



Anti-national ecosystem in ICU, people must cut off its oxygen: LG Sinha

» Day not far when J&K will be terrorism-free » Infamous places now host Tiranga rallies » Kashmir against terrorists after Pahalgam attack a big change

Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Sept 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that the ecosystem of subversive and anti-national elements in Jammu and Kashmir is in the "ICU" (Intensive Care Unit) and urged people to ensure that these elements do not get any oxygen from any side.

Addressing an event here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "During the past five to six years, Jammu and Kashmir has taken a significant flight towards development and prosperity, but there are still some individuals who are unable to digest this progress."

He said, "Certain elements are still trying to instigate civilians. These need to be exposed and dealt with firmly. One dirty fish spoils the entire pond. Even a



Pic by Jahangir Shah (KNO/KT)

single subversive element is enough to disturb peace. People should come forward and inform security forces about such elements so that law can take its own course."

Calling upon influential people not to mislead the public, LG Sinha urged them to contribute

towards making Jammu and Kashmir a part of Viksit Bharat. "India is the fastest growing economy in the world. During the past five to six years, J&K's economy has doubled. We need to maintain this pace and carry it forward," he said, adding that unprecedented progress has

been achieved across the Union Territory in recent years.

Taking a dig at Pakistan, the LG said, "Unfortunately, we have a neighbour who, through terrorism and a few subversive elements, is hell-bent upon disturbing peace. But things have changed—the places that were once discussed for all the wrong reasons are now hosting Tiranga rallies. "Today the tricolour flies high in Pulwama and Lal Chowk. After the Pahalgam terror attack, Kashmir stood up against terrorists and sent out a clear message. This is no ordinary change, it's a big change."

LG Sinha reiterated that security forces are committed to protecting innocent civilians while dealing strictly with the guilty. "The day is not far when J&K will be terrorism-free. We have to provide a terror-free J&K to future generations," he said.

The LG also | [More on P6](#)

J&K Assembly's autumn session to begin Oct 23

LG summons House; session to have 5-6 sittings

Each MLA can submit 10 questions, 2 resolutions, 1 bill

KNO Special Correspondent

Srinagar, Sept 27: The autumn session of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly will commence on October 23, with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha summoning the House to convene on that day.

According to the summons issued by the Legislative Assembly Secretariat, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has summoned the



Assembly to meet in Srinagar on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

The LG has exercised his authority under Section 18(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, to summon the Assembly.

A tentative calendar for the autumn session will be issued on Monday or Tuesday, following consultations between Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather and Chief Minister

Omar Abdullah regarding its framing.

Sources told KNO that the session is expected to include five to six sittings. "There will be no business conducted in the House on October 24, as MLAs will vote to elect Rajya Sabha members," the sources added.

The Cabinet had initially resolved to recommend that the Lieutenant Governor summon the | [More on P6](#)

Leh unrest unprecedented: DGP Ladakh

Blames external elements, activist Wangchuk for violence

Sajid Raina

Leh, Sept 27: Director General of Police (DGP) Ladakh, Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal on Saturday said the recent unrest in Leh was unprecedented and could have devastated the town if security forces hadn't opened fire. He blamed certain groups with ulterior motives and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk for the violence.

September 24 violence in Leh left four dead and around 70-80 civilians and security personnel injured, seven critically, with one girl airlifted to Delhi.

Addressing a press conference here, Jamwal, as per the

news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the unrest in Leh on September 24 involved a crowd estimated at 5,000 to 6,000 people. He said the group damaged government buildings and party offices, threw stones, and assaulted security personnel.

The violence resulted in four deaths and injuries to both paramilitary forces and civilians, he added.

The DGP placed the incident in the context of ongoing demands for Sixth Schedule status and statehood since Ladakh became a Union Territory. He said the Apex Body Leh (ABL) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) have been engaged with the central government through committees and sub-committees over a prolonged period.

"Discussions were scheduled in Delhi | [More on P6](#)

Terrorism in J&K on last legs, only one local joined terror outfit this year: LG

'Narratives cause big damage, statements resembling TRF dangerous'

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Sept 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is "on its last legs," pointing out that only one local youth has joined a terror outfit so far this year.

Addressing a gathering of Pahari Tribal Community here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "J&K has suffered from terrorism for a long time. Security forces, the Army, police, and administration are doing their work, but as citizens of J&K, it is our responsibility to ensure that we don't indulge in any activity that leads to disruptions."

LG Sinha reaffirmed that the situation on the ground has changed drastically and the



days of large-scale violence are behind J&K. "The record-low recruitment into terrorist ranks reflects the faith of the youth in peace and progress," he added.

He noted that stone pelting, once a major concern in the Valley, has "become history." Stressing Pakistan's continued

interference, he remarked, "We have such a neighbour who gets a stomach-ache every now and then. Instead of focusing on its own problems, Pakistan keeps meddling in our affairs," he said, adding, "When Pakistan was formed, it attacked J&K and has lost four conventional | [More on P6](#)

Ladakh constitutes advisory board for detention laws including NSA

KNO Special Correspondent

A day after detention of environmentalist and educationist, Sonam Wangchuk under the National Security Act (NSA), the administration of Union Territory Ladakh has constituted an advisory board for all detention laws including the NSA. As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the administration of | [More on P6](#)

Army Commander discusses Leh situation with LG Ladakh

Yogesh

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) of the Indian Army's Northern Command, Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma Saturday called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, and discussed the prevailing situation in Leh. As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the meeting focused on the overall security scenario, | [More on P6](#)

CBK searches 5 locations in Sgr, Budgam

KNO

Srinagar, Sept 27: The Special Crime Wing, Srinagar of Crime Branch Kashmir is carrying out house searches at five different locations in Srinagar and Budgam.

The searches are underway in connection with the investigation of a case registered at Police Station Special Crime Wing, Srinagar (Crime Branch Kashmir) pertaining to commission of cheating, a spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

"The case had been registered in pursuance of a complaint in which it had been alleged that the | [More on P6](#)

BSF closely monitors LoC with advanced tools, stops infiltration attempts: IG Yadav

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Sept 27: Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF) Kashmir Frontier, Ashok Yadav, on Saturday said security forces along the Line of Control (LoC) are maintaining a high level of readiness to prevent any infiltration attempts by terrorists.

Speaking at the BSF headquarters in Humhama here during the unveiling of a T-shirt for the upcoming Wular Half Marathon 2.0 on October 12, 2025, Yadav, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the BSF has made its highest efforts to



secure the border areas.

"The BSF is working closely with the Indian Army to monitor the LoC effectively and has successfully stopped two infiltration attempts so far this year," he said, adding that

the use of advanced surveillance tools and equipment has strengthened the security presence along the border.

According to Yadav, infiltration attempts tend to rise in the period leading up to winter when harsh weather conditions make crossing more difficult.

He said terrorists try to cross the border before snowfall blocks the mountain passes, which usually happens by November. "With two months remaining before winter fully sets in, security agencies are anticipating possible attempts and have prepared accordingly," he added. | [More on P6](#)

Court stays eviction of Royal Park Hotel after GDA takeover

Waris Fayaz

Srinagar, Sept 27: A day after the Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA) formally took over possession of the Royal Park Hotel following the expiry of its lease agreement, a local court in Baramulla, restrained the authority from evicting the current operator until further orders.

On Friday, officials of the GDA confirmed to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the government-owned property had been reclaimed after the expiry of its lease period.

The hotel, leased out nearly two decades | [More on P6](#)

LG felicitates security, civil officials for 'exceptional' service during natural catastrophe

'Award recognises their selfless act, conspicuous courage'

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Sept 27: "For Viksit Bharat and rapid growth we must maintain ecological integrity and economic integrity," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday.

Securing the biodiversity should become the national mission and all sections of society must work together for protection, restoration and regeneration of natural resources. He was speaking at the award ceremony, 'Pride of J&K', Organised by



Network 18 Group at Srinagar. The award honoured stalwarts and champions of Jammu

Kashmir who shaped the region's development and always stood as pillars of hope in times

of disaster.

The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the Army, NDRF, SDRF, J&K

Police personnel, NGOs and Civil Administration officials for their exceptional and selfless service during the recent natural catastrophe in J&K UT.

These heroes offered hope and aid in the face of destruction and Network 18's 'Pride of J&K' Award recognised their selfless act in rescue and relief and their conspicuous courage under extremely dangerous circumstances, the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the Network 18's initiative will motivate citizens to actively engage in community development.

The Lieutenant Governor said the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, | [More on P6](#)

Sinha thanks PM, Union Min for 5,061 houses in J&K

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Sept 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan for sanctioning the construction of 5,061 houses which were

damaged due to the recent natural calamities across rural areas of J&K.

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "Grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri @Narendramodi Ji & Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development, Shri @ChouhanShivraj Ji for sanctioning the construction of 5,061 houses which were damaged due to the | [More on P6](#)

CS for quality education, improved service delivery in key sectors

Reviews developmental scenario in Anantnag

KT NEWS DESK

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 27: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo visited Anantnag Saturday and chaired a comprehensive meeting with the concerned officers at Dak Bangalow Khanabal to review the overall developmental scenario of the district along with the implementation of various government schemes and welfare initiatives.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, SF Hamid, Principal, GMC Anantnag; ADCs; DPO; GM, DIC; ACR; ACD; SDMs, and other district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner presented an overview of the overall developmental landscape and welfare schemes besides the progress on deliverables and key initiatives like Mission Yuva, NMBA, TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, HADP, PMSGMBY, and JK Samadhan, among others, of the district. He briefed the chair about the status of beneficiary schemes in different departments, along with the progress of ongoing infrastructural projects in Health, Education, RDD, R&B, PHE, Power, and other key sectors.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary instructed the officers to ensure effective implementation and



saturation of various Central and UT-sponsored schemes, especially in Health, Education, Social Welfare, Horticulture, and Agriculture, adding that their time-bound execution is vital for extending essential benefits to the people. He noted that schemes and programmes such as PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna, PM Vishwakarma, Mission Yuva, and HADP are beneficial, and that the concerned departments should strive to extend their benefits to the citizens.

While reviewing the health and education sectors, the Chief Secretary remarked that appreciable progress has been made in building infrastructure; however, the quality

of education and health care must be prioritised to achieve further improvement in these key sectors.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned officers to ensure effective implementation of self-employment schemes, adding that banks should ease the credit lending process in order to generate meaningful livelihoods for youth.

Recognising the potential of the district in agriculture and allied sectors, the Chief Secretary stressed that the concerned departments shall ensure enhanced productivity and the establishment of profitable and sustainable units across the district to generate sustainable livelihood for the youth here.

Div Com Kashmir reviews flood mitigation plan



KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 27: Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg Saturday convened a meeting of officers to review flood mitigation plan and river management.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner SMC, Fazlul Haseeb; VC LCMA, Chief Engineer I&FC besides other officers of ERA, JTFRP, SDA, UEED & other concerned departments.

At the outset, I&FC officers gave a detailed presentation regarding Topography & Flood issues in Kashmir, Highest Yearly Gauge Recording at Sangam (1955 TO

2025), September 2014 Flood & Rainfall Analysis, Flood Management Plan of Jhelum Basin, Prioritization for Execution of Comprehensive Flood Management Plan Works after September 2014 Floods, CWC Recommendations on the CWPRS and EPTISA Model Findings.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on the diversion channel from Jhelum near Sangam to Wular Lake, raising flood walls at selected locations in Srinagar, re-sectioning of Flood Spill Channel, choked portion of Jhelum in Srinagar, Sediment Control basin(s) on identified Jhelum tributaries, Flood zoning and land use regulations besides erosion and sediment control measures on land.

DLSA Sgr observes 'World Tourism Day'

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 27: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, organized a comprehensive legal awareness programme to sensitize students on critical legal and social issues, with a particular focus on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, menace of drug abuse, and the observance of World Tourism Day, at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Telbal, Srinagar.

The programme was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and conducted under the supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/ Secretary, DLSA Srinagar.

The event brought together students, teachers, and resource persons for an engaging and informative session.

Addressing the gathering, Panel Lawyer, DLSA Srinagar, delivered an insightful lecture highlighting the importance of World Tourism Day and the growing threat posed by drug abuse in society. She underscored the need for youth to become ambassadors of responsible tourism while also remaining vigilant against substance abuse, which severely impacts communities and future generations.

In continuation, Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Srinagar, spoke on the provisions and significance of the POCSO Act. She explained how the Act serves as a robust legal framework to safeguard children from sexual offences and emphasized the responsibility of society at large to ensure the protection and well-being of minors.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, where students actively participated and expressed their views.

Seva Parv-2025

DC Sgr hands-over sanction letters to beneficiaries

Urges youth to avail benefits from Mission YUVA, other schemes

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 27: As part of the ongoing Seva Parv-2025 celebrations, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo Saturday presided over mega awareness cum public grievance redressal camp at Harwan, aimed at bringing governance to the grassroots and empowering citizens through on-the-spot redressal and awareness.

The mega awareness cum grievance redressal camp was attended by a large number of people from Harwan, Dara, Fakir Gujri, Darbagh, Mulfaq, Khimber, Syedpora, Shalimar and other adjoining areas.

Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Assistant Commissioner Development, Tehsildar North, BDO Harwan, BMO Hazratbal, and officers from Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Development, J&K Bank and other Sectoral/ Zonal officers of the district were also present on the occasion.

During the camp, DDC



members, public delegations and scores of individuals projected various issues and demands before the DC along with other local development concerns.

After giving patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the public, DC assured the people of Harwan block that all genuine demands and issues projected by them will be addressed on priority.

DC added that issues relating to the provision of a degree college, hospital, horticulture mandi, and jurisdictional matters will be taken up with higher authorities. He also issued directions to concerned

officers of line departments for timely resolution of public issues.

Addressing the gathering, DC urged the local youth to avail benefits from government schemes in Agriculture, Horticulture, and other self-employment initiatives under Mission YUVA and HADP to secure dignified livelihoods for themselves and their families.

During the camp, DC handed-over sanction letters under different schemes to the beneficiaries for the establishment of income-generating units, thereby promoting self-employment and financial independence among the local

population. Earlier, DC inspected various stalls set up by departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Industries, Animal Husbandry, Health, Social Welfare, Employment, and Banks as part of Seva Parv-2025, aimed to showcase Government flagship schemes and enable on-the-spot beneficiary registrations.

DC also encouraged the participating students of a painting competition organized by School Education Department and felicitated the participants of a Cycling event held under Swachhta Hi Seva Hai, part of the ongoing Seva Parv-2025 activities.

Furthermore, DC led the participants in reciting the Swachhta Pledge, aligning with the broader objectives of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the spirit of the Seva Parv, which promotes volunteerism and community engagement. He emphasized the importance of individual accountability in maintaining cleanliness and conserving the environment.

DLSA B'gam organizes awareness prog

KT NEWS DESK

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 27: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam organized an awareness programme on the occasion of 'World Tourism Day' at Khag.

The event was held under the supervision of O.P. Bhagat, Chairman, DLSA, Budgam, and the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary, DLSA Budgam. The primary objective of the programme was to raise global awareness about the social, cultural, political, and economic significance of tourism, and its vital role in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The day also sought to foster intercultural understanding, promote responsible and sustainable travel practices, and highlight tourism's contribution to economic growth and global prosperity.

PLVs deputized by DLSA Budgam as resource persons highlighted the legal aspects of tourism, with a special focus on tourists' rights and protections, including consumer rights, safety regulations, and mechanisms for dispute resolution.

SWD Shopian organizes mega BBBP programme

KT NEWS DESK

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 27: A grand Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme was Saturday organised by the Social Welfare department (SWD) here at Sports Stadium Batapora Shopian.

The function was presided over by Chairperson, DDC Shopian, Bilkees Jan and Member Legislative Assembly (MLA), Shopian, Shabir Ahmed Kulley.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Dr.Nasir Ahmed Lone; DDC members, Addl. SP, Dy. SP, Dy.LADC, DLSA, TSWO, Central Administrator, One Stop Centre for Women, District Mission Coordinator, BBBP,

representatives from DLSA and officers/ officials of SWD, police, students and others participated in the event.

DDC Chairperson, in her address, stressed upon community-level awareness and participation to make the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign successful on the ground.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA underlined the need for collective social reform to eradicate gender bias and ensure equal opportunities for girls in every field.

ADDC spoke on the importance of the BBBP programme, stressing on the need to empower the girl child and ensure gender equality and sensitise society towards women's rights and welfare.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF COLLEGES HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Opening of admission to Four-Year Undergraduate Programs (FYUGP) for the Academic Session 2025-2026 to 10+2 Biannual passout students.

SRINAGAR, September 26, 2025 - The Department of Higher Education, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, is pleased to announce opening of admission to Four-Year Undergraduate Programs (FYUGP) for the Academic Session 2025-2026 to 10+2 Biannual passout students across all Degree Colleges in Jammu & Kashmir from 29th September 2025.

The online interface for registration will be active on the Samarth Portal <https://jkadmissions.samarth.ac.in>. Eligible candidates interested in seeking admission should consult the Admission Counselling Centers of the colleges wherein they wish to seek admission and complete their registration and application for the programs of their choice.

Regular candidates who were unable to seek admission in previous rounds are also eligible to apply during this period.

For more details, please refer to the official notification from the Department of Higher Education available on <https://jkadmissions.samarth.ac.in>.

Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir
Director Colleges J&K

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JAMMU AND KASHMIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR/JAMMU SUMMON SRINAGAR, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

The Hon'ble Members,
Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

Dear Sir/ Madam,
It is my honour to inform that the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been pleased to issue the following order on 27th September, 2025:-

ORDER

"I, Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 18(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, do hereby summon the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly to meet at Srinagar on Thursday, the 23rd October, 2025 at 10.00 A.M."

RAJ BHAVAN
Jammu-180001/Srinagar-190001

(Manoj Sinha)
Lieutenant Governor

Accordingly, in terms of Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, all the Hon'ble Members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the Session of the Legislative Assembly on the appointed date, time and place.

Yours faithfully,

NO: LA- 4004-08 /Legn/2025 Dated: 27.09.2025

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Manoj Kumar Pandit
Secretary

JAMMU AND KASHMIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR/JAMMU BULLETIN Srinagar, 27th September-2025

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in exercise of powers conferred upon him under Section 18(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019 has summoned the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly to meet at Srinagar on 23rd of October, 2025. All the Hon'ble Members of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly are, accordingly requested to send notice(s) of:-

a) not more than five (05) Starred and five (05) Un-starred question in relaxation of Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly by or before 4th October, 2025;

b) not more than one Bill in relaxation of sub-rule (3) of Rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly by or before 4th October, 2025; and

c) not more than two Resolutions in terms of Rule 174 the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly by or before 7th October, 2025.

Manoj Kumar Pandit
Secretary

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‘Revival of over 400 heritage sites in offing’

UMAISAR GULL GANIE

Srinagar, Sep 27: Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Jammu and Kashmir Saturday said that the government is committed to the preservation and revival of the Union Territory's heritage and religious sites, stating that over 400 projects will be taken up in the upcoming third phase of restoration. Director Archaeology & Museums, K.K. Sidha said that under the government's heritage revival scheme, several prominent monuments and shrines are being restored. "The revival is not just about repairing structures but about preserving the cultural and religious sentiments associated with them," he said.

Sidha said that the foundation of three major religious projects was laid today, including the historic Martand Temple at



Mattan. "The Baba Naseeb-ud-Din Gazi shrine revival is a project of around Rs 4 crore, while the Lokbhawan shrine restoration is pegged at Rs 4.45 crore. Work at the Martand Sun Temple will also commence shortly," he said.

He said facilities like universal accessibility, ramps and washrooms for specially-abled persons are being added in line with Supreme Court guidelines. "We are also installing solar energy facilities in shrines to make them sustainable," he added. The Director underlined that after years of neglect, a systematic focus is being placed on heritage. "The third phase, which is about to be approved, includes 350 to 400 sites across J&K that will be restored and revived. This is a historic step," Sidha said.

He further said that the department has three wings—archival, archaeological and

museums—and nearly 70 per cent of archival records have been digitized.

"For the first time in the history of this department and UT, excavation will also begin at Baramulla, where an ancient Buddhist site has been identified, in collaboration with the University of Kashmir," he said. On Museums, Sidha said the long-shut SPS Museum, which had remained non-functional since 2007, is being revived under a project of Rs 19.5 crore. He added that rare manuscripts, including the oldest Girgit manuscript, are being preserved.

Highlighting the government's approach, the Director said that many sites in J&K showcase unique interfaith heritage. "You can see temples, Mosques and Gurdwaras in the same premises. Our revival plan will not only restore monuments but also strengthen ancestral harmony," he said—(KNO)

Govt ease curbs in Leh



REHAN QAYOUM MIR

Srinagar/Leh, Sep 27: Curbs imposed in Leh have been eased in phases on Saturday as the shops reopened in the markets for the limited hours, giving an indication of returning to normalcy.

While many shops remain closed and schools continue to be shut, a controlled routine has started returning as authorities ease restrictions in phases.

Days after violent protests demanding statehood and Sixth Schedule status rocked Ladakh, killing 60 and injuring over more than 60, the district is still under restrictions, but with a slight relaxation today.

Curfew remained in place and gatherings of more than five people are still banned under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), though essential movement is now being permitted. The security forces continue to maintain a close watch across the region.

Schools continued to remain closed while the vehicular movement was also thin on the roads.

Earlier, an order issued by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Leh, stated that shops selling

groceries and vegetables are now allowed to open under a fixed schedule: from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in Leh town and 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM in peripheral areas like Choglamsar, Phyang and Spituk.

The order mentions: "In view of the prevailing situation and to ensure access to essential goods and services, a meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate, Leh. After deliberation, the following decisions were taken to open only the shops of grocery items and vegetables as per the following schedule..."

The directive also states that traffic police and magistrates will monitor the movement of vehicles to ensure smooth implementation.

Meanwhile, traders from outside Ladakh who have close ties with the region also look forward to a full revival. Farooq Khan, a trader from Baramulla, said the reopening of some activity is encouraging.

"We used to bring goods here every month. The past days were tough with business completely halted. But now that transport may soon resume, we hope trade gets back on track. More than business, we just pray for everyone's safety," he said—(KNO)

Keeping BJP out of power not any favour: MP Ruhullah

RAJA SYED RATHER

Srinagar, Sep 27: Supporting Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Member of Parliament (MP) from Srinagar, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi on Saturday said that preventing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from coming to power in Jammu & Kashmir is not a favour, but a matter of upholding electoral promises.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have voted to keep the BJP out of power. This is not a favour to the region, but a commitment to your promises," Mehdi said, responding to Omar Abdullah's declaration that his government would not allow the BJP to come into power in the territory.

The MP criticised the 2019 decisions, saying the people were deceived and led to believe those moves



favoured them, but they are now realising the truth. "Rights and the status of our region were taken away. The people of Ladakh have been peacefully demanding either re-merger with J&K or a Sixth Schedule status for the last five years, but their demands have been ignored," he added.

Blaming the central government for the current situation in Ladakh, Mehdi

accused Delhi's leaders of neglecting the region's aspirations. "The biggest culprits are the leaders in New Delhi who failed to listen and respect the demands of Ladakh's people," he said.

He called for peaceful protests and urged the people of Ladakh to continue their struggle through non-violent means. "Jammu and Kashmir will stand with them in their demands," he assured.

Ruhullah reiterated that the demand for restoring statehood and special status remains alive, but the central government has shown little regard for these aspirations. "The situation in Ladakh reflects the feelings of the entire J&K population. It is vital to listen to the people's demands to prevent any serious consequences for the nation," he said—(KNO)

Policy for illegal mining in pipeline: Minister Dar

WARIS FAYAZ

Srinagar, Sep 27: Minister Javed Dar on Saturday said the government is working on a comprehensive policy to curb illegal mining in Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that only genuine stakeholders benefit from the process.

Speaking to reporters in Baramulla, Dar admitted that mining has been a long-standing issue, with a few individuals taking undue advantage for years.

He acknowledged the environmental damage caused by unregulated mining and stressed the need for an effective policy framework. "Illegal mining has threatened the environment. Police and the department have a role to play, but they cannot watch 24x7. This is why loopholes exist. A policy will soon be framed to streamline the sector and safeguard the environment while

benefiting genuine people," he said.

The Minister also welcomed the reopening of tourist destinations across Jammu and Kashmir, crediting the Chief Minister's sustained efforts for the development. "Tourism revival is a welcome step. The Chief Minister has been vocal about it and his push has had a clear impact. Whenever every destination is thrown open, it benefits people and the economy at large," he noted.

On the situation in Ladakh, Dar condemned the recent violence that claimed lives during protests. He said they stand in solidarity with the families of those who lost their lives and with those who were injured.

"Violence is condemnable, but democracy gives people the right to raise demands peacefully. We share the grief of Ladakh as we too in Kashmir have suffered similar losses. We understand that pain perhaps better than anyone else," he said—(KNO)

PETs promotion on cards: Satish Sharma

Says special packages for ReK in offing too



WARIS FAYAZ

Srinagar, Sep 27: Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Satish Sharma, on Saturday said that the government is moving forward with long-pending promotions for physical education teachers, seeking a special package for Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) employees.

He also said that the government is working to fill gaps in sports infrastructure, while stepping up measures to ensure uninterrupted winter supplies across Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at an event in Baramulla, Sharma said the long-pending promotions of Physical Education Teachers (PET) are under scrutiny and assured that "every teacher will receive what they deserve."

He further stated that the government has sought a special package for Rehbar-e-Khel employees from the Centre. "Like flood-affected areas, we are hopeful of receiving a package to address employment and wage-related challenges under the Rehbar-e-Khel," he added.

About sports development, Sharma said that the government is actively working to fill gaps in sports infrastructure in a phased

manner. "Under the directions of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the projects have been identified at multiple levels. We urge local authorities and residents to provide land where necessary, so new facilities can be established," he said.

The Minister also highlighted initiatives to promote winter sports, marathons and other youth activities, aimed at channelling young people's energy into constructive avenues and professional opportunities.

On the issue of essential commodities, Sharma said the government has stepped up measures to ensure smooth winter supply. "Winter stocking of LPG and other essentials has been prioritized. Despite natural calamities and highway blockades, agencies have been instructed to ensure uninterrupted supply throughout the Valley," he said.

The Minister also addressed public safety concerns, particularly road accidents. "Life is precious and awareness is crucial. The Government of India has announced financial assistance for those who transport injured accident victims to hospitals and we will ensure this provision is effectively implemented here," he added—(KNO)

World Rabies Day Over 8,300 animal bite cases reported at SMHS

JAHANGEER GANAIE

Srinagar, Sep 27: Over 8,346 animal bite cases, predominantly involving dogs and cats, have been reported at the Anti-Rabies Clinic (ARC) at Srinagar's Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) Hospital in the last six months.

The increasing presence of stray dogs in every corner of the city has led to more man-dog confrontations, resulting in a rise in dog bite incidents, according to medical officials.

Doctors further said that since the COVID-19 pandemic, more households are keeping cats as pets, which has caused a surge in cat bite cases, actually surpassing dog bites in number.

An official from the ARC at SMHS said that between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025, a total of 12,437 bite cases were reported. Of these, 6,205 were dog bites, 5,717 were cat bites, and 515 involved other



animals.

From April 1 to September 26, 2025, 8,346 new cases have been recorded. If this trend continues, officials estimate that the total could reach around 15,000 cases by the end of March 2026. In the current period, there have been 3,799 dog bite cases, 4,394 cat bite cases, and 153 cases involving other animals.

Reviewing yearly data, the official said that from April 2015 to March 2016,

there were 7,061 bite cases; from April 2016 to March 2017, 5,832 cases; April 2017 to March 2018 saw 6,802 cases; April 2018 to March 2019 recorded 6,397 cases; April 2019 to March 2020 had 6,139 cases; April 2020 to March 2021 saw 4,808 cases; April 2021 to March 2022 had 5,469 cases; April 2022 to March 2023 recorded 6,875 cases; April 2023 to March 2024 saw 8,652 cases; and from April

2024 to March 2025, the number reached 12,437.

Overall, around 80,000 animal bite cases have been registered at the ARC since April 2015.

Officials said cat bites are increasing exponentially as more people keep cats as pets, whereas most dog bites are from stray animals.

Medical experts warn that dog bites remain a public health concern in Kashmir, with many victims developing rabies

- a fatal viral disease responsible for approximately 59,000 human deaths globally each year, predominantly in Africa and Asia. The primary prevention method is timely vaccination after an animal bite.

However, the health system in Kashmir does not routinely capture detailed data on the characteristics and burden of dog bites. Notably, September 28 marks World Rabies Day, dedicated to raising awareness about rabies prevention and celebrating progress against this deadly disease. It also commemorates the death of Louis Pasteur, the French microbiologist who developed the first rabies vaccine.

Today, effective vaccines for both animals and humans are critical tools in eliminating rabies-related deaths. Public awareness remains a key factor in community engagement and successful rabies prevention efforts—(KNO)

Manhas to take charge as BCCI President

KNO

Jammu, Sep 27: Former cricketer Mithun Manhas will assume charge as President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on September 28 after the J&K and Ladakh High Court dismissed a petition challenging his election, clearing the way for his historic appointment. As per an official statement issued by JKCA, Manhas, a young and dynamic sports personality has an illustrious career adorned with numerous records and firsts. Under his visionary leadership, JKCA has scaled new heights, elevating the standard of cricket in the region.

His efforts have not only enhanced J&K's reputation in the cricketing world but also provided a platform for aspiring cricketers from the region to shine on national and international stages. The statement adds that this joyous occasion was briefly overshadowed by a 'frivolous writ petition' filed in the Jammu Wing of J&K & Ladakh High Court by 'Sudershan Mehta and a few disgruntled' individuals seeking to stay Manhas' election on baseless and presumptuous grounds. "The Court, in its wisdom,

dismissed the petition today, questioning Mr. Mehta's locus standi as well as the territorial jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the writ," reads the statement.

The statement adds, "Mehta, a retired junior police officer and self-proclaimed ex-cricketer, claims to be the President of a Jammu-based cricket club. However, JKCA records reveal an ongoing intra-club dispute regarding the legitimacy of his position. Furthermore, the club he represents has not organised or participated in any cricketing activities for nearly a decade, rendering it a mere namesake entity." It adds that Mehta's past is marred by allegations of 'morally corrupt' practices during his tenure as an office bearer of JKCA, including drawing allowances while receiving a regular salary as a policeman without approval from his parent department. "He is also currently facing a defamation case in a Kashmir court. It's obvious that the instant petition was filed with mala fide intent," adds the statement.

Through his actions, Mehta has demonstrated an inability to accept the remarkable progress made by JKCA under its current

leadership. His repeated attempts to impede the association's functioning with fabricated allegations reflect a mindset driven by envy and obstructionism.

The dismissal of this baseless petition reaffirms the unwavering support for Manhas and his transformative contributions to cricket in J&K and beyond. The people of Jammu & Kashmir stand united in celebrating this proud moment, undeterred by the actions of a few pessimists.

"JKCA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Mithun Manhas on his well-deserved appointment as BCCI President and wishes him success in leading Indian cricket to greater heights," reads the statement.

Senior Advocates Rahul Pant and Sunil Sethi assisted by Advocate Rajat Gupta argued the case on behalf of BCCI and JKCA before the Court of honourable Justice Sanjay Dhar. Advocate Arif Sikander represented Mithun Manhas. JKCA has also thanked the learned advocates for placing facts before the Court because of which Sudershan Mehta failed in his nefarious design—(KNO)

ECONOMY

Swachhata Hi Seva 2025: Powering Swachh Bharat Mission

Swachh Bharat is the world’s largest and most successful people-led, people-driven public movement of this century: Prime Minister Narendra Modi

When Cleanliness Becomes a National Pledge

On the morning of October 2, 2014, brooms swept across dusty lanes, plastic bottles were hauled from the drains, and the clatter of determination echoed in towns and villages alike. It was not just another cleanliness drive, it was the beginning of a national awakening. Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) sought to revamp more than just streets and sewers; it aimed to cleanse habits, reshape mindsets, and stitch dignity back into the fabric of daily life. As the nation gears up with renewed zeal, the wait is finally over for Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2025, a drive that transforms cleanliness into a collective celebration of citizenship.

Swachhata Hi Seva – The Spirit of Swachhotsav

Launched in 2017, Swachhata Hi Seva has emerged as a cornerstone of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). Held annually, the campaign rallies citizens across the country to step out and take ownership of their surroundings. Swachhata Hi Seva 2025, themed around Swachhotsav, blends the joy of celebration with the seriousness of responsibility. Beginning on 17th September and culminating on 2nd October, this 15-day movement is uniting millions of hands and hearts across India in high-impact swachhata drives. At the heart, it embodies the principle of “Antyodaya se Sarvodaya” – progress for the nation begins with dignity and well-being for the most marginalized. The campaign places a strong emphasis on last-mile inclusion, ensuring that villages and towns across India move forward with dignity, health, and sustainability.

Shramdaan: One Nation, One Hour of Service

As part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2025, the massive nationwide voluntary Shramdaan Drive, “Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath”, took place on 25th September 2025. Across cities and villages, people came together in large numbers to participate in shramdaan and plogging activities, reinforcing their commitment to transforming Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs). Residents, political leaders, SBM ambassadors, youth groups, NGOs, civil society organizations, partner institutions, and social influencers actively joined the movement on the ground. Adding to the momentum, local sanitation workers, the unsung heroes of the mission, were honored in dedicated shivirs, acknowledging their vital contribution to keeping India clean.

Key Pillars of Swachhotsav

At the heart of Swachhotsav lie its key pillars, the focused initiatives that turn the vision of a cleaner, greener India into on-ground action by uniting people, places, and purpose.

Clean Revolution 2025: Turning Waste into Opportunity

Effective waste management is at the heart of Swachh Bharat Mission, transforming how India collects, processes, and reclaims waste to build cleaner, healthier, and sustainable communities.

Waste Management Under Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban

India’s Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, aim for “zero waste to landfill” by mandating recycling, reuse, and the reclamation of old dumpsites through biomin-ing and bioremediation. Building on this framework, Urban India now processes 1,29,206.87 ton per day (TPD) of solid waste out of the 1,59,109.02 TPD generated. This is a remarkable leap from just 16% waste processing in 2014 to over 81% today, powered by a growing network of Waste Processing Facilities such as Material



Recovery Facilities (MRFs), Transfer Stations, Composting Plants, Construction and Demolition (C&D), and Waste to Energy Plants, including Waste to Electricity, Bio-Methanation plants, etc. Together, these efforts mark a decisive shift towards a cleaner, circular economy where waste is no longer a burden, but a resource for the future.

Waste management has emerged as a central pillar of the Swachh Bharat Mission, marking a paradigm shift from mere disposal to sustainable utilization of resources. Under SBM-Urban, India has scaled its waste processing capacity. Simultaneously, the dumpsite remediation has converted legacy landfills into eco-friendly and productive spaces. India’s war against legacy waste is slowly but surely rewriting the story of its landscapes. Out of a massive 2,492 lakh tonnes of accumulated garbage, 1,437 lakh tonnes (58%) have already been remediated, breathing new life into choked lands. This effort has not only cleared waste but also reclaimed over 7,646 acres of land, spaces that once groaned under mountains of refuse now hold the promise of green cover, public amenities, and renewed urban life.

Dumpsite Redemption Drive: From Landfill to Livelihood:

Across India, towering landfills are giving way to cleaner, greener spaces as SHS 2025 accelerates the nationwide drive for dumpsite remediation. As of now Of 2,476 dumpsites identified nationwide under SBM- Urban, 1,041 have been remediated, while work is approved or underway at another 1,020.

Intensifying its mission to reclaim mountains of waste, Delhi’s Bhalswa landfill, extending across 70 acres, is emerging as a beacon of waste-to-wealth innovation. Under the Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign, the site has been adopted for its remediation and transformation into a cleaner, more sustainable urban space. 25 acres of legacy waste at this site have already been remediated, including 5 acres now flourishing with bamboo plantations and 20 acres set aside for sanitation facilities and waste-processing units.

Rajkot has transformed a 16 lakh tonne legacy dumpsite into a thriving 20-acre urban forest, a striking example of how Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban is turning waste-choked landfills into green lungs for the city.

These milestones reflect Swachh Bharat Mission’s larger push to turn dumpsites into clean, liveable spaces across the country.

Swachhata at Work: Ministries Join Hands

Across India, various ministries and their organizations are stepping out of

boardrooms and into the streets, turning policy into practice under Swachhata Hi Seva 2025. Key efforts include the following:

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry and its organizations nationwide joined SHS 2025 with cleanliness drives across offices, schools, and public spaces, showcasing collective action from Vanijya Bhawan in Delhi to Special Economic Zones in Kochi, Indore, and beyond.

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare launched the campaign with a Swachhta Pledge at Krishi Bhawan, inspections, and cleanliness drives across its nationwide institutions, alongside special initiatives for Safai Mitras, including a drawing competition for their wards and a health check-up camp.

The Ministry of Cooperation took part in tree plantation under “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,” an initiative connected with Swachh Bharat Mission, alongside CTU clean-ups, Safai Karmachari health camps, and eco-friendly festivals.

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs undertook a series of activities under the campaign, like green initiative for Swachh Air, employee activities, community shramdaan, and health camps, reaffirming its commitment to cleanliness, dignity of labour, and the vision of Swachh Bharat.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways rolled out the theme of Swachhotsav with the Swachhata Pledge and cleanliness drives across ports, dock-yards, and coastal areas, encouraging active involvement from employees, students, civil society groups, and local communities.

SHS 2024: Achievements That Shaped Progress

Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 has left an inevitable mark with exceptional citizen participation. The achievements of SHS 2024 stand as a testament and prove that more than just a cleanliness drive, SHS has become a nationwide call for civic participation, reinforcing the idea that a cleaner, healthier India can only be achieved when every individual joins the mission.

Riding the wave of success, Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2025 puts the spotlight on Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs), the dark spots, and waste-ridden patches that shape how cities look and feel. In 2024 alone, more than 8 lakh CTUs were transformed into usable public spaces, proving that visible change begins where neglect once thrived. This year, the drive is set to move faster, with identification, cleaning, and beautification of neglected corners and dump sites, continuing not just during the campaign but well beyond it.

Stories of Change: Swachh Bharat in Action

Launched as a people’s movement, the Swachh Bharat Mission has grown into a landmark campaign that redefined India’s approach to sanitation and public health. Its impact is reflected in the transformative changes witnessed across the country. As of September 2025, over 12 crore toilets have been constructed across the country, driving a sharp reduction in open defecation and enhancing the safety and dignity of women. According to a World Health Report, this shift has helped save nearly 3 lakh children under the age of five from diseases linked to poor sanitation marking a major stride in public health and quality of life.

Across India, different states are writing their own chapters of change. Among many others are these success stories of Swachh Bharat Mission, showcasing innovation and community spirit.

Jammu & Kashmir: Amarnath Yatra 2025 makes Faith Meet Swachhata

The Amarnath Yatra 2025 was not only a spiritual journey but also a model of sustainability. With over four lakh devotees trekking to the holy cave in the Himalayas, the pilgrimage turned into a zero-landfill, plastic-free mission, echoing the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0. A robust waste management system processed nearly 11.67 metric tons of waste daily. Over 1,000 twin-bin stations, 65 garbage collection vehicles, and 1,300 SafaiMitras kept the route clean round the clock. Single-use plastics were eliminated from langars, replaced by cloth and jute bags. Pilgrims also experienced improved sanitation with 1,600 mobile toilets, QR-based feedback, and 100% faecal sludge treatment. More than 70,000 yatis took the Green Pledge, turning personal devotion into civic responsibility. By marrying faith with sustainability, the 2025 Amarnath Yatra proved that large-scale religious gatherings can set the benchmark for eco-conscious, zero-waste pilgrimages, a true success story under Swachh Bharat.

Assam Leads a Green Swachhata Drive

In Assam’s flood-prone Morigaon district, 60 women from Borchila village have turned the problem of excess water hyacinth into opportunity, crafting eco-friendly handicrafts that now earn them at least 10,000 a month each. What was once an invasive weed, choking rivers and hampering activities like fishing, transportation and recreation, making these water sources less viable

Key Takeaways

- Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, 12 crore toilets have been built, cutting open defecation and marking a major stride in public health and sanitation.
- Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 with the theme of Swachhotsav is steering India towards a sustainable, inclusive, and developed Bharat by 2047.
- Out of a massive 2,492 lakh tonnes of legacy waste, 1,437 lakh tonnes (58%) have already been remediated, helping regenerate degraded lands.
- More than 8 lakh Cleanliness Target Units were transformed in 2024, turning garbage dumps and neglected corners into clean, usable spaces.

is now a source of livelihood and dignity. Meanwhile in Guwahati, two young innovators, Rupankar Bhattacharjee and Aniket Dhar, launched Kumbhi Kagaz, a venture producing 100% biodegradable, chemical-free paper from the same plant. Their startup, which now employs nearly 40 women, won the Zero Waste Cities Challenge for offering a scalable, green solution to waste management. Together, these initiatives show how Northeastern states are redefining Swachhata and circular economy by turning ecological challenges into sustainable livelihoods.

Uttar Pradesh: Turning Agra’s Toxic Dumpsite to Eco-Hub

Agra has scripted a remarkable transformation by turning its sprawling Kuberpur dumpsite into the Integrated Waste Management City of Agra, setting a national benchmark under SBM-U. Once home to nearly 1.9 million metric tons of accumulated waste, the site was fully remediated by December 2024 through large-scale biomining and bioremediation, reclaiming 47 acres of land at an estimated cost of 320 crore. The reclaimed space has been repurposed into a 10-acre greenery using the Miyawaki afforestation technique, a 5-acre modern sanitary landfill, and an eco-friendly zone, with work underway on another 10-acre urban forest. In January 2025, the city added a 65 tons per day Material Recovery Facility and Plastic Waste Processing Plant, where discarded plastic is recycled into affordable water pipes for farmers, linking waste management with livelihood benefits. Beyond infrastructure, the center has emerged as an educational hub, drawing students, researchers, and innovators from across the country to study sustainable practices. Agra’s bold initiative showcases how technology, governance, and citizen awareness can converge to reclaim land, cut pollution, and build a green, resilient urban future.

From Campaign to Culture

Swachh Bharat Mission has moved far beyond its early symbolism. What began as a call to clean streets is now shaping how India approaches public health, women’s dignity, and environmental responsibility. From garbage dumps and back lanes to crowded railway stations, riverbanks, and degraded lands, cities are mapping and tackling the very spaces that most visibly affect urban life. The message is clear: cleanliness is not only about removing waste, it is about reclaiming beauty in everyday surroundings. As Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 rallies millions under the banner of Swachhotsav, the campaign reminds us that cleanliness is not a seasonal activity but a national culture in the making, and if sustained with the same spirit, it may well become one of independent India’s most enduring legacies, laying the foundation of a truly Viksit Bharat 2047.

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Govt to empower youth with robust ecosystem: Dy CM

Inaugurates mega job fair under Mission Yuva

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27: In a landmark initiative to empower the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, a Mega Job Fair was organized Saturday under the Mission YUVA at the Convention Centre, Jammu by Employment Department J&K.

The event was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary which witnessed enthusiastic participation from all stakeholders including job seekers, employers, government officials, and academic institutions.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister encouraged the youth to fully utilize the opportunities offered under Mission YUVA. "This is not merely a scheme, it is a transformative movement aimed at building a self-reliant and empowered generation," he remarked.

He reiterated that the government under the leadership of CM Omar Abdullah is committed to open new avenues for the unemployment educated youths and enhanced job opportunities for them.

Surinder Choudhary



maintained that this Mega Job Fair under Mission YUVA stands as a milestone in the government's continued efforts to equip the youth of Jammu & Kashmir with the tools, resources, and opportunities necessary to succeed in a rapidly evolving socio-economic landscape.

Deputy Chief Minister said that Mission YUVA is a flagship and first-of-its-kind initiative of the J&K government, envisioned to holistically empower the youths by providing a robust ecosystem for employment,

entrepreneurship, and skill development.

He added that it offers strong institutional support and financial assistance under credit-linked schemes to support new and existing enterprises, capacity building for entrepreneurial and employability skills, career counseling, guidance, market linkage, etc.

The Job Fair attracted an overwhelming response with over 2,200 job seekers in attendance and more than 55 prominent companies participating, collectively offering 1,500+ vacancies

across various sectors such as IT, manufacturing, finance, retail, and healthcare. The fair served as a dynamic platform for employment generation, bridging the gap between skilled youth and potential employers.

A major highlight of the event was the inauguration of the three major Platforms on Mission YUVA app and Portal by the Deputy Chief Minister viz Online Job Matching Platform, enabling the job search and recruitment process through real-time interaction between employers and job seekers, Enterprise Mentorship Initiative providing mentorship to budding entrepreneurs and ONDC- based E-commerce platform enabling enterprises to showcase and sell their goods online across wider markets.

Nearly 83 Employers, 17 job posts and 631 applications submitted on Online Job Matching Platform and about 228 Enterprises applied for mentorship under Enterprise Mentorship Initiative till date.

The event also marked a significant step toward entrepreneurship promotion in the region, with sanction letters

handed over to 55 young entrepreneurs under Mission YUVA's credit-linked schemes. These beneficiaries will be establishing ventures under the Nano Enterprises and Business Acceleration of Existing Enterprises categories, transforming their ideas into sustainable businesses with financial and institutional support.

The occasion also saw the culmination of the YUVA UDHYAM FEST, a celebration of youth potential through various competitions such as speech, essay writing, painting, and quiz. Twenty-four outstanding youth were felicitated by the Deputy Chief Minister with cash prizes and certificates in recognition of their talent and creativity. A total of 264 students were declared winners in the FEST throughout the UT.

At the outset, Shahzad Alam, Director Employment and Managing Director of Mission YUVA, in his welcome address, provided an insightful overview of the various components and the vision behind the initiative. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Paramjeet Singh Joint Director Employment, Jammu.

4th DCDC meeting held at Budgam



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BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 27: The 4th District Level Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) meeting was Saturday convened at Budgam under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the agenda of making Primary Cooperative Societies economically vibrant entities. The officers discussed ways to strengthen the cooperative ecosystem in the district with special focus on agriculture, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives.

ADC stressed on the timely updation of the National Cooperative Database, preparation of a district-level plan for setting up new multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Dairy and Fishery Cooperative Societies, and ensuring that every Panchayat and village in Budgam is covered under the cooperative framework.

He directed the concerned officers to work in coordination with District Central Cooperative Banks, State Cooperative Banks, and other block/district-level federations, so that linkages of existing and new cooperatives

are effectively established.

Shah emphasized facilitating the registration of new cooperative societies, dovetailing of various Government of India schemes with PACS and primary cooperatives, and ensuring provision of infrastructure, logistics and land allotment where required.

The meeting also discussed steps for establishing district-level cooperative federations in coordination with the UT government, wherever feasible, and stressed the need for capacity building, financial inclusion, and viability assessments to strengthen grassroots cooperative institutions.

The ADC exhorted all stakeholders to extend full support for effective ground-level implementation of cooperative development plans and called for collective efforts to transform primary cooperatives into engines of rural economic growth in Budgam. The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development Budgam, Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Budgam, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Budgam, besides other concerned officers and stakeholders.

Govt committed to accountable governance system: Sakeena

Chairs mega Public Darbar-cum-Grievance Redressal Camp

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KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 27: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Saturday held a mega Public Darbar-cum-Grievance Redressal camp at Chawalgam here to provide a direct platform for locals to voice their concerns, seek redressal of grievances and put forth developmental demands before the government.

ACR Kulgam, ACD Kulgam, SDM DH Pora, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Sheep Husbandry officer, DFO, Executive Engineers of PHE, I&FC, PWD, PDD and PMGSY and other officers of district administration were present during the camp.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from cross-section of people of Kulgam district including local citizens community elders, social activists and youth. They raised varied issues related to healthcare, education, road connectivity, water supply, power infrastructure, and employment avenues before the Minister.

While listening patiently to the delegations, the Health Minister reiterated the government's commitment to



responsive, transparent and accountable governance system. She assured the public delegations and citizens that their genuine concerns would be addressed on priority and time bound manner.

She also instructed the concerned officers present to take time-bound and immediate action on some grievances projected by the people.

Minister Sakeena assured the public delegations and citizens that no voice will go unheard, and no genuine grievance will remain unaddressed.

Highlighting the government's focus on people-centric policies, the Minister underlined that public darbars bridge the gap between administration and citizens by taking governance to the doorsteps of people. She further emphasized that health and allied sectors remain top

priority, noting that substantial investments are being made to upgrade health infrastructure, improve diagnostics, and strengthen primary healthcare delivery in rural and far-flung areas of Kulgam district.

During the camp, the Minister also reviewed the status of ongoing development projects in the district and took feedback from the public regarding the quality of service delivery. She directed officials to enhance monitoring mechanisms to ensure speedy completion of works and equitable distribution of benefits under various welfare schemes.

The Minister appreciated the active participation of the people and assured that such grievance redressal camps would be held regularly to foster stronger government-public engagement.

Dr. Farooq pays tributes to Dr. Manmohan Singh

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Srinagar, Sept 27: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) President Dr. Farooq Abdullah Saturday paid rich and heartfelt tributes to late former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on the occasion of his 93rd birth anniversary.

Describing him as a man of action, poise, and unwavering determination, Dr. Farooq lauded late Dr. Singh's exemplary leadership and remarkable contributions to India's progress.

He highlighted late Dr. Manmohan Singh's pivotal role in shaping India's modern economy through visionary reforms, which laid the foundation for sustained economic growth and stability. He commended his efforts in promoting employment generation across sectors, thus

uplifting millions and improving livelihoods nationwide.

Reflecting on Dr. Singh's special contributions to Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Abdullah acknowledged his commitment to the region's development and peace initiatives, which aimed to foster harmony and socio-economic progress in Jammu and Kashmir.

He appreciated Dr. Singh's endeavors to strengthen brotherhood and cooperation with neighboring countries, promoting peace, stability, and regional integration in South Asia.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah expressed hope that the younger generation draws inspiration from Dr. Manmohan Singh's dedication and statesmanship to work tirelessly for the nation's inclusive growth and peaceful coexistence.

Agri deptt B'pora organises Kissan Mela under MIDH

Bandipora lauds efforts of farming community



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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 27: Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare department Bandipora on Saturday organised a Kissan Mela-cum-Exhibition under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) at Auditorium Hall, Kalsoosa Bandipora.

The event witnessed overwhelming participation from farmers, scientists, and officers of the agriculture and allied sectors.

The programme was pre-ided over by the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Bandipora constituency, Nizam Uddin Bhat as the chief guest, while the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib attended as the guest of honour. Chief Agriculture Officer, Javeed Samoon, District Agriculture Officer, and other senior officers of the department were also present on the occasion.

On the occasion, both the MLA and the DC inspected various stalls set up by different departments and appreciated the innovations and services being showcased.

MLA Bandipora and DC also handed-over keys of farm machinery and equipment to beneficiaries under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM).

The mela provided a vibrant platform where progressive

farmers shared their journeys of success, narrating how they adopted scientific farming practices to improve their livelihoods. Scientists and experts also interacted with the participants and threw light on innovative farming techniques, modern tools, and methods that can further boost production and sustainability in the district.

MLA Bandipora in his address said that farmers are the life-line of the nation and the basic building blocks of the economy. He lauded the efforts of the farming community for their crucial role in strengthening society and appreciated the work of the Agriculture department and district administration in uplifting the sector at the grassroots level.

He expressed hope that Bandipora will emerge as a flourishing hub of agriculture and allied sectors, thereby enhancing the economy and improving the lives of people.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the district has vast potential in the agriculture sector and called upon the youth to take inspiration from progressive farmers who act as role models for the farming community. She stressed the need for adopting scientific practices to achieve better productivity and income.

The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, during which progressive farmers were honoured for their outstanding contributions in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.

Sewa Parv Day-11

Become job providers instead of job seekers: DC Pulwama

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PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 27: As part of the ongoing Sewa Parv celebrations, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom Saturday attended the Udyam YUVA fest at Pulwama, organised by the Employment department in collaboration with ITI Pulwama.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of ITI students enrolled in different courses, as well as alumni who have successfully completed skill-based training programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that entrepreneurship is a gateway for youth to transform their energy and ideas into productive ventures. He encouraged young people to become job providers instead of job seekers and stressed that new ideas and skills will shape the future of Pulwama and help the whole society progress.

Dr. Qayoom further

informed the gathering that Mission YUVA is designed to transform local youth into successful entrepreneurs by providing not only financial assistance but also continuous mentoring and handholding support. He highlighted that a door-to-door comprehensive survey has already been conducted across Pulwama to identify potential entrepreneurs and enterprises and for further handholding different committees such as YUVA Doots at Panchayat Level, Business Help Desks (BHDs) at block level and Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) at district level have already been constituted.

He further directed officials to develop curated and skill-oriented courses regarding Mission YUVA initiative, so that the training is directly linked with emerging livelihood opportunities and market demand.

On the occasion, ITI alumni also shared their

entrepreneurship journeys, motivating current students to pursue innovation, self-reliance, and enterprise building. A Mission YUVA Facilitation Zone was also set up at the venue to provide participants awareness about the scheme, handholding support for applications, and on-the-spot grievance redressal.

The two-day fest featured a range of activities. On the first day, competitions such as quiz, essay writing, speech, and painting were organised on themes including entrepreneurship, financial literacy, Mission YUVA, and the future of youth-led enterprises.

Earlier, Superintendent ITI Pulwama, in his address, informed the gathering about the wide range of courses offered by the institute in various trades. He further mentioned that two special batches under Mission YUVA have already been completed and the process for launching additional batches is underway.

Later, Dr. Qayoom distributed certificates and cash prizes among the winners of the competitions, appreciating their talent and creativity.

Meanwhile, as part of the ongoing Sewa Parv activities across the district, plantation drives, cleanliness drives, and awareness camps continued with active community participation. Special assemblies were also organised in schools, where students took a pledge to develop Green School Campuses by protecting the environment and adopting eco-friendly habits.

In addition, under the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan, free medical camps were organised at PHCs, CHCs, and Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. These camps provided free screening for anaemia, tuberculosis, sickle cell disease, blood pressure, and other lifestyle-related illnesses, along with awareness sessions on maternal and child health, nutrition, and menstrual hygiene.

Cultural programme on social issues held at Budgam

KT News Desk

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 27: District Information Centre Budgam, in collaboration with the Cultural Unit Kashmir of the Department of Information & Public Relations J&K, and the Chief Education Officer Budgam Saturday organized a cultural programme under the ongoing Sewa Parv theme.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of school children from various institutions across the district, alongside artists from the Cultural Unit Kashmir.

Through a series of thought-provoking performances including skits, songs, and cultural items, the participants highlighted various pressing social issues such as the menace of drug abuse, dowry system, importance of girl education, cleanliness under Swachhta Abhiyan, and several other themes of social importance.

Speaking on the occasion,



District Information Officer Budgam, Erum Aziz Khan, underlined the significance of Sewa Parv and the need for every citizen to play a constructive role in society. She said that Sewa Parv is not just a campaign but a collective responsibility, where people must selflessly come forward and contribute towards the betterment of the community. She stressed that activities focusing on awareness, cleanliness, education, and social harmony uplift society at large.

She also highlighted various social security schemes launched by the Government,

urging school children to become ambassadors of change and to actively participate in awareness programmes under Sewa Parv. She emphasized that young minds, when nurtured with the values of service and responsibility, can play a pivotal role in shaping a progressive and drug-free society.

The programme was highly appreciated by the audience as it effectively combined art, culture, and social awareness to spread the message of service, responsibility, and community well-being in line with the objectives of Sewa Parv.

29 people killed in stampede at Vijay's Karur rally

PM expresses grief, Shah speaks to Guv, CM; MHA seeks report from state govt

PTI

Chennai/Karur, Sept 27: Twenty-nine people died in a stampede at the actor-politician Vijay's rally here on Saturday, state Health Minister Ma Subramanian said.

According to him, 29 persons were brought dead and over 45 are under treatment. Meanwhile, the chief minister convened a meeting of top state officials at the Secretariat to review the situation.

PM Modi, condoling the deaths, said: "The unfortunate incident during a political rally in Karur, Tamil Nadu, is deeply saddening. My thoughts are with the families who have lost their loved ones. Wishing strength to them in this difficult time. Praying for a swift recovery to all those injured."

According to officials, at least 30 people fainted while Vijay was actually addressing the rally and were rushed in ambulances to hospitals.

"Information from Karur is worrisome," Chief Minister M K Stalin said after the hospitalisation of several people.

Even as Vijay was addressing the massive gathering from atop his campaign vehicle, he halted his speech mid-way when many workers raised alarm after



noticing that people were fainting and falling down.

Many who himself were waiting for hours together to see Vijay, and it included children.

Vijay himself requested a way for the ambulance and he threw water bottles from atop his campaign vehicle and also announced that a child had gone missing. He also urged police to come forward to help.

While those who fainted were rushed to hospitals, Vijay continued his speech. However, he ended it soon after sensing an abnormal situation at a section

of the pretty huge gathering.

The CM said he has instructed Ministers Ma Subramanian, Anbil Mahesh and the District Collector to provide immediate support to the affected people.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed grief at the death of several people during a stampede-like situation in the rally of actor-politician Vijay in Tamil Nadu.

Modi said on X, "The unfortunate incident during a political rally in Karur, Tamil Nadu, is deeply saddening. My thoughts are with the families who have

lost their loved ones. Wishing strength to them in this difficult time. Praying for a swift recovery to all those injured."

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday spoke with Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi and Chief Minister M K Stalin to take stock of the situation following a stampede in Karur and assured them of all possible central assistance to deal with the situation, sources said.

The Union home ministry also sought a report from the Tamil Nadu government on the incident, sources said.

Oil India discovers natural gas reserves off Andaman coast, further studies underway

PTI

New Delhi, Sept 27: Oil India Ltd has discovered natural gas reserves off the Andaman Islands, the state-owned firm said without putting an estimate of the size of the find.

In a statement, OIL said "occurrence of natural gas" was reported in the second exploratory well Vijayapuram-2 drilled in the Offshore Andaman Block AN-OSHP-2018/1, which the company had won under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP).

"The preliminary analysis of gas samples, collected during intermittent inflow of gas as part of initial production testing, has confirmed the presence of natural gas. Further gas isotope studies are being undertaken so as to understand the genesis of the gas," the statement said.

Oil India Ltd and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) have been probing for hydrocarbon reserves in the Andaman Sea in the hope of finding a discovery that could help cut India's 88 per cent dependence on imports for its oil needs and 50 per cent reliance on overseas for gas requirements.

ONGC had, in March this year, begun drilling of an ultra-deepwater well ANE-E in the Andaman offshore, but the firm has not indicated the results of the drilling.

"As per preliminary assessment,



this could be a leading indicator of the presence of source or migration pathway or accumulation of hydrocarbon, which will help in future exploration and drilling strategy," OIL said.

"OIL is also undertaking additional testing of higher-up prospects to further evaluate the reported occurrence of gas." The company went on to state that this is the first reported occurrence of hydrocarbons during the ongoing exploration campaign in the Andaman Shallow Offshore Block.

While the company did not give further details, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in a post on X said the discovery was made in the well drilled at a distance of 9.20 nautical miles (17 km) from the shoreline on the east coast of the Andaman Islands at a water depth of 295 metres and target depth of 2,650 metres.

Puri has long touted Andaman as holding a Guyana-scale oil field.

OIL find is the first in the region.

"Initial production testing of the well in the range of 2,212-2,250 metres has established the presence of natural gas with intermittent flaring. The gas samples, brought by ship to Kakinada, were tested and found to be 87 per cent methane," Puri said.

"The size of the gas pool and commercial viability of the discovery will get verified in the coming months, but establishing the presence of hydrocarbons in the Andaman basin is a major step in confirming our long held belief that Andaman basin is rich in natural gas, in line with discoveries in the entire area from Myanmar in North to Indonesia in the south in this belt."

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Anti-national ecosystem

underlined the importance of selfless service and said that serving humanity without expecting anything in return is a noble virtue.

He stressed that while people often think about safeguarding their own interests, those who work for the welfare of others set the right example.

Highlighting climate change as one of the biggest challenges of the present era, LG Sinha said that Jammu faced multiple hardships in August due to natural calamities, with floods causing massive damage to infrastructure including roads, schools, and colleges. "However, the biggest loss is the loss of lives, and no amount of money can compensate that," he said.

He recalled that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and other senior officials had visited J&K to express solidarity with the people after the natural disasters. "Infrastructure can be rebuilt, but the damage being caused to the environment cannot be compensated. Our connection with the environment has been broken, and it is crucial to restore this balance," he stressed.

The LG cited the words of renowned scientist Stephen Hawking, who had warned against reckless exploitation of the environment, and Mahatma Gandhi, who had said that change must begin with oneself. "It is important to strike a balance with nature. The message is clear—we must act responsibly for the sake of future generations," he said. (KNO)

J&K Assembly's

Assembly on October 13. However, the date was revised after Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather raised concerns with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, citing that the time allotted was inadequate for the proper examination of questions, private member bills, and resolutions.

After the LG summoned the House, the Assembly Secretariat, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the J&K Legislative Assembly, directed all members to attend the session on the appointed date, time, and venue.

Meanwhile, the Legislative Assembly Secretariat today announced that each MLA may submit up to 10 questions, two resolutions, and one bill for the session.

As per the bulletin issued by the Secretariat, each MLA is permitted to submit 10 questions-five starred and five unstarred-along with two resolutions and one bill.

The deadlines for submission are October 4 for questions and bills, and October 7 for resolutions.

The upcoming autumn session is expected to be stormy, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the largest opposition party, led by Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, preparing to corner the government over a range of issues including floods, unemployment, and the alleged failure to deliver on electoral promises.

Meanwhile, smaller Kashmir-based opposition parties, which have a limited presence in the House, may challenge the government on issues such as statehood and reservation.

The ruling National Conference (NC)-led alliance, currently in a combative mode with Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary and Minister for Health & Medical Education Sakina Itoo actively countering opposition parties-is expected to launch a strong counter attack, particularly targeting the Kashmir-based smaller parties for their past actions. (KNO)

Traders thank

government must also ensure that other destinations are cleared and reopened at the earliest. The entire tourism chain depends on the full revival of these spots," he told KNO.

The trade bodies said that the continued

closure of other sites, shut since April 22 after the Pahalgam attack, should also be lifted. "Hotels, houseboats, guest houses and transporters are reporting negligible occupancy and earnings. Traders, artisans, ponywalas, shikarawalas and guides are equally affected. The losses are mounting by the day," the Chamber noted.

Traders linked with handicrafts and travel also pressed for a broader revival package. "We need marketing campaigns and special incentives for businesses linked to tourism. Without comprehensive support, the sector will take much longer to recover," a Srinagar-based trader told KNO.

The Chambers also reiterated their commitment to work with the government and stakeholders. "Tourism remains a key pillar of J&K's economy and a lifeline for thousands. We will continue to extend full cooperation to strengthen it further," they said. (KNO)

Terrorism in J&K

wars. Pakistan knows very well that it cannot defeat Indian Army in the battlefield."

The LG said that over the years, more than 40,000 people have lost their lives due to terrorism in the region. He cautioned people against falling prey to misleading propaganda. "Narratives cause big damage. If our statements resemble what is written on the social media handle of The Resistance Front (TRF), it is dangerous," he said.

ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370 IMPORTANT MILESTONE

LG Sinha underlined that major changes followed the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, which he termed "an important milestone" in J&K's history. "All laws implemented in the rest of the country were extended to J&K," he said, adding, "Children received the Right to Education, sanitation workers benefited, and key laws such as those for Dalits and the Minimum Wages Act were implemented here after 2019."

The LG noted that steps like granting Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to the Pahari community, strengthening the Forest Rights Act, and launching Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas reflect the government's commitment to social and economic justice. "Now equal rights are being given to you, and you will receive them — no one can stop you. What is your right will be given to you," he said, urging people to maintain unity and brotherhood.

The Lieutenant Governor said, "Empowerment of tribal communities is the top priority of the Central Government. There is need for continuous efforts to ensure the development of the community who were provided Scheduled Tribe status by the Parliament last year as their prosperity is fundamentally linked to our inclusive growth goal," he added.

Responding to the demands put-forth by the representatives of the Pahari community, the Lieutenant Governor said it will be ensured that Pahari Ethnic Groups enjoy their rights as per the act passed by the Parliament.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the tribal communities and all the sections of society to stand united against terrorism and actively counter extremist propaganda to safeguard peace and stability.

INDIA FASTEST-GROWING ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD

He also highlighted India's growing strength, stating that the country is now among the fastest-growing economies in the world. "After independence, our growth rate remained low for a long time, but after the 1990s, momentum picked up. It is essential that the benefits reach everyone, and corruption, which creates many obstacles, must be eradicated," he said.

LG Sinha further noted that terrorism and left-wing extremism have significantly declined across the country, particularly in the

Northeast, and expressed confidence that Naxalism will soon be eliminated. "J&K has suffered for a long time, and its end is necessary," he added.

Calling for self-reflection and active participation in nation-building, the LG said, "We must ask ourselves what we have done for the country that has given us everything. I hope we will work for the welfare of India." (KNO)

Leh unrest

for September 25-26, but the protest on September 24 escalated after anti-social elements joined the crowd," he said, adding that environmental activist Sonam Wangchuk, who was booked by police, and others tried to use the platform to disrupt law and order and influence protesters, contributing to the large-scale unrest.

"We recently arrested a Pakistan PIO who had been in contact with Sonam Wangchuk and was sending reports abroad. Our records show he attended an event organised by Dawn in Pakistan and also travelled to Bangladesh. His activities raise serious questions, and the investigation is ongoing," Jamwal said, adding that the hunger protest became a stage where such elements interfered with ongoing dialogue.

Detailing the attacks, the DGP said CRPF personnel and local police came under direct assault. One CRPF jawan sustained a serious spinal injury, while four women police personnel were inside a building that was set on fire, he said, adding that a larger mob later attacked the same building, and security forces fired in self-defence, resulting in four deaths.

On the first day, 32 people were severely injured, including 17 CRPF and 15 Ladakh Police personnel. Jamwal said the total number of injuries eventually rose to 70-80 among both security personnel and civilians.

Seven civilians were reported in critical condition, and one girl was airlifted to Delhi for treatment, while 6-7 others remained hospitalised in Ladakh.

The DGP said he was also attacked but sustained only minor injuries.

He said the deployment of CRPF forces prevented wider destruction. "Had the CRPF not been present, the entire town could have been engulfed in fire," he said, adding that large-scale deployments require careful planning and coordination.

On claims that foreign nationals were involved in the violent protest, Jamwal said authorities are investigating the matter and will act according to the law. "Any Nepalese citizens found innocent will not face arrests or charges," he added. (KNO)

Ladakh constitutes

the Union Territory of Ladakh today constituted advisory board under the Ladakh Public Safety Act, 1978, the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980.

The Board has been constituted in consultation with the Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh,

According to a notification, Justice M. K. Hanjura (retired High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) has been appointed as its chairperson while Manoj Parihar (Principal District & Sessions Judge, Leh) and Spalzes Angmo (Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kargil) as its members.

Meanwhile, in another notification, the government ordered that this Board shall also function as advisory board

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 9 read with Section 2(e) of the National Security Act, 1980 (Act No. 65 of 1980), the Administration of the Union Territory of

Ladakh hereby directs that the Advisory Boards constituted under the Union Territory of Ladakh Public Safety Act, 1978 (Act No. VI of 1978), Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, shall also function as the Advisory Board for the purposes of the National Security Act, 1980," reads the notification.

Under these laws, the Advisory Board is required to opine on whether there is sufficient cause for the detention of a person. In any case where the Advisory Board reports that, in its opinion, there is no sufficient cause for the detention of the person concerned, the Government shall revoke the detention order and ensure the person's immediate release. (KNO)

Army Commander

emerging challenges in the region, and the need for enhanced coordination between civil administration and the armed forces to maintain peace and stability, emphasising the importance of preparedness and synergy in addressing any contingency.

The Lt Governor appreciated the Army's role in safeguarding the borders and ensuring the safety of the people, while the GOC-in-C reaffirmed the Army's commitment to the security and integrity of the Union Territory.

Northern Army Commander, GOC 14 Corps, Major General Dalbir Singh (MGGS Northern Command) and Col Vikas Vasisht (Deputy Military Advisor to Northern Army Commander) were among those who attended the meeting. (KNO)

CBK searches

complainant has been cheated on the pretext of sale of land," the statement added.

It reads that the complainant had been provided documents of land which he/she believed to be true and thus was made to pay lakhs of rupees.

"However, subsequently, it surfaced that the land did not belong to sellers which facts were also substantiated during enquiry," the statement reads, adding that the house searches are underway and further investigation is in progress.

BSF closely monitors

The IG further outlined the challenges associated with the upcoming winter months, highlighting the continued presence of terrorist training camps across the border. These camps, located opposite sectors such as Bandipora, Kupwara, and Baramulla, are under close observation, he said.

Yadav said the forces are monitoring these activities carefully to prevent any disturbances to peace in the area.

Regarding changes in infiltration tactics, the IGP BSF said terrorists are now minimising their communication to evade detection. This, he said, has made intelligence gathering more complex. "However, agencies are carefully analysing every piece of information, which assists in tracking terrorists and uncovering their hideouts," he added.

The IG said BSF has implemented a layered security approach that includes tools such as thermal imaging, ground sensors, night patrols, and coordinated operations with the Army. This cooperation among different forces has enhanced their ability to respond swiftly and effectively to any infiltration bids, he said.

Meanwhile, the BSF, in a statement, said the Kashmir Frontier will host the "Save Wular Run with Borderman" marathon on October 12, 2025, as part of its environmental preservation initiative.

The event aims to promote environmental

awareness, strengthen ties with the local community, and encourage youth to focus on constructive activities.

The T-shirt for the marathon was unveiled at the Hangul Officer's Institute, BSF Frontier HQ Humhama, in the presence of senior officials, including IG Ashok Yadav, IG Shashank Anand, IG Solomon Minz, and ADG Satish S Khandare.

The marathon will feature 5 km, 10 km, and 21.1 km races, open to all participants, with free registration already underway. Around 3,000 runners from across the country, especially the Kashmir Valley, are expected to take part.

The BSF added that the event will help identify local talent and sponsor them under the Khelo India scheme for further training and participation in national and international competitions. (KNO)

Court stays

ago, was not granted renewal after the stipulated 20-year term ended earlier this year. Following the lapse, the authority moved to prevent any unauthorized occupation, taking physical possession of the premises in the presence of officials.

The action came just weeks after GDA repossessed the historic 137-year-old Nedous Hotel in Gulmarg in August as part of its ongoing campaign to retrieve government properties whose leases have expired.

However, on Saturday, the 1st Additional District Judge, Baramulla, took up a plea filed by Bilal Ahmad Shah, the current operator of Royal Park Hotel, who challenged the eviction.

Shah, through his counsel, argued that the lease granted in 2005 was valid until November 2025, and that he had already paid advance rent while also seeking an extension of the lease term in April this year.

The plea further contended that the GDA's oral eviction threats were unlawful, particularly as the representation for lease renewal was still pending before the government.

After hearing preliminary submissions, the court directed issuance of notice to the GDA and ordered that the matter be listed again on October 7, 2025. The judge also noted that the plaintiff had filed an application under Order 39 Rule 3 CPC seeking interim relief against eviction.

The order effectively stalls the eviction process for now, as the court observed that the plaintiff's representation for extension of the lease period remains under consideration with the Tourism Department. (KNO)

LG felicitates security

is firmly committed to speedily revive Jammu and Kashmir's development momentum and resuming normal life.

He called upon the citizens to support the police force and army personnel in the fight against terrorism and separatism.

"The ecosystem of separatist elements is now breathing its last. Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and all security agencies have been given free hand to decisively crush the terrorists and their sympathisers," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Brajesh Kumar Singh, Group Editor-Convergence, Network 18 Group, editors and members of Network 18 Group; senior officials of Army, Civil and Police administration, representatives of various NGOs and prominent citizens from different walks of life attended the felicitation ceremony.

Sinha thanks PM,

recent natural calamities across rural areas of J&K. This approval under special project of PMAY-G will bring back safety and stability in the lives of thousands of households. A new home will enable the families to regain the economic stability significantly improving the family's well-being."

Modi claims BJP ended Congress loot, promises double ‘bachat’, double ‘kamai’ in Odisha

NEW DELHI, Sept 27: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday alleged that the Congress had looted the people of the country, claiming that the grand old party had even taxed people belonging to the low-income category.

Addressing the 'Namō Yuva Samabesh' in Odisha's Jharsuguda, he said the BJP government ensured the "double 'bachat' (saving) and double 'kamai' (income)" for people through its polices and the recent GST rate rationalisation.

He also claimed that the BJP saved the nation from the "culture of loot" prevalent during the Congress regime.

"The Congress left no opportunity to loot people. When we got the opportunity to serve, our administration successfully liberated the country from the exploitation of the previous government. Now, a new era of double 'bachat' (saving) and double 'kamai' (income)" has begun. Earlier, people had to pay tax even on income up to Rs 2 lakh. Today, people earning up to Rs 12 lakh annually are



exempted from tax," Modi said.

The prime minister said the GST reforms would ensure that people can save more.

"The reforms in the GST have created a situation where people can save a lot. Instead of paying tax of Rs 25,000 on spending of Rs 1 lakh, now their tax ratio will come down to Rs 5,000, thus saving around Rs 20,000," Modi said, evoking applause from the gathering.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council recently decided

to rationalise the tax rates and have a two-rate structure of 5 per cent and 18 per cent. The revision, which was made effective from September 22, was expected to reduce the prices of a large number of products and services.

The PM also alleged that the Congress governments in the states become a "stumbling block" between the people and the Centre's development initiative.

"Till 2014, the Congress was

looting the country. Our government has made income tax free up to Rs 12 lakh. Despite GST rates being reduced, the Congress-ruled Himachal Pradesh government continued to loot the people.

"When we reduced the GST rates, prices came down across the country, but the Congress does not want to give this relief to the common people. The Himachal Pradesh government imposed a new tax of its own on cement. While the entire nation is benefiting from the recent GST Bachat Utsav, the people of Himachal Pradesh are being deprived of it," Modi alleged.

He cautioned the people against the alleged loot by the Congress and its allies.

The Prime Minister said Odisha is the land of farmers, and the GST 'Bachat Utsav' will benefit them.

"During the Congress regime, the farmers had to pay Rs 70,000 per tractor as tax. After GST rationalisation and several other reforms came into effect, a farmer can now save Rs 40,000. Prices of several agricultural

equipment have been reduced by the BJP government," he pointed out.

The prime minister asserted that the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre aims to uplift the poor and marginalised.

"Our strong focus is on providing basic facilities to the poor, dalits, backward classes, and the deprived. Today I got the opportunity to hand over the acceptance letters to the Antyodaya Gruha Yojana beneficiaries," Modi said while addressing the public meeting in the western Odisha town.

The prime minister hailed the BJP government in Odisha for undertaking a slew of development initiatives.

He said, "When a poor family gets a pucca house, not only the present, but also the lives of future generations become easier. Our government has provided pucca houses to more than 4 crore poor families across the country. In Odisha, too, the work of constructing thousands of houses is underway. Today, house building orders have been given to nearly 50,000 families."

‘India’s first bullet train to run Surat–Bilimora by 2027, Mumbai–Ahmedabad by 2029’

PTI

New Delhi, Sept 27: The 50-km stretch of India's first bullet train project between Surat and Bilimora in Gujarat will open in 2027, and by 2029, the entire section between Mumbai and Ahmedabad will be operational, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said here on Saturday.

After becoming operational, the bullet train will cover the distance between Mumbai and Ahmedabad in just two hours and seven minutes, he said, stressing that India's first bullet train project is progressing very well.

Vaishnaw visited the under-construction Surat bullet train station and inspected track installation works and its first turnout installation.

"Overall progress of the first bullet train project is very good. The first 50-km section of the project between Surat and Bilimora will be open by 2027. We are preparing for that. By 2028, the entire Thane-Ahmedabad

section will be commissioned, and by 2029, the entire Mumbai-Ahmedabad section will open," he told reporters.

Vaishnaw stated that the speed potential of the main line is 320 kmph and 80 kmph for the loop line.

The railway minister stated that the most modern technologies are being utilized to ensure the safe and efficient movement of trains.

"This is a very complex movement of trains, that's why the most modern technologies are being used. Several vibration mechanisms have been created here. The utility cable will take the vibrations whenever the train is moving at 320 kmph," he said.

Even within the tracks, many mechanisms have been put in place to absorb any vibration, he added.

"There are very special safety features on the track so that the train is very stable, even if there is a very heavy gust of wind or a sudden earthquake," said Vaishnaw.

Gujarat police bust int’l cybercrime gang, recover Rs 804 crore, 10 arrested

Ahmedabad, Sept 27: The Gujarat police have exposed an international cybercrime syndicate that duped citizens of Rs 804 crore and arrested 10 persons from Surat, Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said on Saturday.

He also handed over Rs 5.51 crore to a few victims who had collectively lost the amount after being conned by the gang that operated from Dubai, Vietnam and Cambodia and targeted people across India.

The state police have launched a war against cybercriminals who prey on people's hard-earned money, he said.

"This gang used to obtain bank accounts and SIM cards of common citizens by luring them with 1.5-2 per cent commission, and misuse them to commit cyber fraud. The gang has committed 1,549 crimes across the country and defrauded citizens of about Rs 804 crore," he said.

The gang members made Rs 17.75 crore through 141 digital crimes in Gujarat, the minister said. As part of the operation to bust the gang, the police have arrested 10 accused persons from Surat. They have recovered 65 mobile phones, 447 debit cards, 529 bank account kits, 686 SIM cards and 16 POS (point of sale) machines, Sanghavi said.

During the event at the Cyber Center of Excellence here, Sanghavi returned Rs 5.51 crore to cyber fraud victims. One of them, a senior citizen from Vadodara, was promised huge profits in the name of reputable insurance companies.

Amit Shah vows to oust ‘every infiltrator’ in Bihar

Slams Rahul, Lalu over vote rights protest

PTI

New Delhi, Sept 27: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday charged the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his allies like RJD president Lalu Prasad with trying to "secure voting rights for infiltrators".

Addressing a BJP workers' conclave in Araria district of Bihar, Shah vowed to drive out each and every infiltrator once the NDA retained power in the state, getting a two thirds majority in the upcoming assembly polls.

"Rahul baba took out a Yatra here recently. The purpose was to oppose special intensive revision of electoral rolls by the Election Commission, which wants to remove infiltrators' names from voters' list," said the former BJP president.

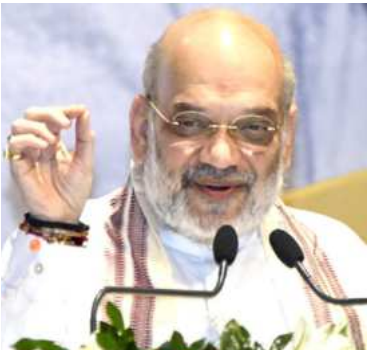
The allusion was to the "Voter Adhikar Yatra", which saw Gandhi, the leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha, and Prasad's son and heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav covering 1,300 kilometers across 25 districts.

"Rahul baba, Lalu and company want to secure voting rights for infiltrators. I want to ask all you workers from the Seemanchal region, should we allow this," asked Shah, evoking roars of "no" from BJP cadres belonging to the northeastern part of Bihar, which has a significant Muslim population.

"I promise you that each and every infiltrator will be driven out of Bihar if the NDA wins with a two thirds majority, with a tally of 160 plus seats," said the Union home minister, who is widely regarded as the BJP's principal strategist.

The Election Commission is likely to announce the dates for the polls for the 243-seat Bihar assembly soon.

Shah also noted with satisfaction



that the party had done well in the region in the last assembly polls, but added: "You must strive to do better this time. Only then the target of 160 plus can be achieved".

He asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government "has not been charged with misappropriation of even 25 paise, in the last 11 years", unlike the Congress-led UPA which faced serious corruption charges while in power.

Shah said that the Modi government has also been "fulfilling all its promises" like abrogation of Article 370 and construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya.

"Now, in Bihar too, a big temple of goddess Sita is being built. Another promise that has been fulfilled recently is the airport at Purnea, from where I am going to catch my return flight," said the Union minister, before winding up his two-day tour of the state.

Earlier, Shah had discussed the party's strategy for elections with BJP workers at Bettiah in West Champaran district and Sarairanjan in Samastipur.

He also visited the state BJP headquarters at Patna to give a pep talk to senior leaders of the state.

Does drinking more water actually help you lose weight?

TOI HEALTH

New Delhi, Sept 27: About this whole "water makes you lose weight" thing, because it feels like everybody's heard it but nobody really knows if it's legit. You'll see it on those fitness tip lists, "Drink 8 glasses a day!", like it's some magic fat-burning potion. But is that actually real or just one of those things people repeat because it sounds healthy? Honestly... It's kind of both. Here's the thing nobody tells you: Half the time when you think you're hungry, you're actually just thirsty. You know that moment when you're standing in front of the fridge, ready to inhale a snack? Drink a glass of water first and suddenly you're not hungry anymore. It's like the body was just confused. That alone saves calories because instead of eating chips, you just needed hydration. So yeah, drinking water can help cut down mindless snacking.

Another part is fullness

Another part is fullness. If you drink a big glass of water before a meal, you sit down already kind of satisfied. You don't destroy the bread basket or order dessert out of habit because your stomach's not screaming at you. Now, the "water burns calories" claim... yeah, but not the way people hype it. Your body does

burn a teeny bit of energy warming up cold water and processing it, but we're talking like, what, 20 calories? That's not even half a cookie. So if you're chugging ice water thinking you're melting fat, don't. That's not how it works.

Everything runs smoother when you're hydrated

But here's the real benefit: everything runs smoother when you're hydrated. Digestion especially. Without enough water, you're bloated, sluggish, constipated, basically just uncomfortable. Staying hydrated fixes a lot of that. It's not "weight loss" in the sense of fat leaving your body, but you feel lighter, you look less puffy, your stomach doesn't feel like a brick. That's what most people actually notice first when they start drinking more water, it's not that you're suddenly skinny, it's that your body just functions better.

Water by itself won't undo bad eating

And let's be real: water by itself won't undo bad eating. If you're drinking two sodas with every meal and crushing fast food, adding an extra bottle of water isn't gonna make the fat melt away. But here's where it does help: replacing stuff. Like if you normally drink soda, juice, energy drinks, frappes loaded with sugar, swap even half of that for water and boom, you're

cutting hundreds of calories. That's where water actually shines, because it's zero calories. No tricks, no chemicals, just plain water. Over time that swap adds up in a big way. And then there's energy. Dehydration makes you feel tired and snaky. Sometimes you think you need food but really you just need fluids. When you're hydrated, you actually want to move more. You go for a walk, you work out, you're less likely to just crash on the couch. And moving more obviously burns more calories than sitting around. So in that sense, water helps indirectly because it fuels the energy you need to stay active.

Your thirst signal gets weaker. Which explains why people in their 30s and 40s

Something that happens as you get older: your thirst signal gets weaker. Which explains why people in their 30s and 40s always say weight loss feels harder — part of it is you're mistaking thirst for hunger all the time. You think you're craving food, but your body's really asking for hydration. Drinking water regularly helps stop that confusion. Quick warning though: don't overdo it. You don't need to be walking around with a gallon jug trying to force water down your throat all day. Too much water actually messes with your electrolytes and can make you feel worse.

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ENGINEER PW (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA

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Dated: 19-09-2025

FINAL NOTICE

Subject: Construction/Development of open children Gym Park including construction of chain link fencing around the park at Naie Basti Town Tral.

Reference: Assistant Executive Engineer (R&B) Sub-Division Tral's Notice No:SDT/N-18/687-89 dated :02-09-2025

In connection with the above-mentioned subject and reference, it is to convey that the execution of above subject work stands entrusted to you vide above quoted reference.

Whereas, you have stopped the execution of the work for the reasons best known to you.

Whereas, you have been directed by the concerned AEE, to resume the work but you paid no heed towards the directions.

Whereas, higher ups are pressing hard to complete the work within the stipulated time period.

Whereas, unnecessary delay has badly affected the overall progress of the work and has affected the target of work completion.

Whereas, unnecessary delay for completion of work is the fundamental breach of contract and is actionable under rules.

In view of it, you are as such directed through the medium of this notice to start the execution of subject work within two days (02) positively so as to ensure timely completion of the work failing which action under rules shall be taken against you which includes foreclosure of the contract and work will be put to fresh ten r at your own risk and cost you should note.

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Awantipora

DIPK-6612/25 DATED: 27-09-2025

U.T of J&K

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION DOORU

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

EMPANELMENT FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

NIT NO 27 OF R&BDooru/ 2025-26 /E-TENDERING/ 2452-57 Dated: 26-10-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Bidders as per Instruction to Bidder (ITB) and Terms of Reference. The Bidder (Firm/Consultant/Agency/Company) should have the eligibility as per Annexure-II under Eligibility Criteria for each of the following works: The contract period may be extended for one more year depending upon the performance of the Consultant

S. No	Name of Work	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs)	Time of completion	Earnest Money in Rs	M.H. of Account	Type of Consultancy
1.	Consultancy Services for Providing of Structural / Architectural drawings for Bridges including Structural, and Mechanical components and other requirements as per Annexure I (Stage Contract for the Financial Year 2025-26)	1000	F.Y. 202526	10000/-	(Respective Heads)	Structural Consultancy

The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26/09/2025
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 27/09/2025 To 03/10/2025
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 27/09/2025 To 03/10/2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	04/10/2025 11:30AM
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Dooru

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt(Under MH- 0059 PWD) The bids must also be accompanied with Earnest Money of Rs 10000/- in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Dooru [Tender Inviting Authority]

3. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to Rs 30000/- Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 07 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work. The earnest money of Rs 10000 shall be released only after receiving the performance security of Rs 30000. The Date of Treasury Challan and CDR should be the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date.

4. MSME: Only those MSME's shall be considered responsive who shall have the domain of civil engineering consultancy services in their certificate of incorporation/registration under UDYAM. These MSME's have a special exemption to the submission of Tender Document Fees and Earnest Money Deposit in accordance with the rules outlined in the MSME Act, GFR- 2017(Rule 170-I, 173-I), and Indian Gazette (SO-581 E Rule 1 to 7).

5. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive Bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Dooru.

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids.

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

8. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

10. The bidder should quote the rate excluding GST.

11. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the Bidder on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. Instruction to Bidder (ITB)

14. All Bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualifying criteria/qualification information with the bids.

a. All Bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of Treasury Challan.

b. All Bidders shall upload Scanned copy of Earnest Money.

c. All Bidders shall upload Scanned copy of Valid Registration.

d. All Bidders shall upload Scanned copy of Valid GSTIN No.

e. All Bidders shall upload Scanned copy of PAN Card.

f. All Bidders shall upload scanned copy of GST Return (GSTR-3B) of latest Month(August)2025/Quarter(Apr-June 2025).

g. All Bidders shall upload Scanned copy of work experience certificate as per Annexure A of the ENIT.

h. All Bidders shall upload Scanned copy of Financial Turnover Certificate as per Annexure B of the ENIT.

i. All Bidders shall upload scanned copy of the documents pertaining to the consultancy as per the Annexure II (Condition for Eligibility of Applicants).

J. It is mandatory for the bidders to disclose the Bank account no. linked with the GSTIN (scan copy of under taking to be uploaded other wise the bid shall be rejected)

15. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

16. All the documents relating to the bid shall be in English language.

17. Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document(s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

DIPK-6591/25 DATED: 27-09-2025

Executive Engineer,
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BRICS warns against rising tariffs, protectionism, urges reform, unity at UNGA 2025

PTI

New York, Sept 27: The BRICS nations have expressed concern over the proliferation of trade-restrictive actions in the form of "indiscriminate rising" of tariffs, particularly measures used as a means of "coercion", cautioning that such practices risk marginalising the Global South countries.

The BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations held their annual meeting on the margins of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly here Friday. The meeting was chaired by India in its capacity as the incoming BRICS Chair for 2026.

In a joint communiqué, adopted following the meeting, the Ministers "expressed concern over proliferation of trade-restrictive actions, whether in the form of indiscriminate rising of tariffs and non-tariff measures, or protectionism, in particular measures used as a means of coercion that threaten to further reduce global trade, disrupt global supply chains, and introduce uncertainty into international economic and trade activities, potentially exacerbating existing economic disparities and affecting prospects for global economic development." The BRICS nations - Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates - voiced "serious concerns" about the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures which distort trade and are inconsistent with WTO rules. "They cautioned against such practices that risk fragmenting global trade and marginalising the Global South," the joint statement said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who hosted the BRICS Foreign Ministers, highlighted that



as rising protectionism, tariff volatility and non-tariff barriers impact trade flows, BRICS must defend the multilateral trading system.

He said when multilateralism is under stress, BRICS has stood firm as a strong voice of reason and constructive change.

"In a turbulent world, BRICS must reinforce the message of peacebuilding, dialogue, diplomacy and adherence to international law," he said in a post on X.

He added that BRICS must amplify its collective call for a comprehensive reform of the principal organs of the United Nations, especially the UN Security Council. Technology and innovation will define the next phase of BRICS cooperation.

He said India's Chairship of BRICS will focus on food and energy security, climate change, and sustainable development through digital transformation, startups, innovation, and strengthened development partnerships.

The BRICS ministers also extended their full support to India for its BRICS Chairship in 2026 and the holding of the BRICS

Summit in India. The Ministers said they also look forward to the Standalone Meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations in India in 2026.

In the joint statement, the Ministers condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir on April 22 during which 26 people were killed and many more injured.

"They reaffirmed their commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing and safe havens. "They reiterated that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group and that all those involved in terrorist activities and their support must be held accountable and brought to justice in accordance with relevant national and international law," the statement said.

They urged to ensure zero tolerance for terrorism and reject double standards in countering terrorism. They emphasised the primary responsibility of States

in combating terrorism and that global efforts to prevent and counter terrorist threats must fully comply with their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the purposes and principles thereof, and relevant international conventions and protocols, in particular international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law, as applicable. They expressed strong condemnation of any acts of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, whenever, wherever and by whomsoever committed. The BRICS meeting comes amid tariffs imposed by the US on countries around the world. The Trump administration has imposed 50 per cent tariffs on India, including 25 per cent for its purchases of Russian oil, with Delhi facing among the highest levies imposed by Washington. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov participated in the meeting of BRICS foreign ministers.

A press release by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Lavrov underscored the significance of jointly implementing practical initiatives launched during the Russian and Brazilian chairmanships, "including the establishment of a new investment platform, the BRICS cross-border payment initiative, depository and clearing infrastructure, a reinsurance mechanism, and a BRICS grain exchange." Jaishankar and Lavrov held bilateral discussions on the margins of UNGA. "Good conversation with FM Sergey Lavrov of Russia on the sidelines of #UNGA80. Useful discussion on bilateral ties, the Ukraine conflict and developments in the Middle East," Jaishankar said.

Para World Archery Championships in Korea

History-maker armless archer Sheetal Devi stuns World No.1 to win Gold

PTI

Gwangju (South Korea): The 18-year-old Indian Sheetal Devi scripted history by becoming the first woman armless archer to win world championship gold in the compound individual section, and Toman Kumar replicated the title run in the corresponding men's event as India continued their good run at the Para World Archery Championships here on a riveting Saturday.

On a day when India produced two world champions and a total of five medals, Sheetal added a new page to history book, defeating Turkiye's world No.1 Oznur Cure Girdi 146-143 to claim gold.

The Jammu and Kashmir archer, the only competitor without arms in the tournament, shoots using her feet and chin.

In fact, the only previous instant of an armless archer winning gold came back in 2022 when USA's Matt Stutzman stood on top of the podium during the Dubai World Championships.

Sheetal had earlier won a mixed team bronze in the compound event with Toman Kumar, defeating Great Britain's Jodie Grinham and Nathan MacQueen 152-149.

In the compound women's open team event, Sheetal and Sarita settled for silver after losing to Turkey in the final.

Later, Toman claimed the compound men's title after fellow Indian Rakesh Kumar was forced to withdraw following a technical glitch as he lost 40-20 in an all-Indian final.

Rakesh, a Paris Paralympics bronze medalist, had to withdraw after four shots due to a pulley issue with his bow, allowing Toman, making his world championship debut, to clinch the title with four perfect arrows.

The women's individual final was a tense battle but Sheetal



stayed consistent and shot with composure.

The first end was tied at 29-all, but Sheetal fired three 10s in the second end to take an early lead, winning it 30-27.

The third end was also tied at 29-all. Sheetal's only lapse came in the fourth end, where she scored 28 as Girdi took it by one point, yet the Indian still held a two-point lead at 116-114.

She then sealed her maiden gold with a flawless final end, hitting three perfect arrows for 30. The title clash was a repeat of the 2023 Pilsen World Championships, where Girdi had narrowly beaten Sheetal 140-138. This time, Sheetal turned the tables to avenge her defeat two years ago.

In the open team final, Sheetal and Sarita started strongly but only to lose by 148-152 to settle for silver.

The Indian duo began strongly, edging out Turkish pair Oznur Cure Girdi and Bursa Fatma Un 38-37 in the opening end.

The Indians produced three 10s from their first four arrows, while Turkey managed just one 10. However, the Turkish archers bounced back in the second end with three 10s and a nine to outscore India by a point and level the contest at 76-all.

The third end saw the momentum shift further as

nerves appeared to affect the Indian duo.

They managed just one 10, along with two 9s and an 8, to total 36.

The Turkish duo was more consistent, shooting 37 with one 10 and three 9s, to seize a one-point overall lead. Girdi and Un were nearly flawless in the final end, hitting 39 out of a possible 40. In contrast, the Indians faltered with a 36, including one arrow landing in the 7-ring, as Turkey sealed the gold medal with a four point margin.

There was a slight disappointment for India in the compound men's open section as Shyam Sunder Swami lost 148-141 to Nathan MacQueen of Great Britain in the bronze medal playoff as India missed a chance to make a clean sweep.

Swami, who had been defeated by Toman Kumar in the semifinals, trailed by a point early on as MacQueen got off to a strong start, hitting all 10s in the first end.

The Briton maintained his consistency, while Swami slipped in the second end, scoring 27 to MacQueen's 29.

In the third end, MacQueen extended his lead to four points by edging the Indian 29-28. The Briton then delivered six perfect arrows across the final two ends to seal the bronze comfortably.

Prince William says 2024 was the hardest year of his life

AP

London, Sept 27: Prince William has told "Schitt's Creek" star Eugene Levy that 2024 was the hardest year of his life.

The royal made an appearance on Levy's show "The Reluctant Traveler" and spoke about last year, which saw his wife Kate, the Princess of Wales, and his father King Charles III both undergoing cancer treatment.

"I'd say 2024 was the hardest year I've ever had," William was shown telling Levy in a preview of the Apple TV+ episode. "Life is said to test us as well, and being able to overcome that

is what makes us who we are."

The preview of the episode, to be aired on Oct. 3, features William showing Levy around Windsor Castle and the pair chatting over a pint at a pub.

Kate said in January that her cancer was in remission, and she has taken on many more public engagements in recent months. Earlier this month she and William played key roles in the royal welcome for President Donald Trump's UK state visit.

Charles has also returned to public duty after stepping away for months last year to focus on his initial treatment and recovery.

PTI

Dubai, Sept 27: Suryakumar Yadav is an endearing anomaly in the social media era. Perhaps, the last bridge in this Indian team between the pristine old and the snazzy new. He might not be your friend, not even your acquaintance but will always meet you with such warmth and humility that one is sold for life.

It has been a norm during these three weeks in Dubai during the Asia Cup.

After the India nets at the ICC Academy ground, Suryakumar finds enough time to exchange pleasantries with the media before taking the staircase to the

dining room in the indoor facility.

He would come to the media conferences and answer all the questions, the smile never leaves his face.

Answers may or may not convince you, but the sincerity that rings around his voice will always be more than convincing.

Hence, more people than one would imagine would want Suryakumar to come out of his lean patch, succeed and enthrall the Indian fans with his 360 degree strokes in the match that matters most — an Asia Cup final against Pakistan here on Sunday.

Surya has had one good innings in the tournament — a 47 not out against



Pakistan in the first encounter between the two teams in the tournament.

However, even Surya would himself admit that the total was a modest one and Abhishek Sharma had set the platform with a blazing 31.

While Surya the T20I skipper has enjoyed a fabulous run so far,

somewhere the former world No. 1 ranked batter has taken a back-seat and some of the numbers aren't exactly flattering.

In T20s, pace of the game changes in a flash and since he became the skipper, his batting has suffered a bit, largely due to floating batting positions volunteered by him to ensure some of the youngsters get enough game time.

In 2024, Surya played 15 innings, faced 271 balls, scored 420 runs at a strike-rate of 155 with four half-centuries.

He had hit 40 boundaries and 22 sixes in those 15 knocks and the dot ball percentage was 35.

Trump asks SC to uphold restrictions he wants to impose on birthright citizenship

AP

Washington, Sept 27: President Donald Trump's administration is asking the Supreme Court to uphold his birthright citizenship order declaring that children born to parents who are in the United States illegally or temporarily are not American citizens.

The appeal, shared with The Associated Press on Saturday, sets in motion a process at the high court that could lead to a definitive ruling from the justices by early summer on whether the citizenship restrictions are constitutional. Lower-court judges have so far blocked them from taking effect anywhere. The Republican administration is not asking the court to let the restrictions take effect before it rules. The Justice Department's petition has been shared with lawyers for parties challenging the order, but is not yet docketed at the Supreme Court.

Any decision on whether to take up the case probably is months away and arguments probably would not take place until the late winter or early spring.

"The lower court's decisions invalidated a policy



of prime importance to the president and his administration in a manner that undermines our border security," Solicitor General D. John Sauer wrote. "Those decisions confer, without lawful justification, the privilege of American citizenship on hundreds of thousands of unqualified people."

Cody Wofsy, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer who represents children who would be affected by Trump's restrictions, said the administration's plan is plainly unconstitutional.

"This executive order is illegal, full stop, and no amount of maneuvering from the administration is going to change that. We will continue to ensure that no baby's citizenship is ever stripped away by this cruel and senseless order," Wofsy said in an email. Trump signed an

executive order on the first day of his second term in the White House that would upend more than 125 years of understanding that the Constitution's 14th Amendment confers citizenship on everyone born on American soil, with narrow exceptions for the children of foreign diplomats and those born to a foreign occupying force.

In a series of decisions, lower courts have struck down the executive order as unconstitutional, or likely so, even after a Supreme Court ruling in late June that limited judges' use of nationwide injunctions. While the Supreme Court curbed the use of nationwide injunctions, it did not rule out other court orders that could have nationwide effects, including in class-action lawsuits and those brought by states. The justices did not decide

at that time whether the underlying citizenship order is constitutional.

But every lower court that has looked at the issue has concluded that Trump's order violates or likely violates the 14th Amendment, which was intended to ensure that Black people, including former slaves, had citizenship.

The administration is appealing two cases.

The US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco ruled in July that a group of states that sued over the order needed a nationwide injunction to prevent the problems that would be caused by birthright citizenship being in effect in some states and not others. Also in July, a federal judge in New Hampshire blocked the citizenship order in a class-action lawsuit including all children who would be affected.

Birthright citizenship automatically makes anyone born in the United States an American citizen, including children born to mothers who are in the country illegally, under long-standing rules. The right was enshrined soon after the Civil War in the first sentence of the 14th Amendment.

Time for ‘skipper Surya’ to let ‘batter Surya’ take over in Asia Cup summit clash

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