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## Eight FSL Scientific Officers promoted

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government on Wednesday placed Incharge Scientific Officers as Incharge Deputy Directors, Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K.  
"Sanction is hereby accorded to the placement of the eight Incharge Scientific Officers of FSL Department as Incharge Deputy Directors, FSL in their own pay and grade, for a period of six months or till the posts are filled up on regular basis on the recommendations  
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## Govt serves final notice to candidates for post of Patwari under SRO 202

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government served final notice to the selected candidates under SRO 202 of 2015 for the post of Patwari of District Cadre to report to the office of Financial Commissioner Revenue within a period of 21 days.  
"Revenue Department vide letter No. Rev/NG/25/2019, Rev/NG/30/2019, dated February 26, 2019, Rev/NG/20/2019 dated February 28, 2019,  
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## Cabinet clears fresh Triple Talaq Bill

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Cabinet on Wednesday cleared a fresh bill to ban the practice of instant Triple Talaq, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said.  
The bill will be introduced in the Budget session of Parliament which begins on Monday to replace an ordinance issued in February by the previous BJP-led NDA government.  
With the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha last month, the previous bill had lapsed  
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**WEATHER**  
Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 43.6°C Min: 38.5°C  
Humidity  
Max: 31 Min: 21  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 21.8°C Min: 19.6°C  
Humidity  
Max: 68 Min: 62  
Sunset : 19:39 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:24 Hours

## President's Rule in J&K extended for 6 more months beginning July 3

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved extension of President's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir for six more months beginning July 3, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said.  
A meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, decided that central rule, which has been continuing in Jammu and Kashmir since June 20, 2018, will remain for six months.  
"Yes, it has been decided," Javadekar told reporters when asked whether the Cabinet gave its nod to extend President's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir.  
An official statement said based on the prevailing situation in the state as stated in the report of Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the extension of President's Rule in Jammu

and Kashmir for a further period of six months with effect from July 3, 2019, under Article 356(4) of the Constitution of India.  
This is likely to be the last extension of the central rule in the state as the Election Commission had issued a statement recently stating that elections in Jammu and Kashmir would be announced after the annual Amarnath Yatra beginning on July 1.  
The present term of President's Rule is expiring on July 2 and the Governor has recommended that the President Rule in the state may be extended for a further period of six months with effect from July 3, the statement said.  
A resolution seeking approval of the Parliament for the extension of the central rule in Jammu and Kashmir will be moved in both houses of Parliament during the forthcoming session.  
The Governor's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir was imposed initially on June 20, 2018 and the State Assembly was kept in suspended animation after the state plunged into a political crisis when the Mehbooba Mufti-led coalition government was reduced to minority following withdrawal of support by the 25-member BJP in the state.  
Under Section 92 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, there is no provision for further continuation of Governor's rule after six months. Hence, on the recommendation of Governor and having regard to the prevailing situation in the state, the President's rule was imposed on December 20, 2018.  
Subsequently, a resolution approving the President's Rule was passed in the Lok Sabha on December 28, 2018 and in the Rajya Sabha on January 3, 2019.  
Governor Satya pal Malik

## Five CRPF men martyred in Anantnag terror strike; 2 terrorists eliminated

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a daring broad daylight strike, two terrorists, believed to be from Jaish-e-Mohammed group, struck in a busy road in Anantnag district of South Kashmir on Wednesday martyring five CRPF personnel and injuring three others, officials said.  
The incident took place in the afternoon when motorcycle-borne terrorists fired at a CRPF patrol party at Khanabal-Pahalgham stretch, famously known as KP Road, killing one personnel on the spot and wounding five others, they said.  
A joint team of the bravo company of CRPF's 116th battalion and state police were deployed for a picket duty in the area when the attack took place.  
The patrolling party of the CRPF fought the terrorists and lost its five personnel while the injured were evacuated to 92 Base hospital, they said.



Immediately additional forces, led by Station House Officer of Saddar police station in Anantnag Arshad Ahmed, reached the encounter spot but had to face indiscriminate firing from the terrorists who also hurled grenades at them.  
In the gunfight, both the terrorists were killed, the officials said.  
SHO Ahmed was also injured in the attack and has been shifted to Srinagar for treatment, they said.  
The attacks comes less than three weeks before the commencement of the annual Amarnath yatra to the

## Balwant Thakur appointed Cultural Diplomat to South Africa

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Balwant Thakur has been appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India as the Cultural Diplomat of India to South Africa.  
Thakur will head the ICCR's Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre, Johannesburg (South Africa) as Head of the Centre/ Director for a period of three years. Considered to be the highest-ever elevation of any art-related personality of the



State, Balwant Thakur is the third Indian Theatre Director to hold this position after Girish Karnad and Mohan Maharishi, who held the similar positions in UK and Mauritius after serving in India as Chairman Sangeet Natak Akademi and Chairman Indian Theatre respectively.  
To foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries, India  
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## Normal life in J&K hit as transporters strike against GPRS on vehicles

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Normal life was hit in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday due to the state-wide strike by transporters to protest against the administration's decision on the installation of location-tracking devices in vehicles as a security measure in the terrorism-infested State.  
No commercial vehicle like private buses, mini-buses, trucks, taxis and auto-rickshaws plied on roads from Lakhampur to Kashmir to Ladakh as all transport



(L) Deserted flyover of Jammu (R) Tourists facing hardship due to transporters strike.

## Fire breaks out in Udhampur Police Lines, no casualty

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A fire broke out during unloading of cans of liquid fuel in police lines in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Wednesday which was doused soon, officials said.  
There was no casualty, they added. When the CRPF men were unloading the cans of petrol and diesel from a truck at motor transport section, the fire broke out, they said. It suddenly spread to the entire section, but the fire tenders and CRPF personnel doused the fire.  
Officials further said that  
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## Govt will protect J&K Bank: CS

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Defending the sacking of Jammu and Kashmir Bank chairman Parvez Ahmad, the State government said on Wednesday that it would protect the institution and work towards making it an internationally renowned bank.  
"I am saying this with full authority of the Governor (Satya Pal Malik) that the bank will be protected, it will be made a shining bank. It will be run by people of Jammu and Kashmir. We are interested that it becomes an internationally renowned bank. It should get branches all over the world -- London, Singapore, Dubai, etc.," Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam told reporters here.  
He was responding to questions about the sacking of Ahmad by the government last week.  
"Please wait for three months and you will see results flowing out of J-K Bank," he said.  
The Chief Secretary said the government did not act against the bank.  
"The RBI gave us a letter saying that we are extremely concerned about governance issues in JK Bank. These issues have been pending in spite of repeated requests of

## Govt terminates services of Public Prosecutors, APPs

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Government has terminated services of all Public Prosecutors (APs) and Additional Public Prosecutors (APPs) working in various courts across the State.  
"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub- (1) of section 492 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Samvat, 1989 read with sub-rule (3) of rule 21 of the Jammu and Kashmir Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2016, the Government here  
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## Govt to give reservation benefits to people living along IB in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: People living along the India-Pakistan International border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir will get the benefits of reservation in direct recruitment, promotion and admission in different professional courses, at par with those living along the Actual Line of Control (ALoC).  
The decision was taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Wednesday.  
In keeping with its pro-people initiatives and especially

## Govt to give reservation benefits to people living in areas adjoining the international border in Jammu and Kashmir

for those at the last mile of development, the Union Cabinet cleared the decks for approval of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which will be introduced in the forthcoming session of Parliament, according to an official statement.  
"The Cabinet decision is a reflection of Prime Minister Modi's vision of a pro-people government committed to Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas and Sabka Vishwas," the statement said.  
The move will go a long way in providing relief to the people living in areas adjoining the international border in Jammu and Kashmir.  
They can now avail the benefits of reservation in direct recruitment, promotion and admission in different professional courses, the statement said.  
The Bill will replace the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 through amendments in the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 and bringing the persons residing in areas adjoining the IB within the  
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## Cancelled 2 Govt deals involving Rs 300 Cr kickbacks: Guv

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a startling claim, Governor Satya Pal Malik on Wednesday said Rs 300 crore would have changed hands as kickbacks, had he not cancelled two deals between the State government and private companies after taking charge last year.  
He claimed that the prevalence of corruption was more in Kashmir than in the rest of the country as "the ruling elite was itself involved" in it.  
"As far as corruption is concerned, after I came here, I cancelled two deals in which Rs 150 crore each was agreed upon (as kickbacks). I spoke to secretaries and they admitted that such a thing had happened. Very powerful people were involved," Malik told a press conference here, without providing details of the deals.  
He claimed that some of the people involved in these cancelled deals were so powerful that they had "direct approach up to the



Governor Satya Pal Malik briefing media at Srinagar.

Prime Minister".  
On one of the deals, Malik said, "I asked the PM if I had the permission to cancel this deal or I will sign on the paper and will not continue (as Governor)."  
He said while the government will catch the small fry any time, even the big fish will not be spared.  
"We are under the scanner of the Centre and the Prime Minister. You can rest assured that a begin-

## 'Give up arms, come for talks'

SRINAGAR: Governor Satya Pal Malik on Wednesday asked terrorists to give up arms and invited them to hold talks, saying dialogue is the only way through which they can get what they want within the ambit of the Constitution.  
He said India cannot be made to bow through violence.  
"Take everything from us, we will give our life, but through love and dialogue. For that (PM) Narendra Modi is ready, we are ready. Come to the dialogue table and take it forward," Malik said at a marathon press briefing on the achievements of his administration.  
"Whatever you want can be achieved through talks and dialogue. You have your own constitution, you have a separate flag. Whatever more you want, you will get it through the democratic process and within the ambit of the Indian Constitution," he said.  
The Governor said the terrorism may not realise it now, but 10 years down the line they will regret that they chose the wrong path.  
"You cannot make India to bow through violence," he said.  
Malik said the problem of terrorism exists in Kashmir not only due to unemployment among youth, but also because  
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he had to seek a bank loan to pay for a flat.  
"I was taking care of studies of an orphan. When my wife was suffering from cancer, she told me to give her a flat. I had to take a bank loan to pay Rs 50 lakh that was to be paid in white even though I have been an MLA, MP and minister four times. So I have no fear...I will deal with it (corruption) very strictly," he added.  
The Governor said while there were many clean and honest secretaries in the government, he would request those indulging in minor corruption to stop it.  
"Corruption is there and corruption is more in Kashmir than in rest of the country. The reason for it is that the ruling elite was itself involved in it. Now that is not going to happen."  
"A politician once told me that you are maligning (them). I told him I am not maligning anyone. Everywhere in the country they  
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