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The Glorious Gulmohar in Bloom



Sham Choudhary for speeding up dredging works in Jhelum



Heated exchanges between Jaitley and Jethmalani in HC



Delhi Wrestler Kapil lifts Bhamag Kesari dangal

"Let come what comes. Let go what goes. See what remains."

WEATHER JAMMU

TEMPERATURE
MAX : 36.6 °C
MIN : 22.3 °C

SUNSET : 7:25 pm Today
SUNRISE : 5:31 am Tomorrow

In BRIEF

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14th GST Council Meeting to be held today

SRINAGAR: The 14th meeting of the GST Council to be chaired by the Union Finance Minister, Mr Arun Jaitley is set to begin here tomorrow with Finance Ministers, Finance Secretaries and other taxation officials from all the states and union territories attending the crucial meet on new tax regime.

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Shailendra to investigate SKICC incident

SRINAGAR: The Government today appointed Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce Department, Shailendra Kumar, as inquiry officer to enquire into circumstances which led to commotion and unruly situation during a function organized by State Rural Livelihood mission at SKICC on May 16.

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Jammu Tawi Railway Station ranked 3rd

NEW DELHI: The Visakhapatnam railway station is the cleanest, followed by Secunderabad, among the 75 most busy stations in the country.

As per a survey, the report of which was released by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu here today, the Jammu railway station occupied the third

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Munir takes over as IGP Kashmir Zone

SRINAGAR: Munir Ahmad Khan, IPS (JK-1994) took over as Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone on Wednesday.

In a brief ceremony at ZPHQ Srinagar, Munir Ahmad Khan took over the charge as Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone from Syed Javaid

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Pak violates ceasefire in Balakote

JAMMU, MAY 17: Pakistan Rangers violated the ceasefire again today by firing on forward posts along the LoC in Balakote sector of Jammu of Kashmir.

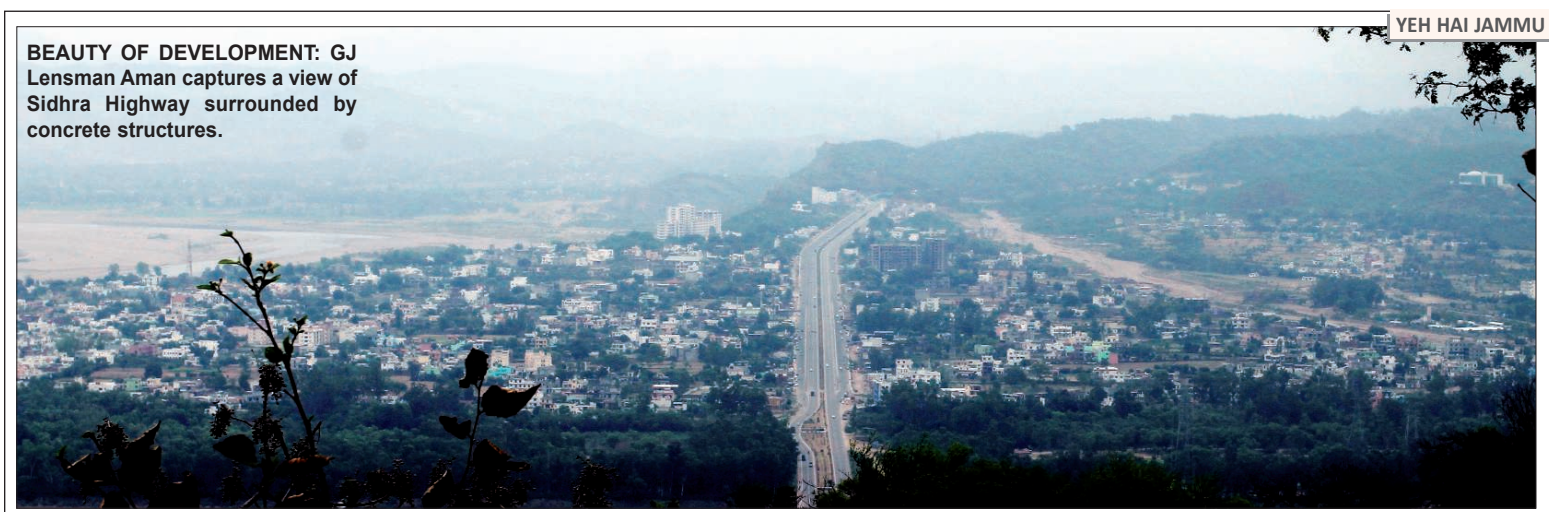
"Pakistan army resorted to firing on forward posts along the LoC in Balakote sector from 0050 hours today," a defence spokesman said.

1700 shifted to safer areas

Pakistan troops also fired on forward posts and civilian areas last night along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district. The firing continued till 0130 hours, the spokesman said.

He said the Pakistan army initiated indiscriminate firing of small arms, automatic weapons and 82 mm and 120 mm mortars from 1830 hours last night along

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BEAUTY OF DEVELOPMENT: GJ Lensman Aman captures a view of Sidhra Highway surrounded by concrete structures.

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Jaitley in Kashmir, reviews security situation

SRINAGAR, MAY 17: Defence Minister Arun Jaitley today reviewed at a high level meeting the security situation in Kashmir where militant attacks and incidents of stone-pelting are on the rise.

Jaitley, who also holds the finance portfolio, arrived here this evening and soon after chaired the security review meeting which was also attended by newly-appointed Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra and Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat, Army officials said.

The Defence Minister was briefed on the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir and steps being taken to restore normalcy in

Security Forces carry out major search Op for 2nd time in two weeks

SRINAGAR: In less than two weeks, security forces today conducted the second major cordon-and-search operation in Kashmir's Shopian district but called it off after hours as no militant could be found but not before stone-pelting mobs hampered it.

The search operation, in which a large number of security forces were involved, was launched in

Heff village in the Zainapora area following information about presence of militants there, an Army official said.

The operation, which started in the early hours, was hampered by local residents who pelted the forces with stones, a police official said.

The official said additional security force

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College students clash with police in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, MAY 17: Stone-pelting students of a college in old Srinagar today clashed with the security forces after they were stopped from taking out a march to press for release of those arrested during earlier such protests.

The students of Gandhi College boycotted their classes and came out on the main road at Babademb in downtown city around noon and tried to take out a

march, officials said.

They were chanting slogans in support of the demand for release of those arrested during such protests earlier, the officials said.

When they were prevented from marching further, the students pelted stones at the police.

Police fired dozens of teargas shells and used batons to chase the students, including girls.

There was no immediate report of any casualty in the clashes which were continuing when last reports were received, they said.

The officials said a large group of students also staged a demonstration at Hajin chowk in Bandipora district of north Kashmir.

The protest ended peacefully, they said.

Kashmir has been witnessing random protests by students

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Govt's internet ban goes for a toss as netizens turn to VPN

SRINAGAR, MAY 17: The month-long ban imposed by the Jammu and Kashmir government on social media applications and internet sites to curb the unrest in the valley has come a cropper with almost everyone accessing these platforms using Virtual Private Networks.

The state's Home department, through an order issued on April 26, had banned 22 social media applications and sites including Facebook, Whatsapp and Twitter in a vain bid to curb the street protests in Kashmir.

"In the interest of maintenance of public

order, the government hereby directs all internet service providers that any message or class of messages to or from a person or a class of persons relating to any subject or any pictorial content through the following social networking sites shall not be transmitted in Kashmir Valley with immediate effect for a period of one month or till further orders, whichever is earlier," Principal Secretary, Home Department R K Goyal had said.

The inaccessible sites included Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp, Wechat, QQ, Qzone, Google Plus,

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Over 600 Anganwadi Centres found shut, 1400 officials absent in Rajouri

GJ REPORT JAMMU, MAY 17: More than 600 Anganwadi Centres were found closed and around 1400 officials were found absent during surprise checking conducted by the Administration in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The administration carried out a surprise check of Anganwadi Centres across the district except the areas affected by cross-LoC firing in Nowshera division.

The inspection was carried out by SDMs Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and Patwari and started at 1030 hours today however the officials were stationed at respective areas without prior information about inspection. More than 600 Anganwadi centres (AWCs) in district were found closed while thousands of children enrolled in these centres were absent, said official spokesman.

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Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti flanked by her Deputy Dr Nirmal Singh and Cabinet Minister Altaf Bukhari inaugurating semi-mechanized car parking facility in Srinagar on Wednesday.

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Mehbooba inaugurates semi-mechanized car parking facility

GJ REPORT SRINAGAR, MAY 17: Coming as a relief to the commuters and vehicle owners moving through the busy Lal Chowk area of Srinagar city, Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti inaugurated a semi mechanized car parking facility at the old KMD stand on the M A Road here today.

The car parking facility would be first of its kind in the State, given the technology used in the project.

Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Nirmal Singh; Minister for Education, Syed Altaf Bukhari; Minister of State for Housing & Urban

Vehicles parked, retrieved within 2 mins, automatically

Development, Asiea Naqash; legislators, Nour Muhammad Sheikh, Anjum Fazili and Khursheed Alam

were present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister pressed the button and levers went up automatically, signaling the formal inauguration of the facility. She went round various parking levels and witnessed the parking and retrieval process of the vehicles.

CEO, ERA, Vinod Sharma briefed the Chief Minister about the features of the

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Bollywood film 'Sargoshiyan' premiered in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, MAY 17: 'Sargoshiyan'- feature film with a plot revolving around Kashmir - got premiered here at the banks of the famous Dal Lake in Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Complex (SKICC).

The film has been entirely

shot in Kashmir.

Member Parliament and Patron National Conference Dr Farooq Abdullah, J&K



J&K Bank CEO Parvez Ahmed flanked by star cast of Sargoshiyan during a premier in Srinagar.

Minister for Education Altaf Bukhari, J&K Minister of State for Health & Social Welfare, Asiya Naqash, J&K Bank Chairman & CEO Parvez Ahmad, Greater Kashmir Editor - In - Chief Fayaz Kaloo and top management

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Srinagar-Qazigund stretch of highway to be completed by Sep 2017

ANANTNAG, MAY 17: Minister for Public Works Naeem Akhtar today said that the prestigious Srinagar-Qazigund four lane highway will be thrown open for traffic by the September of this year and it will usher in a new era of prosperity and development.

The Minister was speaking to people while inspecting the work on the project. The Minister was accompanied by Chief Engineer R&B, Regional Director NHA1, representatives of Ramky and other officials. The Minister was

informed that the project earlier expected to be completed in 2016 was delayed due to the deteriorating law and order situation.

He said that despite the challenges the work on the project is going on full swing as the company has been able to convince labourers for continuing the work and the entire stretch from Qazigund to Srinagar will be thrown open for traffic by September 2017.

The officials informed the Minister that only 3kms of road stretch from Gallandar to Panthachowk has to

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Cabinet gives nod to maternity benefit programme

NEW DELHI, MAY 17: The cabinet today gave its nod to the maternity benefit programme providing Rs 6,000 each to lactating mothers, but restricted the scheme to firstborns only.

"A pregnant or lactating woman having her first child will get up to ₹6,000. Out of this, ₹5,000 will be given by the women and child development ministry in three instalments," said Power Minister Piyush Goyal at a cabinet briefing today.

While Goyal maintained that the scheme was for the women

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