

**NIA court issues proclamation orders against 2 militants**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
 SRINAGAR, July 28: The Special Court Kulgam designated under NIA Act has issued Proclamation orders against two militants.  
 A police spokesman said that on the request of SIU Kashmir, proclamation orders have been issued against the involved militants Yawar Bashir Dar, son of Bashir Ahmed Dar resident of Redwani Balla and Irfan Yaqoob  
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**Grenade throwing module busted, 4 held**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
 SRINAGAR, July 28: Security forces today busted a militant module by arresting four associates and conspirators who were behind a grenade incident in Kulgam district last year that had wounded 13 civilians.  
 A police spokesman said that police, along with Army's 1-Rashtriya Rifles arrested four militant associates and conspirators in the case.  
 Police said that the module was  
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**Two sisters drown in canal**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
 JAMMU, July 28: Two sisters, who went missing on Wednesday, were found lifeless in a canal here at Digiana Pully area today.  
 A police spokesperson said Arushi (3) and Shivani (5), daughters of Ram Dass of Chhattisgarh, at present Digiana, Jammu, went missing from their current residence at around 9 am on Wednesday.  
 After parents of the deceased girls lodged a written complaint at  
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**Dr Jitendra manages Jammu Mail's stop at Chhan Rorian**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
 KATHUA, July 28: Taking notice of the inconvenience being caused to people after damage caused to Tarnah bridge in Chadwal area of Kathua, Union  
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**Also visits 14 Corps hqrs at Leh**  
**Army chief reviews situation in Eastern Ladakh with top Comdrs**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
 JAMMU, July 28: On fourth day of his visit to the Union Territory of Ladakh, Army chief Gen Manoj Pande today visited forward areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh where Sino-Indian troops stand face-to-face at several points of friction for past over three years now.  
 Earlier, he visited 14 Corps headquarters in Leh and reviewed prevailing situation along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh.  
 During his visit to forward areas, Gen Pande accompanied by senior Army Commanders interacted with Army officers and troops deployed there and manning frontiers with China.  
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**Taking out of Muharram procession after 34 years**  
**Sinha scripted a new chapter in J&K's history; say Shia leaders**

**Avtar Bhat**  
 JAMMU, July 28: Accusing successive Governments of not lifting the ban on Muharram procession in Srinagar city of Kashmir valley during the last 34 years, the members of Shia community in J&K termed the Government decision of allowing the procession on 8th Muharram yesterday in Srinagar a historical decision.  
 The various leaders and prominent people of Shia Sect from J&K said that the justice has been given to the community by the present Government after granting the permission for taking out of Muharram procession in Srinagar after a gap of 34 long years yesterday. They described it

**Electoral revision schedule notified for all ULBs**

**CEO sets process in motion for Municipal elections in J&K**

**Sanjeev Pargal**

**JAMMU, July 28: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) PK Pole today formally set the process in motion for conduct of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) elections in Jammu and Kashmir by issuing a notification to revise/update the Municipal Electoral Rolls for all bodies from August 1 while final rolls will be published on August 25.**  
 Pole told the Excelsior that two separate notifications for revision/updating the electoral rolls for Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations and 75 other bodies including Councils and Committees have been issued today.  
 The CEO said the last elections to Municipal Corporations, Councils and Committees were held in 2018 and terms of these bodies will expire in November 2023. Therefore, it has been decided to revise/update the Municipal electoral rolls for the ULBs.  
 "The electoral rolls have to be revised in prescribed manner

before the conduct of each general elections to the Corporations or for any Ward or for a by-elections to fill a casual vacancy in such Wards," Pole said.  
 He said superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls, delimita-

**\*Final rolls to be published on Aug 25**

A couple of days back, State Election Commissioner BR Sharma had announced that

ELECTORAL REVISION SCHEDULE	
Date of publication of Draft Electoral Rolls	01-08-2023 (Tuesday)
Period of filing of claims and objections	01-08-2023 (Tuesday) to 11-08-2023 (Friday)
Special Camp at the Polling Stations	06-08-2023 (Sunday) 10-08-2023 (Thursday)
Disposal of claims and objections	By 16-08-2023 (Wednesday)
Updation of Electoral Rolls	21-08-2023 (Monday)
Final publication of Electoral Rolls	25-08-2023 (Friday)

tion of Wards, reservation and allotment of seats by rotation for, and the conduct of all elections to the Corporations and Municipal Committees is vested in the CEO under J&K Municipal Corporations and Municipal Acts.

Panchayat elections are likely to be held in October-November. In 2018, Municipal elections were held first followed by Panchayat polls from October-December.  
**As per the schedule issued by the CEO, draft electoral rolls**

**will be published on August 1. Period for filing of claims and objections will be from August 1-11 while special camp at the Polling Stations will be organised on August 6 and 10.**  
 Disposal of claims and objections will be done on August 16 while electoral rolls will be updated on August 21. Final electoral rolls will be published on August 25.

The CEO has notified Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant EROs.  
 As per two separate orders issued by the CEO today, the place of hearing for claims and objections received shall be the headquarters of the ERO/AERO. Date for hearing for claims/objections shall be notified by the ERO within the period for filing claims and objections and in any case all such hearing shall be completed before August 16.  
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**Excess intake of 4 MBBS seats**  
**NMC takes stringent action, reduces 8 seats of GMC Jammu for academic year 2023-24**

**Govind Sharma**

**JAMMU, July 28: Taking stringent action against the Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu which had made a gross blunder by admitting 184 MBBS students against the actual intake capacity of 180 MBBS seats for the current academic year, National Medical Commission (NMC) has reduced 8 MBBS seats of the Medical College for the academic year 2023-24.**  
 "The matter was discussed in the Coordination Committee meeting held under the chairmanship of NMC Chairman on July 13 and accordingly, the decision was taken to reduce 8 seats (double the number of excess intake of 4 seats)

of the Medical College for the academic year 2023-24, as a punishment," said a letter dated July 20, 2023 addressed to Principal and Dean, GMC Jammu, by Director of Undergraduate Medical Education Board (NMC), Shambu Sharan Kumar.  
 Through the medium of letter, Director of Undergraduate Medical Education Board, directed the Principal and Dean of GMC Jammu to investigate the matter and fix accountability/responsibility of person(s) responsible for the blunder, and submit an Action Taken Report in the matter to NMC within 15 days of issuance of this communication.  
 "If no response from GMC Jammu is received within the stipulated period of 15 days, the order

of reduction of 8 seats for the academic year 2023-24 will remain effective to the academic year 2024-25 also," read the letter.  
**The order of the NMC wherein it reduced 8 MBBS seats of GMC Jammu has come as a shocker to the authorities of GMC Jammu as well as MBBS aspirants as in upcoming academic session, only 172 students will get chance to do their undergraduate medical degree from the Medical College.**  
 Meanwhile, sources in Health & Medical Education Department J&K told Excelsior that a committee headed by Director New Medical Colleges, Dr Yashpal Sharma has already been constituted by the Administrative Secretary Bhopinder Kumar to fix accounta-

bility in the matter and the Committee had also submitted its report.  
 "Based on the recommendations of the report of the Committee, action has already been taken against the then Head of the Institution who has been transferred and posted as Secretary (Technical) in Health and Medical Education Department," sources said, adding the Action Taken Report will be submitted to NMC within the stipulated time frame.  
 Pertinently, Excelsior has exclusively reported in its May 12, 2023 edition that a gross blunder has been committed by authorities of GMC Jammu headed by the then Principal and Dean Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma by admitting 184  
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Woman crosses a City road as traffic moves slowly in view of heavy rains in Jammu on Friday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

**Trucks diverted to Dhar road, jam cleared**  
**Woman dies in house collapse, footbridge washed away in Doda**

**Gopal Sharma**

**\*4 families shifted as land sinks in Gool**

**JAMMU, July 28: A woman was killed when her muddy house collapsed due to heavy rains in Udhampur area, four houses were totally damaged due to sinking of land in Sangaldan area of Gool in Ramban district, a foot-bridge washed away in flash flood in Doda area today while entire traffic jam in Kathua and Samba areas was cleared by the Traffic Police authorities by this evening.**  
 Reports said heavy rain lashed several districts of Jammu region today causing extensive damage. A footbridge was washed away in a flash flood in Gandoh area of Doda and the roof of a house collapsed in Ramnagar area.  
 A link road connecting Budhal area of Rajouri with Mahore in Reasi was closed due to a massive landslide following heavy rainfall in Chasana area, sources said.  
 Due to heavy rain today a muddy house collapsed in Ramnagar area of Udhampur district, in which a woman was killed and three others escaped unhurt. Body of the woman was later

retrieved from the debris by the villagers.  
 Heavy rains lashed Doda, Kishwar, Ramban, Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, Poonch, Reasi, Jammu and Rajouri districts triggered flash floods, sources said.  
**In Doda, a footbridge was washed away in flash flood in Kaljugasar area of Gandoh. With this the connectivity to at least three villages and four hamlets has been snapped, sources added.**  
 There was a major landslide in remote Chasana area of Reasi district, blocking Rajouri -Budhal-Reasi road.  
 An advisory has been issued asking people not to travel on the road till it is restored, the sources said.  
 The road connects Rajouri with Reasi and Ramban districts via Mahore and Gool areas.  
 Heavy traffic jam was witnessed on the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway and there was a long queue of vehicles at Lakhampur, the gateway of Jammu and Kashmir.  
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Truck drivers said they were facing massive jams for the past few days after damage to the Tarnah bridge and traffic was diverted to the border link road of Hiranagar.  
 Flash floods caused severe damage to the bridge on the Tarnah river prompting authorities to close it for traffic last week.  
 Several rivers and Nallahs in the region including Tawi, Chenab, Basantar and Ujh were flooded due to heavy rains in hilly areas.  
 Reports from Ramban said that four residential houses were damaged due to sinking of land in Tattapani, Sangaldan area of Gool Sub Division of Ramban district.  
 Official sources said following rains that lashed the area last night in Tattapani, Sangaldan triggered a landslide due to which four residential houses were damaged.  
 They said all the inmates had been removed to safer places and tents provided to affected families. Administration is making every possible effort to help these families.  
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**Work apace on 122 other projects in Jammu, Srinagar**  
**187 Smart Cities' projects worth over Rs 4000 crore completed in J&K: GoI**

**Mohinder Verma**

**\*Against Rs 515 cr AMRUT funds, UCs of Rs 358 cr submitted**

**JAMMU, July 28: Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has informed the Parliament that 187 Smart Cities projects worth over Rs 4000 crore have been completed in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and work is apace on remaining 122 projects in both the Capital Cities.**  
 Giving details of progress of projects, the Ministry informed the Rajya Sabha that 187 projects worth Rs 4055.30 crore have been completed in twin Smart Cities of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Of these, 84 projects worth Rs 1479.35 crore have been completed by the Jammu Smart

City Ltd while as 103 projects worth Rs 2575.95 crore have been completed by the Srinagar Smart City Ltd till date.  
**The Ministry further informed the Parliament that 122 projects are ongoing in both the capital cities at the cost of Rs 3681.53 crore. Of these, work is apace on 40 projects having estimated cost of Rs 2102.52 crore in Jammu Smart City while as 82 projects worth Rs 1579.01 crore are going on in Srinagar Smart City.**  
 "A total of 309 projects are tar-

geted to be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 7736.83 crore in both the Capital Cities of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir", the Ministry said while expressing optimism over completion of all the remaining projects within the timelines conveyed by the Government of India to the Government of J&K Union Territory.  
 Both the Smart Cities of J&K UT were selected through a two-stage challenge process and they are implementing diverse and complex projects in all areas of

urban governance such as mobility, environment, public safety, disaster resilience, health, education, housing, water, sanitation and waste management.  
 "Such projects are inter-disciplinary and involve coordination between various Government departments. Besides, there are a lot of innovative projects like the Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs) being implemented by the cities and towns before the Smart Cities Mission", the Ministry said, adding "the period of implementation of Smart Cities Mission has been extended up to June  
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**Over 7000 pay obeisance at holy cave, 3.77 lakh in 28 days**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

**JAMMU, July 28: On the 28th day of yatra, over 7,000 pilgrims paid obeisance to naturally formed Ice Shivalingam in 3888 metre high Himalayan cave in Lidder Valley of South Kashmir's Anantnag district, today.**  
 Officials said that 7,783 pilgrims from twin tracks of Baltal and Nunwan-Ganderbal performed darshan at cave shrine by this evening. With this, total number of 3,77,071 pilgrims visited holy cave since the 62-day long yatra started on July 1 this year.  
 Among the 7,783 pilgrims who performed darshan today included



Yatris near Lower Cave waiting for their turn of darshan on Friday. Another pic on page 4.  
 5,899 male, 1,702 female, 107 children, 73 Sadhus, one Sadhvi and one transgender, officials said.  
 They said among the 3,77 lakh pilgrims who visited holy cave

from different parts of country and abroad so far majority has returned to their home States and others are on way. The yatris who paid obeisance at cave shrine today also started their return journey to Baltal base camp and Panchtami transit camp, they added.  
 They said the weather in holy cave area remained partly rainy and the day turn of darshan on Friday. Another pic on page 4.  
 However, the yatra moved smoothly without any disturbances, they added.  
 Officials said 2,041 pilgrims  
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