

NIA summons Rector Qasmi

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 7: The National Investigation Agency has summoned renowned Islamic Scholar and Rector Dar ul Uloom Rahimya Bandipora

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Moualana Rehmatullah Mir Qasmi in an alleged militant funding case.

An official said that the NIA is conducting an investigation in case RC-07 /2022/NIA/JMU

SIA, JKP attach 124 properties

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 7: In consonance with the policy of the Government for zero tolerance towards anti State activities, the State Investigation

Agency (SIA) and the Executive Wing of J&K Police have widened the legal framework against terror funding by attaching 124 properties, land and buildings, situated across J&K at 86 locations.

These properties, during the

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DA increased for employees, pensioners

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 7: The Finance Department today increased Dearness Allowance (DA) of Government employees, pensioners and family pensioners who continue to draw their pay as well as pension as per Sixth Pay Commission.

The DA for employees and pensioners has been raised for existing rate of 212 percent to 221 percent of basic pay/pension/family pension.

Increase in DA will come into effect from January 1, 2023.

Jamwal posted as Ladakh police chief

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 7: The Union Minister of Home Affairs today appointed Dr Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal as Head of Police, Union Territory of Ladakh.

He will replace SS Khandaray, who has been posted in the Border Security Force (BSF) on Central deputation.

Both Jamwal and Khandaray are 1995 batch IPS officers of Jammu and Kashmir cadre, now AGMUT.

Jamwal was posted as Additional DGP Security/ Director SSG in Jammu and Kashmir.

Militant hideout busted in Lolab

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 7: Security forces today busted a militant hideout in Lolab area of Kupwara district and recovered arms and ammunition from it.

Police said the recovery has averted a suspected misadventure by militants, Over Ground Workers and their nefarious attempts to disturb the peace and tranquility in the area

Police said a specific input from a reliable source with respect to an old hideout and presence of some arms and

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2 Army men injured in accidental fire

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, June 7: Two Army Jawans of Rashtriya Rifles were injured after the rifle of one of them went off accidentally inside a camp in Manjakote area, here today.

According to Police, the incident took place at Galthi in Manjakote area during a routine security exercise when rifle of

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630 from Kashmir leave for Mecca

LG flags off first batch of Haj pilgrims from Srinagar airport

Suhail Bhat

SRINAGAR, June 7: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of Haj pilgrims of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir from Srinagar International Airport, today.

Sinha interacted with the pilgrims and conveyed his greetings and best wishes to them.

"I pray for the successful pilgrimage of the blessed pilgrims who are embarking upon the sacred journey for performing

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the Haj," said the Lt Governor. He also prayed for peace and prosperity for Jammu Kashmir and well-being of its people.

A total of 40 flights will be operating between 7th to 22nd June from Srinagar International Airport. This year, around 12,079 pilgrims from Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and 452 from Ladakh UT will perform Haj pilgrimage.

The Haj pilgrims will be received by the Consulate

General of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Jeddah. Safina Baig, Chairperson J&K Haj Committee; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir;

Meanwhile, the first group of 630 pilgrims from Kashmir left for Mecca in an eagerly anticipated event for this year's Haj, starting the pilgrimage's transforming jour-



LG Manoj Sinha seeing off first batch of Haj pilgrims from Srinagar international airport on Wednesday.

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam and members of J&K Haj Committee, senior officers of Airport Authority, civil and police administration were present on the occasion.

ney full of fervor and optimism.

The pilgrims gathered at the airport in Srinagar wearing modest white attire as they bid farewell to their loved ones. This emotional setting fosters a celebratory mood and a discernible

sense of unity and shared purpose. They emphasized their sincere desire to do the Haj rituals, immersing themselves in the profound spirituality and age-old traditions of this holiest of trips with unshakeable faith and great humility.

While expressing his intense joy, 66-year-old pilgrim, Hameed Ullah Sheikh, said that he has been waiting for this moment throughout his life. "Finishing one of the pillars of Islam fills me with immense satisfaction. It is a unique experience to visit the house of Allah. I will offer prayers for harmony and peace so that the Valley can once more be known as a land of saints and its citizens can live in peace," he said.

"The first flight, departing at 3 pm, consists of 166 men and 149 women, totaling 315 pilgrims. The second flight will carry 173 men and 142 women, also totaling 315 pilgrims. Together, both flights will transport a total of 630 pilgrims from the Valley to Jeddah for their sacred journey of Haj this year,"

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Cabinet raises MSP for Kharif crops, paddy

NEW DELHI, June 7:

In a bonanza for farmers, the Government today announced an increase of Rs 143 in the minimum support price (MSP) of paddy to Rs 2,183 per quintal for this year, the second steepest increase in the last decade.

The highest increase in the

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Funding beyond June will be very difficult: MD Complete Languishing Scheme projects of last FY by ending current month: JKIDFC to deptts

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, June 7: Jammu and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (JKIDFC) Ltd has directed the concerned departments to complete Languishing Scheme projects of last Financial Year (FY) by ending current month as funding of projects beyond June 2023 will be very difficult except under extraordinary conditions.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that review of the projects which have been delayed beyond 3rd Revised Timeline although due for completion before April this year was taken by Prashant Goyal, Managing Director of Jammu

Several works dropped due to poor progress, other issues

and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Ltd few days back.

After detailed review of each of such projects, the Managing Director issued directions for fast-tracking the completion of all the projects under Languishing Scheme especially which were due for completion in the previous Financial Year (2022-23) having timeline for completion as March 31, 2023 or earlier but yet not completed.

"The Managing Director conveyed to all the concerned departments that funding of projects beyond June 2023 will be

very difficult except under extraordinary conditions", sources said.

Giving details of certain projects, they said that 88% progress has been achieved on construction of 28, one BHK flats at Lower Muthi Jammu by Estates Department and now Project Implementing Authority has conveyed to Managing Director of JKIDFC that project will be completed within next three months.

After reviewing the projects of Health and Medical Education Department, the

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Will facilitate smooth pilgrimage to Amarnath Ji

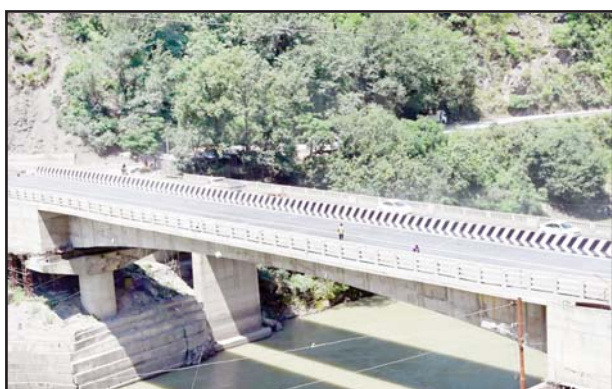
Jaiswal bridge on NH over Chenab in Ramban completed: Gadkari

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 7: Union Minister for Road Traffic and Highways Nitin Gadkari today announced completion of two-lane Jaiswal bridge over river Chenab on Udhampur-Ramban section of National Highway-44 which will facilitate smooth pilgrim traffic during upcoming annual pilgrimage of Shri Amarnath Ji in South Kashmir Himalayas, beginning July 1.

Gadkari announced completion of construction work over the bridge through a tweet,

He said the Central Government under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi remained steadfast



A view of Jaiswal bridge.

fast in commitment to provide Jammu and Kashmir with exceptional highway infrastructure.

"In Jammu and Kashmir, we have completed the construction

of a two-lane Jaiswal bridge over river Chenab on Udhampur-Ramban section of National Highway-44," Gadkari said.

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NC leader meets Deve Gowda

Farooq calls for unity among regional parties to save nation

BENGALURU, June 7:

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah today emphasised upon regional parties coming together to fight the 2024 Lok Sabha election as it was necessary to save the country from being divided on religious lines.

The National Conference president denounced films like 'Kashmir Files' and 'The Kerala Story', saying they were destroying India and its constitution by dividing people.

Speaking to reporters after meeting former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda at his residence, the leader said India's diversity should be protected.



National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah meets former PM and JD(S) president HD Deve Gowda in Bengaluru, Karnataka on Wednesday.

"My message to everyone is India is unity in diversity. Let us protect the diversity. It will protect the unity of the country," Abdullah said responding to a

query on the need to have a third front.

When asked whether it was necessary for the regional parties

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A tourist enjoying a motorboat ride on the waters of Dal lake in Srinagar.

— Excelsior/Shakeel

Reddy, Dr Jitendra, Sinha, Subba to join physically

Shah to address Balaji Mandir's inauguration in Jammu virtually from New Delhi today

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, June 7: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will tomorrow address the opening ceremony of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam's new Balaji Mandir at Majen Sidhra on the outskirts of Jammu City virtually from New Delhi while Union Minister for Tourism GK Reddy, Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy will be present physically.

"Shah will join the inaugural ceremony of Balaji Mandir, which has been built at Majen at the cost of about Rs 30 crore,

through video conferencing from New Delhi tomorrow morning. He will also address the gathering," official sources told the Excelsior.

Centre lists lot of development works in J&K

He is expected to visit Jammu and Kashmir by the end of this month but the visit is yet to be confirmed officially. The date will be announced only when the visit is confirmed by the Home Minister.

Shah is expected to touch issues pertaining to Jammu and

Kashmir during his address. Union Minister for Tourism GK Reddy will reach here from Gujarat while Union Minister of State in PMO Dr Jitendra Singh will arrive from Uttar Pradesh. TTD Chairman YV Subba Reddy is expected to be here tonight. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha reached here this evening from Srinagar.

All of them will be physically present at the inaugural ceremony of Balaji temple.

The TTD, as per the sources, also has a proposal for construction of a University.

Construction of Balaji Mandir in Jammu is expected to give boost to religious tourism. The Government expects that a large number of

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National Livestock Mission

Objectives of the scheme

- The focus of the scheme is on entrepreneurship development and breed improvement in poultry, sheep, goat and piggery
- This sub-mission on Feed and Fodder development aims at strengthening of fodder seed chain to improve availability of certified fodder seed required for fodder production and encouraging entrepreneurs for establishment of fodder Block/Hey Bailing/Silage Making Units through incentivisation/subsidisation

Benefits to farmers

- The interested individuals/ Eligible Entities can establish sheep and goat breeding unit with minimum 500 females and 25 males with a benefit of 50% capital subsidy up to Rs. 50 lakh in two instalments
- Interested individuals/entities can avail Rs. 10 lakh subsidy for setting up a farm of 105 sheep/goats (100 ewes+5 rams)
- The Entrepreneurs / Eligible Entities can establish Parent Farm, Rural Hatchery, brooder cum mother unit for Production of Hatching Eggs, and Chicks and rearing of the said chick upto four week in the mother unit. One Time 50% capital subsidy of the total project cost will be provided with maximum subsidy up to Rs. 25 lakh for each unit
- Eligible beneficiaries can also avail subsidised insurance for their livestock (buffallos/cow/sheep/goat) to mitigate eventual loss of their animals due to death

How to apply for NLM?

- Go to udyamimitra.in or contact the nearest Sheep Husbandry or Animal Husbandry office

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