



Boy killed in landslide

A seven-year-old boy was killed after being hit by a landslide in Kashmir's Kupwara district today.

The dead was identified as Rehan Ahmad Dar.

Officials said he was hit by a landslide that occurred near his school in Mawer area of Handwara in Kupwara district. He was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

Education Minister Sakina Itoo condoled the

Saxena approves Ladakh Sports Policy



Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved a landmark New Ladakh Sports Policy aimed at providing assured financial support in terms of cash incentives and monthly scholarships, recognition and constant

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Gross GST mop-up grows 15.4 pc to Rs 2.11L cr

Gross GST collections grew 15.4 per cent to over Rs 2.11 lakh crore in July on higher mop-up from sales and imports, reflecting sustained domestic consumption.

Gross GST collections were Rs 1.83 lakh crore in July 2025 and Rs 1.95 lakh crore last month.

Tax collection from domestic transactions grew 10.1 per cent to over Rs 1.44 lakh crore, while gross revenues from imports were up 29 per cent to Rs 66,511 crore.

Deloitte India Partner M S Mani said the GST collection reflects contin

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Air Marshal Tejpal takes charge as Dy Chief of Air Staff



NEW DELHI, AUG 01: Air Marshal Tejpal Singh, a fighter pilot with over 3,500 hours of flying experience, on Saturday took charge as the new Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.

The air officer succeeds Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti, who superan

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Industrial Biotech Park to drive biotechnology revolution: Jitendra



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Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that Jammu and Kashmir was rapidly emerging as a major biotechnology and innova

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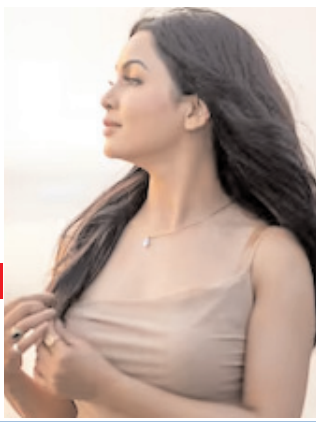
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Kulgam terror attack Death toll rises to 2; LG chairs security review meeting

Omar announces Rs 10 lakh ex-gratia, Chhattisgarh CM Rs 20 lakh



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With the death toll in Kulgam terror attack rising to two, LG Manoj Sinha today chaired a high-level security review meeting, directing the authorities concerned to comprehensively examine the Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) established to protect labourers from outside Jammu & Kashmir.

Condemning the incident, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced an ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh each to the next of kin of the two terror victims. As the slain labourers - Deepak Ratray and Bhupinder hailed from his state, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai announced an ex-gratia of Rs 20 lakh each for their families.

While Deepak was killed on the spot in the terror attack, seriously injured Bhupinder was admitted to a hospital, where he suc-

cumbed to his wounds this morning. This took the death toll to two.

The attack followed closely on the heels of another incident less than 10 days ago, in which terrorists had shot dead a police cop in Anantnag town.

Before this, two labourers were killed here in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir in 2024.

On February 7, 2024, two non-local workers from Punjab, Amritpal Singh and Rohit Masih, were shot dead by a terrorist in the Shaheed

Gunj area of Srinagar.

In the aftermath of the killings, LG Sinha chaired a high-level security review meeting, which, among others, was attended by chief secretary Atal Dulloo, DGP Nalin Prabhat, principal secretary (home department) Chandraker Bharti, special DG coordination (PHQ) S J M Gillani, ADGP (CID) Nitish Kumar, GAD secretary M Raju, IGPs, divisional commissioners, SSPs and deputy commissioners.

The LG directed all the DCs and SSPs to conduct a comprehensive review of the SoPs established to protect labourers from outside Jammu & Kashmir. He also directed that the employers must ensure all workers from other states and UTs of the country were provided insurance and that their details were registered with local police and district authorities.

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Bill to tweak anti-paper leak law gets Prez's assent



NEW DELHI, AUG 01: A Bill that proposes to set up fast-track courts in every state for speedy trials of accused and enhance punishment in public examination question paper leak cases has received the assent of the President.

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18 police officers transferred, posted

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The district police headquarters today ordered the transfers and postings of 18 Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors (SIs), Probationary Sub-Inspectors (PSIs), and Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs), with immediate effect.

As per an order, Inspector Jai Paul Sharma was transferred from Police Station, Gandhi Nagar, and posted as SHO of Police Station, Bahu Fort, while Inspector Raghuraj Singh is shifted from DPL,

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Farooq seeks probe into killing of labourers



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NC president Farooq Abdullah today called for an investigation into the killing of two migrant labourers from Chhattisgarh in a terror attack in Kulgam district a day before, and asked why such

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Sinha hands over appointment letters to next of kin of martyred cops



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LG Manoj Sinha today handed over appointment letters to the next of kin of a police head constable and a police Inspector, who were martyred in terror attacks, in a function held at Lok Bhawan in Srinagar.

Head Constable Ashiq Hussain Qureshi was martyred in a terror attack on July 22 at Anantnag while he was on Amarnath Yatra duty.

The LG handed over the appointment letter to Hussain's son Absar Ashiq Qureshi. The family members of the martyr were also present.

He also paid tributes to the brave heart and assured the family of all possible support.

Earlier last week, the LG had visited the family members of the martyred Head Constable at Lalpora in Beerwah area of Budgam.

According to officials, some bike-borne terrorists

had opened fire at Ashiq Hussain Qureshi of the 3rd battalion of IRP. He later succumbed to the bullet injuries he sustained in the attack.

This was said to be the first terrorist attack in the valley since the April 22 Pahalgalam attack last year.

Security forces had launched a massive cordon and search operation in Anantnag town to hunt down the escaped terrorists but they were yet to be found out.

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Banks disburse Rs 84,384 cr credit J&K Bank contributes 63.41 pc of total priority sector lending

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While the banking sector in Jammu & Kashmir disbursed a credit of Rs 84,384 cr to 19.37 lakh beneficiaries in 2025-26, the J&K Bank contributed 63.41 pc of the total priority sector lending.

This information was shared with chief secretary Atal Dulloo in the 19th meeting of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory Level Bankers' Committee



(UTLBC) held at SKICC in Srinagar.

The meeting reviewed the performance of banks and government departments in credit deployment

and implementation of banking initiatives for the financial year ending March 31, 2026.

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Shri Amarnathji Yatra Pilgrimage resumes after remaining suspended due to rains

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The annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra resumed today from the Baltal route after remaining suspended for a day due to inclement weather and necessary track repairs.

"The yatra has resumed from the Baltal route, and pilgrims were allowed to proceed towards the holy cave shrine in the morning," officials said.

Officials said the yatra

resumed following improvement in the weather conditions and the completion of repairs along the track.

On Friday, the yatra was suspended due to poor weather conditions caused by incessant rains, resulting in minor damage to the track, officials said.

The yatra, however, remained suspended from the Pahalgalam route where the essential repair works were still continuing, the officials added.

So far, approximately

450,000 pilgrims were said to have visited the holy cave shrine of Almighty Shiva in South Kashmir Himalayas. People from across the country and abroad visit the shrine to have darshans of the naturally formed ice-Shivalingam.

The 57-day pilgrimage to the cave shrine was officially flagged off by LG Manoj Sinha on July 2 morning from Bhagwati Nagar base camp here simultaneously for the tradi

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Cloudburst triggers flash floods, landslides at Minamarg Bakerwal families rescued

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A cloudburst struck the Mina-2 area of Minamarg in Drass last evening, triggering flash floods and landslides that affected several temporary shelters of Bakerwal families and disrupted traffic on the Drass-Srinagar National Highway.

The sudden flash floods and landslides impacted four temporary shelters (de-ras) of Bakerwal families located opposite Minamarg

Police Post.

Around 20 persons were affected by the incident. Prompt action by police personnel averted any loss of life as all the affected families were safely evacuated to the Minamarg police post building and the nearby building of Sheep Husbandry Department, officials said.

During the incident, a Wagon-R car was swept away by the flash floods. However, officials said all occupants of the vehicle escaped safely and no casual-

ties or injuries were reported.

The flash floods also led to the temporary suspension of traffic on the Drass-Srinagar National Highway at the affected stretch. Police personnel, assisted by road clearance machinery, were engaged in removing debris and restoring traffic at the earliest, officials said.

Meanwhile, the Drass police appealed to commuters, tourists and local residents to avoid crossing overflowing streams, water channels

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