organization (JKTPO) and Directorates Industries and Commerce Government of Jammu & Kashmir signed a landmark Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Monday at the Board Room, Jagti Campus to establish the Jammu & Kashmir MSME Health (JKMHC) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) pro-

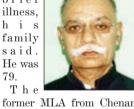
The formal signing ceremo-

Cong leader Dina Nath Bhagat dies

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Senior Jammu

and Kashmir Congress leader Dina Nath Bhagat died at a hospital in Punjab's Ludhiana early Monday after a

illness, h i s family s a i d He was

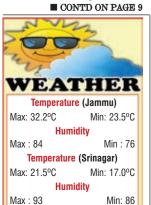


former MLA from Chenani constituency is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Bhagat's son Naresh, an advocate, said his father was unwell for the past 10 days and breathed his last in a hospital in Ludhiana around 3.30 am

He was initially undergoing treatment at Government Medical College here for a lung infection and was later shifted to the hospital in Ludhiana for advanced treatment, he said.

Naresh said his father's last rites will be held at Devika in Udhampur later



Sunset: 18:47 Hours

Sunrise: 06:10 Hours

tations on the scope, funding structure and implementation of the roadmap of the initiative. The MoU signing ceremony

was graced by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Sudershan Kumar, Managing Director, JKTPO; Arun Kumar Manhas, Director, Industries Commerce, Jammu, Government of J&K and Khalid Majeed, Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, Government of J&K. From the Directorate of Industries and Commerce and JKTPO, the

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ANANTNAG: The Inter-

Ministerial Central Team

(IMCT), constituted by the

Central Government on

Monday visited Anantnag,

Shopian and Kulgam to

assess the damages caused

by recent heavy rainfall and

natural calamities in the dis-

The team also held brief

meeting with the district

administrations and held

detailed deliberations on the

relief and rehabilitation

The team comprising Col.

K.P. Singh, Joint Secretary

& Advisor (Ops & Comm),

measures being carried out.

Dr. S. Mohanty, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg, Secretary Health & Medical Education Dr Syed Abid Rashid, Deputy Commissioner Dr Basharat Pulwama

Omar reviews AIIMS

Awantipora progress, calls

for timely completion

Minister Omar Abdullah on

Monday chaired a meeting

at Awantipora, Pulwama, to

review the progress of ongo-

ing works at the All India

Institute of Medical Sciences

The Chief Minister, accom-

panied by Minister for

Health & Medical Education

Sakina Itoo, Advisor to the

Chief Minister Nasir Aslam

Wani, Chief Secretary Atal

Dulloo, Additional Chief

Secretary to the CM

Dheeraj Gupta, Executive

Director AHMS Awantipora

Qayoom and representatives

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AIIMS) Kashmir.

AAP MLA Mehraj Malik detained under PSA, BJP welcomes decision

Assembly Secretariat denies endorsing PSA, says it has no role in it The DM's intimation fur-

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir AAP chief and MLA Mehraj Malik was on Monday detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Doda district, officials said.

Soon after his detention, the District Magistrate Doda intimated the Speaker of Legislative Assembly, "In pursuance of the requirement to keep the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly informed, it is kindly submitted that Mehraj Din Malik, Member of Legislative

IMCT visits Anantnag, Shopian, Kulgam;

takes stock of relief, rehabilitation measures

crops and horticultural produce.

also suffered heavy losses,

NDMAl; Navin Kumar

Chauraisa, Regional Officer,

MoRTH Jammu; Arti Singh,

Deputy Director Ministry of

CS meets IMCT; seeks Central assistance

for restoration of flood-hit infrastructure

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Monday held a

detailed meeting with the Inter-Ministerial Central Team

(IMCT) that arrived in the Union Territory to assess the

damages caused by the recent floods. The deluge affected sev-

eral districts, damaging homes, infrastructure, standing

While no casualties were reported in the Kashmir Valley, the

mountainous districts were deeply affected by flash floods,

leading to the loss of human lives and extensive damage to

public assets. The agriculture and horticulture sectors have

Welfare:



(Constituency Doda-52), has been booked under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act 1978, on grounds of his activities being prejudicial to the maintenance of

Woman, two children found dead

STATE TIMES NEWS BANIHAL/JAMMU:

woman and two children were found dead in the Banihal area in Ramban district on Monday, officials said. The cause of their death is yet to be ascertained. The bodies were found lying at Rattan Bass, about three kms from Banihal town Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

They said the woman is middle-aged and the children - a boy and a girl - between seven and 10 years of age.

A police party and forensic experts have rushed to the scene and further details, including the cause of death

flood crisis a 'Mann-Made Disaster' **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: BJPNational General Secretary

and J&K BJP Prabhari. Tarun Chugh on Monday launched a scathing attack on the AAPled Punjab government, blaming Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for the ongoing flood crisis in the state.

"The reason Punjab is being led towards disaster is the open permission given by the Aam Aadmi Party's Bhagwant Mann government for illegal mining" Chugh

said.
"This is a Mann-made disaster. The people of Punjab

Chugh slams AAP Govt, calls Punjab



are paying the price for Bhagwant Mann's incompetence, failure, and inexperience," he said. "Without even conducting a

that has hit Punjab, the Bhagwant Mann government is creating a fuss about a

> package, whereas the truth is that the central government has kept more than Rs 11,000 crore at Punjab's disposal for disaster management," Chugh said. "The central gov-

ernment has already placed over Rs 11,000 crore at Punjab's dis-

posal for disaster management. PM Modi and the Home Minister have person-

LG calls for multi-dimensional approach to make earth better for future generations

Joint Director, Department

of Agriculture and Farmers

Director Ministry of

Shachi

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha delivered the keynote address at Foundation Day ceremony of University of Jammu, on Monday. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor called upon Jammu University to leverage innovation and cutting-edge technology for conservation, integrating sustainability in education and preparing students to address emerging challenges to build Viksit Bharat.

"Our youth must drive development that meets societal needs without compromising ecosystems and optimize the use of resources through modern innovation. We need to adopt a multi-dimensional approach to make the earth better for the future generations." the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the faculty members to guide and lead vouth in their responsibility to bal-



ance nature with development. It is our shared responsibility to protect Mother Earth and promote the culture of environmental awareness at

Extending his heartiest congratulation to the Vice Chancellor, faculty members, non-teaching staff and students on University's foundation day celebration, the Lieutenant Governor

all levels of society, he added.

urged to set new and challenging goals and pursue them with a renewed sense of zeal and enthusi-

"Today's occasion is also an opportunity for self-analysis, self-exploration, and self-introspection. I am proud of the exceptional accomplishments of our universities in the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 recently

Addresses Foundation Day Ceremony of JU

Calls upon University to leverage innovation and cutting-edge technology for conservation, integrating sustainability in education and preparing students to

build Viksit Bharat Calls upon JU to start shortterm professional programs to deal with climate challenges and conduct research on floods and landslides

address emerging challenges to

Says, our youth must drive development that meets societal needs without compromising ecosystems and optimize the use of resources through modern innovation

JU must send groups of students to serve in different areas and prepare a team of volunteers to ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Special Crime Wing conducts raids in Ganderbal

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SRINAGAR: The Special

Crime Wing Srinagar (Crime Branch) on Monday carried out searches at multiple locations

district Ganderbal in connection with a case registered under FIR No. 23/2024 U/S 302 IPC.

According official statement, searches are cur rently underway at the residential houses Mohammad Afzal

Sheikh, son of Ghulam Qadir Sheikh, and Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, also son of Ghulam Qadir Sheikh, both residents of Bonzila, Haripora,

Ganderbal. Another location

raided Residential house of Wajid Rasool Dar, son of Ghulam Rasool Dar, resident of



Haripora, Ganderbal. The raids are being carried out in pursuance of search warrants issued by the

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