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Lieutenant Governor, J&K



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DC Sgr, SMC
Commissioner review
traffic decongestion
measures

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 13: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Thursday chaired a comprehensive meeting at Conference Hall of the DC Office to deliberate on key matters related to decongestion of traffic in the city.

SSP Traffic, Aijaz Ahmad, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, Regional Transport Officer Kashmir, Qazi Irfan; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Superintending Engineer R&B South, Tatheer Manzoor; Superintending Engineer R&B North, Shabir Ahmad; ARTO Srinagar Mouzam Ali, Officers from SSCL and other concerned were present in the meeting.

At the outset, a detailed discussion took place on finalization of different agenda points including, Notifying of dedicated Bus Stops in Srinagar City, delineation on Contract Carriage Permits , Replication of One-Way Traffic on select routes to reduce congestion, identification of black

spots, and streamlined regulation of e-rickshaws within the City, exploring additional and alternate Road Connectivity Projects to ease the existing routes, alternate road projects, creation of additional Parking Facilities besides other agenda points.

After a comprehensive review, decisions were taken with respect to several key bottlenecks and proposals aimed at improving transport reliability and ensuring better mobility for the public.

Stress was laid on ensuring robust and reliable Transport services to the public in the City. They also emphasized on taking effective measures to overcome traffic jams for smooth regulation of traffic movement in the City.

They further underscored the need for establishing a structured and sustainable framework for e-rickshaw operations, ensuring both road safety and public convenience while maintaining overall traffic discipline on the roads.

During the meeting framework with regard to establishment of District Excellence Centre Srinagar in Regional Transport Office was also discussed.

Govt promoting sports culture
in J&K: Satish Sharma

Unveils official Jersey for 3rd
edition of Jammu Midnight Marathon

KT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 13: In a spirited move to promote fitness and community participation, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma unveiled the official jersey for Jammu Midnight Marathon – 3rd Edition, scheduled to be held on 15th November 2025 at Maulana Azad Stadium here on Thursday.

While unveiling the jersey, Satish Sharma lauded the efforts of the organizers for successfully conceptualizing and sustaining the idea of a night marathon in Jammu, symbolizing the city's growing enthusiasm towards fitness and sports. He said that such events not only promote physical well-being but also strengthen social unity, youth engagement, and community pride.

"The Jammu Midnight Marathon reflects the vibrancy, discipline, and determination of our youth. I urge every citizen, particularly the younger generation, to come forward and participate in this marathon to celebrate fitness, endurance, and togetherness," the Minister said.

The Minister reiterated the Government's commitment to promoting sports culture in the Union Territory by enhancing infrastructure, encouraging public participation, and providing greater opportunities for athletes at all levels. He further emphasized that under the vision of Omar Abdullah led Government, Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a transformation in sports development, with increased



focus on creating modern playfields, training facilities, and youth engagement programs

The Jammu Midnight Marathon is being organized under the aegis of the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council in collaboration with Real-time Sports, and is powered by COROS in association with Monalisa. The event, over the past editions, emerged as one of the most exciting and popular sports events in the Union Territory, drawing participants from diverse age groups and regions. The upcoming Jammu Midnight Marathon – 3rd Edition will feature multiple race categories

designed to suit all levels of runners, from professional athletes to fitness enthusiasts. The event will commence from Maulana Azad Stadium and traverse through key city routes, providing a safe, well-lit, and vibrant atmosphere for participants.

Participants can register for the event by scanning the QR code featured on the official poster or through the Instagram handle @jammumidnightmarathonofficial. For registration and inquiries, participants can also dial +91 9596798743 or +91 7006095269 for any kind of queries.

SMC organises health
camp for employees

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 13: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Thursday organised a comprehensive Health Camp at its Head Office, Karan Nagar, in collaboration with Government Medical College (GMC) / SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.

The health camp was inaugurated by the Commissioner, SMC, Faz Lul Haseeb, and aimed at promoting employee health, preventive care, and overall wellness.

The camp, organised under the supervision of Health Officer, SMC, Dr. Fauzia Habib, witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and staff across all wings of the Corporation.

A team of specialist doctors and skilled paramedical staff conducted detailed consultations, screenings, and health evaluations for the participants.

The Commissioner lauded Dr. Fauzia Habib for her exemplary leadership and commitment, describing her as a dynamic and dedicated officer whose efforts significantly strengthen the Corporation's public health initiatives. He emphasised that employee welfare remains a top priority for the administration and reaffirmed SMC's resolve to continue organising similar health and wellness programmes to foster a culture of preventive healthcare across the city.

The camp was also attended by Administrator, Government Medical College, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, besides senior officers of the Corporation, including Joint Commissioners, Executive Engineers, and the Chief Sanitation Officer, who availed themselves of the health check-up facilities.

DHSJ reviews
functioning of health
centres in Reasi

KT NEWS DESK

REASI, NOVEMBER 13: Director Health Services Jammu (DHSJ), Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar reviewed the functioning of health institutions, including Primary Health Centre (PHC) Pouni and NTPHC Ransoo during his tour to the district Thursday. Dr. Zargar interacted with the medical and paramedical staff and took a detailed review of patient care services, availability of essential medicines and functioning of laboratory and diagnostic facilities.

He emphasized on maintaining punctuality, sanitation and adherence to prescribed treatment protocols to ensure quality healthcare delivery to the public.

The DHSJ appreciated the health staff for providing services to people in hilly and remote areas and urged them to continue their work with commitment and compassion. He also directed the concerned officers to ensure regular monitoring of infrastructure development works and to strengthen implementation of national health programmes at the grassroots level.

RBI promotes financial
literacy during Jhiri Mela

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 13: Reserve Bank of India, Jammu, through its Financial Inclusion and Development Department (FIDD), set up a Financial Literacy Awareness Stall during the Jhiri Mela.

The Jhiri Mela, an annual cultural fair commemorating the valour of Baba Jitto, provided an apt platform to spread financial awareness among a large number of visitors. Officials from Office of Banking Ombudsman, Jammu, J&K Bank and the Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL) also participated in the initiative.

The stall served as an informative hub, disseminating knowledge on topics such as the role and functions of RBI,

identification of genuine currency notes, safe digital banking practices and awareness against financial frauds.

Informative booklets like Know Your Banknotes, BE(A) WARE and Raju and the Money Tree were distributed to visitors. A key attraction was the Note and Coins Exchange Counter managed by J&K Bank, where fresh notes and coins were issued in exchange for soiled notes, receiving an overwhelming public response.

To further engage visitors, short quiz sessions on banking and financial awareness were organized, with attractive prizes for winners. The initiative was widely appreciated by the public for its interactive and informative approach toward enhancing financial literacy.

“Your Capital – Your Right”
Awareness camps on
unclaimed assets today

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 13: The Union Territory Level Bankers' Committee (UTL-BC), J&K, will host two mega awareness camps in Srinagar and Jammu on November 14 (Friday) under nationwide “Your Money, Your Right” a three month campaign launched on October 1, 2025, by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance. The camps will be organised through LDM Srinagar and LDM Jammu.

The initiative aims to expedite the settlement of unclaimed deposits and enhance public awareness on reclaiming dormant financial assets.

In Jammu, the camp will take place at Hotel Country Inn, Bahu Plaza, from 11:30 a.m., where the local Member of Parliament has been invited to grace the event as the chief guest.

The Srinagar camp will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Hall, Khalifa Pora, Khanyar, and will be graced by elected representatives from Khanyar and Hazratbal.

Both camps will facilitate on-the-spot verification and

settlement of eligible claims related to unclaimed deposits, insurance proceeds, mutual fund units, pension dues, and other financial assets.

Senior officers from banks, insurance companies, pension bodies, and mutual fund institutions will be present to guide visitors through the claim process. Encouraged by recent BLBC meetings and awareness drives conducted by banks and FLCs, a strong turnout is expected, with residents advised to bring valid identification and supporting documents.

Extensive local publicity—through community announcements and coordination with nearby bank branches—has been carried out to ensure maximum participation. Verified claims will be processed and disbursed immediately during the camps.

These events form a key part of the DFS's national initiative to return unclaimed financial assets to their rightful owners and promote transparent, citizen-centric financial services. For further information, individuals may visit the RBI UDGM Portal or contact their nearest bank branch.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
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& HOSPITALS DIVISION BARAMULLA

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TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No:	M&HDB/TS/2025-26/53/3112-17
Date:	12-11-2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla, invites online e-bids in Two Cover system on Item Percentage basis from Registered / reputed / experienced firms Registered with J&K UT Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State / Central Governments for the below mentioned repair works:

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of Completion
01.	General Overhauling of Hot water Generator plant of Central Heating System installed at SDH Kreeri for the year 2025-26	0.65	200.00	1300/-	20 days

Note:-

- Project Authority: - Directorate of Hospitality and protocol, J&K.
- AAA: -Administrative Approval accorded by Directorate Health Services Kashmir vide No. 100/DHSK of 2025 Dated: - 11-11-2025
- Technical Sanction: - Technical Sanction Accorded by Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla vide No. M&HDB/TS/33 of 11/2025Dated: -12-11-2025.
- Executing Agency: - Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla.

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	12-11-2025
2.	Period of downloading of the bidding document	From 12-11-2025 to 19-11-2025
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	From 12-11-2025 (18:15 HRS)
4.	Bid Submission End Date	19-11-2025 (18:55 HRS)
5.	Date of Opening of Cover 1 st	20-11-2025 (13:00 HRS)

The bidders are required to submit their offers in two (02) covers.

Cover-I shall contain: Scanned copies of following documents:

01.	Tender Fee	Rs. 200.00 (Rupees Two hundred only) in shape of e-Challan / e-receipt / online Bank transfer acknowledgement including m-Pay Delight*, to be uploaded with each online bid pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla. Tender ID to be written also on the voucher. Bank: J&K Bank. Branch: T.P Baramulla. IFSC Code: JAKA0TEHSIL Account No. 0213010200000051.
02.	EMD	Scanned copy of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/FDR equivalent to 02% of value of the advertised cost pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla. EMD of successful bidder shall be released on receipt of equivalent to / in the range of 03% to 10%Performance Guarantee of the value of the Contractfrom (L1) and execution of agreement with the Department. EMD of un-successful bidders shall be also released as per rules provided in J&K PWD Engineering Manual 2020.
03.	Terms & Conditions	Scanned copy of the Annexure- "A" & "B" duly accepted by the bidder.
04.	Tax Clearance	Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST Number.
05.	GST	Scanned copies of PAN Card / GST Registration / Latest GST clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
06.	Undertaking	Undertaking as per format at Annexure "C" that the bidder has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Govt./Semi Govt. Department.
07.	Contractor Registration	Scanned copy of valid Contractor Registration on JKPWDOMS of PWD J&K.
08.	Eligibility / Work Experience Certificate	The Bidder Shall submit documentary proof of having successfully executed similar nature of work amounting to 80% of the estimated cost in single contract or 50% of the estimated cost in two contracts each or 40% of the estimated cost in three contracts each in last 07 years in any Govt. / Semi Govt./ Autonomous institutions alongwith satisfactory performance certificate issued by a competent authority not below the rank of Assistant Executive Engineer.

Note:-

- The successful bidder has to furnish EMD document physically to the Divisional Office alongwith fee receipt within three days from the date of opening price bid, without which his bid shall not be accepted for further processing of contract in his favour.
- No EMD exemption shall be given to bidders.
- Bidders / Firms shall refrain from uploading irrelevant documents.
- Contractor/ Firm shall upload the contact / communication details separately on single page.
- Cover-II shall contain:
 - Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this department. In no case, financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - The bids for the work shall remain valid for 180 days and the contract shall be valid for one complete year, starting from the date of allotment of the said contract.
 - The complete bidding process will be online.
 - The Financial bid of only qualifying bidders shall be opened online in the Office of the Executive Engineer M&H Baramulla after evaluation of technical bid and decision thereof.
 - Bidder shall be penalized as per tender conditions if they withdraw their bid during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - 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. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the rate below %age inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
 - The cost of tender documents is non-refundable and the tender shall in no case be accepted if submitted by any firm other than the purchaser.
 - Any tender found to have been submitted by the firm by furnishing false information to the department shall be cancelled and the firm shall be penalized as and when it comes to the notice of the Department even during the currency of the contract. The department reserves the right to debar / blacklist such firm(s).
 - Conditional tenders shall not be entertained.
 - Unbalanced Bid: In case bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced, the successful bidder shall have to produce additional performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee within 07 days after opening of price bid as per the Circular directives of the J&K U.T Finance Department issued vide No. FD-Code/441/2021-22-158; Dated: - 08.08.2025 and relevant clauses of J&K (PWD) Engineering Manual 2020.
 - Bidders / Firms shall mandatorily disclose GST-linked Bank Account Number as per the Circular directives of the J&K U.T Finance Department issued vide Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025; Dated: - 08.07.2025
 - The tenders should be addressed to the Executive Engineer M&H Baramulla.

No: - M&HDB/TS/e-tender-2025-26/53/3112-17

DIPK-8068/25
DATED: 13-11-2025

Dated: - 12-11-2025

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Mechanical & Hospitals Division
Baramulla

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SUB: CANCELLATION OF E-TENDER NOTICE

In view of no response, the e-Tender Notice invited vide e-NIT No. 20 of 2025 dated: 01.08.2025 with regard to “Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Children Park Srinagar” issued under endorsement No.DOFK-GS0TN-DR/12/2025/E-7734435/e-NIT-20 dated: 01.08.2025 is hereby cancelled ab-initio.

Sd/-
Accounts Officer,
(Member Secretary)
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Second Special Convocation of University of Jammu

Society must actively counter terrorism: LG Sinha

Says time to expose those sheltering terrorists, creating extremist narratives

'If people don't stand up against terrorism, it'll become existential threat'

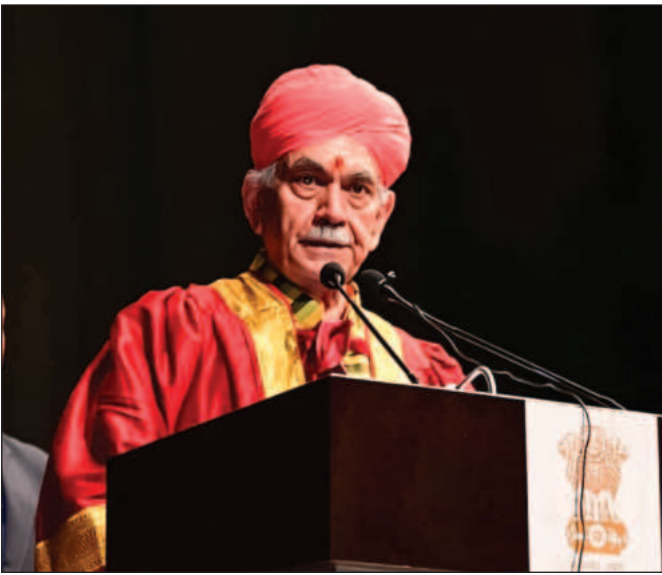
Reiterates security forces determined to dismantle terror ecosystem

Urges students to embrace change, focus on skill-first curriculum

KT News Desk

Jammu, Nov 13: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, graced the 19th (Second Special) Convocation Ceremony of University of Jammu on Thursday. In his convocation address, the Lieutenant Governor underscored the importance of embracing change in the higher education sector and asked the faculty members to focus on skill-first curriculum, collaboration across disciplines and keeping pace with evolving trends to meet the demands of India's economy and the society.

"There is a need to strengthen research infrastructure and its focus on outcomes by exploiting cutting-edge technologies. Artificial Intelligence is a reality today, not a technicality, and the sooner we accept the



need to create a balanced blend of technology and human faculty, the more we will be able

to adapt ourselves to modern transformation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor gave five fundamental guiding principles to the students for their life journey. "First, never forget humility, hunger to learn, and work ethics to succeed in life. Your degree will open the door of opportunity for the first time but it is your talent, determination, dedication, reskilling and willingness to adapt to change that will ensure endless opportunities in future.

Second, be kind and compassionate. Skills get you hired but it is your character and your ideals that ensures that you grow in life. In your journey Sanskar, Integrity, Reliability and Trust will define your career more than any other credentials.

Third, never stop learning in your life. The professional world rewards those who are adventurous and ever ready to learn. | More on P6

DNA test confirms Pulwama doctor drove Delhi blast car, probe widens

Amit Shah vows 'strictest' punishment to perpetrators

Routine poster probe uncovers major terror plot

50 CCTVs track Dr Umar drove around several places in Delhi before blast

Probe reveals doctors' module planned 'serial blasts' on Babri demolition anniversary

Ahmad Taimur

Srinagar, Nov 13: Dr Umar Mohammad drove the car - the Hyundai i20 - that exploded near Delhi's historic Red Fort on Monday, claiming nine lives and injuring 20 others, confirmed the DNA test results on Thursday.

Details available with news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) revealed that investigators had taken DNA samples of Dr Umar from the



exploded car near the blast site on Monday.

Dr Umar was working as a senior doctor at the Al Falah University in Faridabad. "His DNA sample matched completely with that of his mother and brother. The DNA sample matched with several body parts of Umar recovered from the exploded car," details revealed.

On Wednesday, investigators had collected DNA samples of Umar's mother and mother after they were detained in Pulwama by the police following the deadly explosion in Delhi.

The blast occurred hours after Jammu and Kashmir police and Faridabad police recovered 2900

kg of explosives from two residential houses in Faridabad on Monday. The revelation about explosives being stored in Faridabad came after police arrested Dr Muzzamil Shakeel and Dr Adeel, both associates of Dr Umar.

Fearing arrest, Dr Umar drove the i20 car - laden with explosives - around Delhi in panic on Monday before reaching the Red Fort area on Monday.

According to details available with KNO, around 50 CCTV cameras have been scanned by the investigators across Delhi, which had captured Dr Umar driving the car at several locations in the national capital including | More on P6

Decoding Budgam: NC's cadre test, Ruhullah's rebellion, PDP's morale

KNO Special Correspondent

Srinagar, Nov 13: All eyes are on the outcome of the Budgam seat, which is being seen as the first major litmus test for the one-year-old National Conference-led government.

While by-elections were held for two seats-Budgam and Nagrota-political parties as well as observers are keenly watching the outcome of the former, given multiple factors and variables in the segment.

According to observers as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), it will be interesting to see whether the National Conference (NC)'s cadre

base can withstand the conspicuous rebellion by its Member of Parliament Aga Ruhullah Mehdi and the perceived anti-incumbency sentiment against the one-year-old Omar Abdullah-led government.

"Ruhullah may have a limited vote bank, but he has a broader appeal. It remains to be seen whether his absence from campaigning will affect the prospects of the NC in a seat considered its traditional stronghold," they said.

They said NC's ability to win the seat will indicate its grassroots cadre remains intact despite internal dissent and "anti-incumbency sentiment".

The rebellion | More on P6

Entire Kashmir can't be branded terror sympathisers: CM Omar

» Calls for exemplary punishment to Delhi blast perpetrators

» Urges authorities not to harass innocents

Yogesh

Jammu, Nov 13: Emphasising that the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir cannot be branded as sympathisers of terrorism, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said that Delhi blast perpetrators should be given exemplary punishment.

Talking to the reporters at sidelines of the 19th (Second Special) Convocation of the University of Jammu, the Chief Minister, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "Only a few elements were responsible



for disturbing peace and harmony in the region and they should be given the strictest punishment. Innocent people should not get caught in it."

He said that words are not enough to condemn the brutal killings of innocent people and no one can justify such an act.

He said, "Every resident of Jammu and Kashmir is not a terrorist. Not every Kashmiri is on the side of terrorists. It is only a handful of people who have tried to disturb the peace and harmony here," he said.

"When we begin to look at every Kashmiri Muslim through the same lens and try to give the impression that every Kashmiri Muslim is a terrorist, it becomes very difficult to keep things on the right track," he said. | More on P6

CM Omar chairs 90th BoD meeting of JDA

Urban dev, budget planning discussed

KT News Desk

Jammu, Nov 13: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday chaired the 90th meeting of the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) here at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department Mandeep Kaur, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Rakesh Minhas, Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Devansh Yadav, Vice Chairman JDA



Rupesh Kumar and other senior officers concerned.

The Board discussed and deliberated upon several key agenda points placed before it for consideration. During the meeting, each agenda item was discussed in detail. The Chief Minister emphasized the need for prudent financial management and timely execution of projects to create

urban infrastructure and public amenities in Jammu.

The meeting also held threadbare discussions on the revised estimates for the financial year 2024-25 and the budget estimates for FY 2025-26 of the JDA, with a focus on optimizing resources for planned urban growth and sustainable development. | More on P6

Police intensify crackdown on terror networks across J&K

Conduct raids, detain terror-linked suspects, search properties targeting JeI, JKNOP links

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Nov 13: Jammu & Kashmir Police have intensified crackdown on terror networks across multiple districts of the Union Territory as part of coordinated preventive operations aimed at dismantling the terror ecosystem and strengthening internal security in the region, officials said on Thursday.

In Baramulla, police carried out a series of preventive actions targeting individuals and networks suspected of involvement in subversive activities, a police official said. He said six individuals linked with such networks were detained and bound down under

the law, while 22 properties associated with terrorist aides were searched.

"As part of the same operation, 20 terror associates were bound down, and two were sent to jail under preventive detention laws," he said. "Two individuals booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), who are currently on bail, were examined, and one was bound down under preventive law."

Police identified eight other UAPA-accused for bail cancellation, with two cases already submitted to the competent court.

The security forces also conducted | More on P6

Two hybrid terrorists arrested in Sopore: Police

KNO Correspondent

Sopore, Nov 13: Police and security forces on Thursday said to have arrested two hybrid terrorists during a joint operation in Moominabad area of Sopore.

The arrested individuals, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) have been identified as Shabir Najar and Shabir Ahmed Mir.

According to Police, the operation was launched following specific intelligence input about the movement of terror operatives in the area.

During the search, both individuals were apprehended and incriminating materials, arms and ammunition were recovered from their possession.

Meanwhile, a case has been registered and further



investigation is underway.

This development comes amid heightened security measures and intensified cordon and search operations across Kashmir, especially in Baramulla and Sopore, as part of ongoing efforts to dismantle the terror networks and curb the activities of Over Ground Workers (OGWs).

Meanwhile, as per a statement issued to KNO, said that J&K Police in Sopore along with 22 RR and | More on P6

'From strength to strength': CM Omar hails Jammu University's growth

» Addresses JU's 19th Convocation

» Highlights transformative reforms in hr edu

» Stresses role of universities in empowering youth

KT News Desk

Jammu, Nov 13: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said his government has undertaken a series of transformative reforms to enhance access, quality and relevance in higher

education across Jammu and Kashmir—reforms that directly benefit institutions such as the University of Jammu and, most importantly, its students.

He was speaking at the 19th (Second Special) Convocation of the University of Jammu, held at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium. The Chief Minister, who also serves as the Pro-Chancellor of the University, attended the event as the Guest of Honour.

The convocation was graced by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the Chancellor of the University as chief guest and attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam



Wani, Members of Parliament Ghulam Ali Khatana and Sat Paul Sharma, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, Member

University Council Prof. A.K. Kaul, senior faculty members, distinguished achievers, degree recipients, students and proud parents.



In his address, the Chief Minister congratulated the graduating students, medal winners and Ph.D. awardees, describing the convocation as

a "moment of pride, celebration and reflection" for the institution and everyone associated with it.

"To the parents, guardians and families—your support, sacrifices and faith have been essential in reaching this proud moment. This achievement belongs to you as much as to your children," the Chief Minister said, acknowledging the pivotal role of families and educators in shaping future generations.

He said that the University of Jammu has grown from strength to strength and today stands as a beacon of learning with 11 off-site campuses, 40

academic departments and over 160 affiliated colleges, serving the educational aspirations of students across Jammu and Kashmir.

Highlighting the University's achievements, Omar Abdullah commended its NAAC A++ accreditation with a CGPA of 3.72, considered as highly ranked in the country, and noted its consistent presence among the top 100 universities in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), securing the 51st position in the university category this year. He also appreciated the university's steady rise in the State | More on P6

EDITORIAL

Friday Brief: The Destructive Fire Of Greed

In an era defined by materialism and the relentless pursuit of wealth, Islam's teachings on greed offer a powerful antidote to the spiritual emptiness of consumerism. The Quran and Hadith repeatedly warn against the destructive nature of excessive desire for worldly possessions, presenting greed not merely as a personal failing but as a spiritual disease that corrodes faith and fractures communities. The Quran explicitly condemns the hoarding of wealth, stating: "And those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah - give them tidings of a painful punishment" (9:34). This stark warning underscores that wealth is a trust

from God, not an end in itself. The relentless pursuit of more - more money, more property, more status - is characterised as a distraction from our true purpose: "The competition for more [worldly gain] diverts you until you visit the graves" (102:1-2). Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) perfectly embodied contentment and warned against greed's insidious nature. He stated: "If the son of Adam had a valley of gold, he would desire another. Nothing fills his mouth except dust, and Allah forgives those who repent" (Bukhari). This profound insight reveals greed as a bottomless pit—the more one acquires, the more one desires, leading only to

spiritual suffocation. The Islamic economic system is designed to counteract greed through practical mechanisms. Zakat (obligatory charity) forcibly redistributes wealth, while the prohibition of interest (riba) prevents exploitative accumulation. The Prophet (PBUH) emphasised that true wealth lies not in abundance but in contentment: "Richness is not having many possessions, but richness is the richness of the soul" (Bukhari). Greed manifests not only in material accumulation but in envy, jealousy, and the constant comparison with others' blessings. Islam teaches gratitude (shukr) as the antidote, recognising that what we have is

sufficient and divinely ordained. In today's world, where success is measured by net worth and happiness is commodified, Islam's timeless wisdom reminds us that peace comes not from acquiring more, but from needing less. By curbing greed through voluntary charity, gratitude, and detachment from worldly attachments, we protect our hearts from becoming slaves to desire and rediscover the freedom that comes with spiritual fulfilment. The path to true contentment lies not in expanding our possessions, but in simplifying our wants and remembering that we take nothing to our graves except our deeds.

Unlocking India's Green Hydrogen Production Potential

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India's energy transition is entering a decisive phase, as the country reduces its dependence on fossil fuels and increases domestic clean energy production. This is in line with its vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047 and achieving Net Zero by 2070. In this transition, Green hydrogen, has emerged as a clean, scalable fuel alternative that can decarbonize hard-to-abate sectors, reduce import dependence on fossil fuels, and support India's goals for energy security and industrial growth.

The Indian government launched the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) in 2023, as an umbrella programme that aims to establish a Green Hydrogen ecosystem and catalyse a systemic response to the opportunities and challenges in this sector.

Objectives

The Mission represents more than an energy initiative; it is a strategic pathway toward industrial competitiveness, import reduction, and long-term energy security—linking sustainability with self-reliance.

What is Green Hydrogen?

Green Hydrogen is Hydrogen produced using renewable energy, such as solar or wind power, instead of fossil fuels. In this process water is split into hydrogen and oxygen through electrolysis, using electricity from solar panels or wind turbines. According to standards notified by Govt of India, Hydrogen made this way is considered "green" if the total emissions from the process are very low, not more than 2 kg of CO₂ equivalent for every 1 kg of Hydrogen produced. Green Hydrogen can also be produced by converting biomass (like agricultural waste) into hydrogen, as long as emissions remain below the same limit.

The National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) aims to build the capacity and ecosystem required to position India as a global leader in clean hydrogen. By 2030, the Mission will be supported by about 125 GW of new renewable energy capacity dedicated to green hydrogen production, along with investments exceeding 8 lakh crore. The Mission is expected to create over 6 lakh jobs, reduce fossil fuel imports by more than 1 lakh crore, and avoid nearly 50 MMT of greenhouse gas emissions every year by 2030.

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As of May 2025, 19 companies have been allocated a cumulative annual production capacity of 862,000 tonnes of Green Hydrogen every year and 15 firms have been awarded a 3,000 MW annual electrolyzer manufacturing capacity. India has also launched pilot project in steel, mobility and shipping sectors.

Sectoral Innovation & Implementation Under NGHM

Launched in January 2023, the National Green Hydrogen Mission has an initial outlay of 19,744 crore till Financial Year 2029-30. This includes 17,490 crore for the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) programme, 1,466 crore for pilot projects, 400 crore for research and development (R&D), and 388 crore towards other Mission components.

The Mission focuses on four key pillars, including policy and regulatory framework, demand creation, research and development & innovation, and enabling infrastructure and ecosystem development — aimed at positioning India as a global hub for green hydrogen production, use, and export.

To augment the Mission's vision, the government has also launched multiple



schemes to accelerate production and use of green hydrogen, promote domestic manufacturing and exports, ensure regulatory compliance, and strengthen public-private partnerships.

(i) Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Scheme: A financial incentive mechanism with an outlay of 17,490 crore up to 2029-30 provides incentives for the manufacturing of electrolyzers that are used for production of green hydrogen.

(ii) Development of Green Hydrogen Hubs: In October 2025, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has announced the recognition of three major ports Deendayal Port Authority (Gujarat), V.O. Chidambaram Port Authority (Tamil Nadu), and Paradip Port Authority (Odisha) as Green Hydrogen Hubs under the NGHM. These coastal gateways will serve as integrated centres for production, consumption, and future export.

(iii) Standards, Certification and Safety: Launched in April 2025, the Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme of India (GHCI) provides a national framework to certify hydrogen as "green" by assessing its greenhouse gas emissions across the entire production cycle. The scheme ensures that only hydrogen produced using renewable energy, and within the prescribed emission limits, can be officially labeled as Green Hydrogen. It provides

transparency, traceability, and credibility for producers, buyers, and export markets.

Under the GHCI, obtaining a 'Final Certificate' is mandatory for any green hydrogen production facility in India that (a) receives subsidies or incentives from the central or state governments, or (b) sells or uses the hydrogen domestically (in India).

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is the Nodal Authority responsible for accrediting agencies that monitor and certify projects.

(iv) Strategic Hydrogen Innovation Partnership (SHIP): The Mission fosters public-private partnerships for R&D through the Strategic Hydrogen Innovation Partnership (SHIP). It is designed to support the development of advanced, globally competitive hydrogen technologies through collaborative research involving Government institutions, industry, and academic organisations. The programme includes the creation of a dedicated R&D fund with contributions from both the Government and industry. Under SHIP, consortium-based research will be encouraged to leverage the strengths of national scientific institutions such as BARC, ISRO, CSIR, IITs, IISc, and other partners. The objective is to drive innovation across the Green Hydrogen value chain and support domestic manufacturing capability.

A dedicated 400 crore R&D scheme under the Mission is already powering 23

cutting-edge projects across areas such as hydrogen production, safety systems, storage, and industrial applications. In addition, a 100 crore Call for Proposals has been launched to support start-ups working on innovative technologies for hydrogen production, storage, transport and utilisation, with funding of up to 5 crore per project. These initiatives are aimed at developing globally competitive technologies and reducing costs across the hydrogen value chain.

The second round of R&D proposals, launched in July 2025 focuses on collaborative research and industry participation, with over 30 joint proposals internationally submitted under the EU-India Trade and Technology Council.

Pathways for Adoption

The roadmap is not just limited to forming policies and providing subsidies, but green hydrogen is also being introduced in key sectors to reduce emissions, supporting domestic manufacturing, and replacing fossil-based hydrogen and feedstock. The NGHM is facilitating applications across industry, mobility, and infrastructure.

Industrial

Fertilizers: Replacing fossil-fuel-based feedstocks with Green Ammonia. A recent auction for a long-term supply of green ammonia to fertilizer units, with an aggregate procurement capacity of 7.24 lakh metric tonnes per annum, at a price of 55.75 per kg.

Petroleum Refining: The Mission is seamlessly facilitating the replacement of fossil-based hydrogen with green hydrogen in refineries, directly reducing the carbon footprint of this essential industry.

Steel: Five pilot projects have been initiated in collaboration with public and private steel producers to evaluate the use of Green Hydrogen for iron reduction and other process applications. These pilots are designed to assess the technical feasibility, economic viability and safety of hydrogen-based steelmaking in Indian operating conditions.

Mobility and Transport

Road Transport: In March, five major pilot projects were initiated involving 37 hydrogen vehicle (buses and trucks), and 9 refueling stations across 10 different routes. The vehicles to be deployed for the trial include 15 hydrogen fuel cell-based vehicles and 22 hydrogen internal combustion engine-based vehicles. The financial support for the project would be around Rs. 208 crore.

Shipping: India's first port-based Green

Hydrogen Pilot Project was commissioned at V.O. Chidambaram Port in September 2025. The 25 crore, 10 Nm³/hr facility will produce green hydrogen for local applications, including street lighting and an EV charging station. A 42 crore, 750 m³ Green Methanol Bunkering and Refuelling Facility is also being developed to support cleaner maritime operations and enable a Coastal Green Shipping Corridor between Kandla and Tuticorin.

High-Altitude Mobility: NTPC in November 2024 was commissioned the world's highest altitude (3,650 m) Green Hydrogen Mobility Project in Leh, which includes 5 hydrogen intra-city buses and a fuelling station proving the fuel's reliability in extreme conditions. This station shall mitigate the carbon emissions of approx. 350 MT/year and contribute 230 MT/year of pure oxygen into the atmosphere which is equal to planting of approx. 13000 trees.

Enabling Framework:

Beyond direct incentives, a comprehensive enabling framework is being established to de-risk investments and accelerate development.

Policy Framework: To facilitate the delivery of low-cost renewable energy for hydrogen production, the government has provided a waiver of Interstate transmission charges and ensured a time-bound grant of Open Access.

Skill Development: A coordinated skill development programme is being implemented, which has already led to the certification of more than 5,600 trainees in hydrogen-related qualifications, building a future-ready workforce.

Building Global Partnerships

In 2024, India made its debut in the international hydrogen community at the World Hydrogen Summit in Rotterdam where the inauguration of its first India Pavilion. This positions India as a prime partner for global investment, and key partner in the emerging global hydrogen economy.

EU-India Collaboration: Under the EU-India Trade and Technology Council, collaboration is expanding, with over 30 joint proposals received on hydrogen production from waste.

India-UK Partnership: A dedicated Standards Partnership Workshop in February 2025 was held to strengthen cooperation on hydrogen standardization, focusing on safe, scalable, and globally harmonized Regulations, Codes and Standards (RCS) to enhance trade.

Partnership with H2Global: In November 2024, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) signed an MoU with Germany's H2Global Stiftung to collaborate on market-based mechanisms and joint tender designs, facilitating the export of Indian green hydrogen to international markets.

Singapore: In October 2025, Sembcorp Industries signed MoUs with V.O. Chidambaram and Paradip Port Authorities to develop integrated green-hydrogen and ammonia hubs for production, storage and exports.

Conclusion: A Legacy of Clean Growth

Green hydrogen stands at the center of India's clean energy strategy, driving the shift toward a low-carbon and self-reliant economy. Building on one of the world's most competitive renewable energy bases, the National Green Hydrogen Mission is expanding domestic production, scaling innovation, and opening global markets for green hydrogen and its derivatives. The Mission reduces dependence on fossil fuels, accelerates industrial transformation, and positions India to lead with credibility in the global clean energy transition—advancing a future that is sustainable, secure, and self-sustained.

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By-Polls Budgam, Nagrota vote count today



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Srinagar/Jammu, Nov 13: As political parties and voters await the outcome with bated breath, counting of votes for the Budgam and Nagrota Assembly constituencies will take place on Thursday.

The Election Commission of India has made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the counting process for the Budgam and Nagrota Assembly seats, where voting was held on November 11.

According to details available, the process of counting will begin at 8 a.m. with postal ballots, while the counting of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will start at 8:30 a.m. Returning Officer for the Budgam Assembly segment, Afroza Bano, said that 15 rounds of counting will be conducted for the seat. However, Returning Officer for the Nagrota

constituency, Rajesh Kumar, declined to share details about the counting process, stating that he was busy.

A total of 27 candidates are in the fray for these two constituencies, which were previously won by the National Conference and the BJP, respectively.

Field reports suggest that the outcome of the Budgam Assembly segment is likely to be decided by a narrow margin between National Conference's Aga Mehmood and PDP's Muntazir Mehdi. In Nagrota, BJP's Devyani is reported to have the upper hand in the contest for the seat, which fell vacant following the demise of her father, Devinder Singh Rana.

As per the Election Commission of India, the Budgam Assembly constituency recorded a turnout of 50.01%, while the 77-Nagrota Assembly constituency registered 74.82%—(KNO)

CS reviews issues concerning PM Package employees



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Jammu, Nov 13: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Thursday chaired a meeting to review and resolve various issues pertaining to Prime Minister's Package Employees serving in the Kashmir Division. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRR&R); Commissioner Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs; Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department; Secretary, School Education; Relief Commissioner (Migrants); Chief Engineers of R&B; Representatives from other departments and senior officers of DMRR&R.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took a comprehensive review of several key matters, including allotment criteria and infrastructure facilities at the transit accommodations provided to PM Package Employees across various locations in Kashmir. Discussions were held on

revision of criteria for allotment of government flats, and municipal issues such as sewerage management, drainage, and garbage disposal in these residential colonies. The Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) was directed to make necessary budgetary provisions for operation and maintenance (O&M) of these accommodations and associated civic services.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the provision of lifts and Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) at various transit accommodation sites, along with the repair and renovation works proposed by the respective Chief Engineers. It was informed that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) amounting to Rs6.80 Cr have been prepared for the required works.

Emphasizing the importance of career progression for PM Package Employees, the Chief Secretary directed departments to strictly adhere to the Administrative Council decision of 2022, which lays down detailed guidelines for promotions and career advancement of these employees

in different departments. He instructed that department-wise compliance be ensured and pen-dencies identified for prompt resolution. The Chief Secretary also reviewed the status of Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) held for PM Package Employees, underscoring the need for timely action and adherence to existing government orders. The Principal Secretary, DMRR&R, was asked to closely monitor the progress and ensure effective implementation across departments.

Further, the meeting also discussed the status of cases under the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (RAS) in respect of deceased employees, with directions for early settlement of all pending matters.

The Chief Secretary reaffirmed the Government's commitment to ensuring the welfare and service-related rights of PM Package Employees, emphasizing coordinated efforts among departments to ensure their rehabilitation and well-being as envisaged under this programme.

National conference concludes at GDC Women Sopore

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Sopore, Nov 13: The two-day national conference on Frontiers in Basic Sciences: Advancing Climate Resilience, Drug Discovery and Epigenetic Medicine concluded on Thursday at Government Degree College for Women, Sopore, with experts stressing stronger research collaboration and innovation to tackle global challenges in climate science and health.

The event, held from November 12 to 13 brought together leading scientists, academicians and students from across India and abroad.

The sessions focused on emerging research in climate resilience, biomedical sciences and epigenetic medicine, highlighting the growing importance of interdisciplinary approaches in addressing sustainability and public health concerns.

Across six technical sessions, researchers from the University of New Mexico (USA), IITs, CSIR laboratories and several state and central universities presented their studies.

Discussions centered on integrating scientific research with practical applications to build climate-resilient systems and promote advancements in drug discovery and molecular medicine.

During the inaugural session, MLA Sopore Irshad Rasool Kar served as the chief guest.

The valedictory session, attended by dignitaries from academia, featured a detailed report by Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Tantary. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Parvaiz Ahmad Dar.

The conference ended with a collective call to enhance research networks, encourage student participation in scientific inquiry and strengthen institutional partnerships to advance climate resilience, sustainable health and innovation-driven medicine—(KNO)

Outrage over child's death at SKIMS Soura

JAHANGEER GANAIE

Srinagar, Nov 13: A case of alleged medical negligence at SKIMS Soura has sparked outrage after a Srinagar couple accused doctors and staff of apathy leading to the death of their one-year-old son on October 18, 2025.

The incident detailed in a Facebook post by the child's mother, Sumaira, has drawn widespread attention and prompted SKIMS authorities to issue a clarification that the investigation in this regard is at a final stage.

According to Sumaira's account, the ordeal began on Friday, October 17, when her son, Ahmad Nayeem, developed fever, vomiting, and flu-like symptoms. After struggling to find a paediatrician in the morning, the family visited Noora Hospital upon learning that paediatrician Dr Tanveer Bashir was available. However, upon reaching the hospital around noon, they reportedly waited for hours before the doctor arrived around 2:45 pm.

"The doctor didn't check my baby physically; not even his chest, fever, or basic vitals," the mother alleged. "He wrote a prescription without examining him, even when I mentioned that my child seemed dehydrated."

Later that night, as Ahmad's condition



worsened, the family rushed him to SKIMS Soura Emergency Department. There, Sumaira said, they faced an "unresponsive and negligent attitude" from the on-duty medical staff.

"When we entered the paediatric ER, there was only one doctor, identified as Dr Tahir, and no nurse was present," she wrote. "The nurse appeared after 15 minutes and pricked my baby eight times before successfully drawing blood. Throughout the night, the doctor and nurse were sleeping in the ER, and we had to wake them up multiple times as our baby's condition deteriorated."

The mother alleged that despite repeated pleas, her son was neither examined properly nor admitted promptly. "When his lips turned blue and his oxygen dropped to 64, we begged them to check him, but they dismissed it, saying the machine wasn't working," she wrote. "It was

only after I raised my voice that the doctor finally came to see him. By then, it was too late."

According to the family, Ahmad was shifted to the NICU in critical condition, where doctors declared him dead shortly after 10 a.m. on October 18.

"We walked out of the NICU in silence, not wanting to disturb other patients," Sumaira wrote. "But we have received no call or assurance from the authorities or the doctors' association since then. We are still waiting for justice."

Sumaira, along with her family, has demanded a proper investigation in this regard and action against the involved doctors.

Following the viral post, FAIMA Doctors Association, led by Dr Mohammad Momin Khan, called for a thorough and impartial probe, urging the Director of SKIMS to take urgent action "if any negligence is found". In response, SKIMS

Medical Superintendent issued a statement confirming that the institution had received a formal complaint from the bereaved parents on October 18. "Following the complaint, SKIMS constituted a committee to examine the matter in detail. The Head of the concerned Department has already attached the involved doctors with the Convenor of the Committee on the very same day as an interim measure," the statement read.

"The committee is in the final stages of its inquiry and is awaiting the parents' version to ensure a fair, transparent, and comprehensive investigation," it added. "The SKIMS administration assures that justice will be delivered, and strict action will be taken if anyone is found guilty. There is zero tolerance for any casual or negligent approach by doctors, nurses, or paramedical staff while dealing with patients."

The incident has reignited debate about medical accountability and patient care standards in major healthcare institutions in Kashmir. Locals and social media users have expressed solidarity with the bereaved family, demanding a time-bound inquiry and stricter regulations to prevent such tragedies in the future—(KNO)

SSP traffic urges public to avoid roadside parking

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Nov 13: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic Srinagar city, Ajaz Ahmad Thursday appealed to citizens to cooperate with traffic authorities by using public transport, shared taxis and avoiding roadside parking to help ease the mounting congestion in the summer capital.

Addressing a press conference at his office, SSP Ajaz Ahmad said traffic pressure in Srinagar has grown sharply in recent weeks as schools and offices now open around the same time, particularly along M.A. Road and Residency Road, the city's busiest corridors.

The shorter autumn daylight window, he said, has further narrowed the time available to regulate peak-hour movement.

The SSP said that despite the Darbar Move offices shifted to Jammu, traffic complaints have increased.

"Earlier, school timings were 8



AM, but now both schools and offices start at 10 AM. As everyone leaves and returns together, the traffic load converges on key routes," he said, adding that the situation worsens in the evening when people finish work between 3 and 4 PM.

He said additional personnel are being deployed at critical junctions and appealed for citizen cooperation.

"We understand the public's inconvenience, but people must avoid roadside parking and prefer shared or public transport. Only collective effort can ease the gridlock," he said.

The SSP also urged citizens to opt for public transport instead of private vehicles. "We are doing our best to ensure convenience for the public. Wherever we observe increased congestion, we deploy additional manpower. However, during winter, people tend to leave home late and return early, and with school timings and examinations overlapping, we understand the difficulties being faced."

On Rambagh-Natipora stretch, identified as a persistent bottleneck, SSP Ajaz said vehicles are being diverted via Doodhganga to reduce pressure. "We have raised the issue of traffic interception near Rambagh with civil authorities. Once the under-Barzulla Bridge route is completed, it will significantly improve flow in the area," he added—(KNO)

Baramulla police intensifies action against terror network

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Baramulla, Nov 13: J&K Police in Baramulla executed a series of meticulously coordinated preventive operations across the district, a spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

The concerted initiative was aimed at fortifying internal security architecture, neutralizing subversive and law-defying elements, and reinforcing the overall climate of public order and civic assurance.

During these operations, the following actions were undertaken: 06 individuals linked with subversive networks were brought to Police stations and bound under law; 22 properties associated with terrorist associates were searched; 20 terrorist associates were bound and 02 were sent to jail under preventive detention;

02 individuals booked under UAPA (presently on bail) were examined, 01 bound under preventive law, 08 bailed UAPA accused were identified for bail cancellation and 02 have been submitted before the competent court; 16 CASOs were conducted at different locations; 292 vehicles were thoroughly checked at various checkpoints across the district; 05 E&IMCO-linked individuals and 02 JEI affiliates were searched to ensure compliance with law; 02 absconding UAPA accused were traced and legal action initiated, police said.

These coordinated operations were meticulously executed to pre-empt potential security contingencies, neutralize disruptive elements, and preserve public order across the district.

Meanwhile, J&K Police reiterated its unwavering commitment to continue these preventive actions to strengthen stability, security, and harmony across the district—(KNO)

Gund Darvesh residents demand toxic shed cleanup

JAHANGEER GANAIE

Shopian Nov 13: What was once envisioned as a model waste management facility has now become a source of distress for residents of Gund Darvesh, Amerbugh, and adjoining areas in South Kashmir's Shopian district.

The segregation shed, set up to promote scientific waste management, has instead turned into a dumping site for household garbage and animal carcasses, posing serious health and environmental hazards.

Locals say that the facility, which was meant to improve sanitation, has now become a "nuisance" for residents and commuters alike. "People from nearby villages have converted the segregation shed into an open dumping ground. Every day, heaps of garbage and even carcasses of dead animals are thrown here, spreading unbearable stench throughout the area,"

said Gulzar Ahmad Wani, a resident of Gund Darvesh.

He added that the situation has worsened over recent months due to poor supervision by authorities.

"The shed is situated close to the main road. The smell is so strong that it's difficult for people to pass by. The air is polluted, and we constantly fear the outbreak of diseases," said another resident, Zameer Ahmad. He said the foul smell has made life miserable for those living nearby. "School-going children and pedestrians suffer the most. The stench is intolerable, and sometimes we even see animal carcasses lying in the open. This is not just about inconvenience — it's a public health crisis," he said.

Children who pass through the area on their way to school said they feel unsafe due to the presence of stray dogs that gather around the waste pile. "Dogs are



always present there, and we are scared to cross the area. They could attack us anytime," said a group of students.

They said that site was cleared several times but later the process of dumping waste here continued as vehicles hired by the RDD department are throwing all waste here.

Residents say they have repeatedly brought the issue to the attention of concerned authorities, but no substantial action has been taken so far. "Officials visit occasionally, click a few photos,

and leave — but nothing changes on the ground. We urge the district administration to either relocate the segregation shed or ensure proper management of the waste," said Sara Begum, another local.

Environmental experts have also sounded the alarm, warning that unscientific waste disposal can lead to the spread of infectious diseases, attract stray animals, and contaminate nearby water sources.

They stressed the need for regular waste collection, proper segregation, and treatment measures to safeguard public health and the environment.

Residents have appealed to the district administration Shopian and BDO concerned to intervene immediately and ensure that the segregation shed is either properly maintained or shifted away from the residential area to prevent further suffering—(KNO)

LoP Sharma attends spiritual discourse at Katra

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Katra, Nov 13: Leader of Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma had the privilege to attend and welcome Param Pujya Geeta Manishi, Mahamandleshwar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj during a divine discourse on the Srimad Bhagavad Gita held at the Shrine Board Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra. Sharma expressed deep reverence for Swami Ji's enlightening exposition on the timeless teachings of the Gita.

He said that Maharaj Ji's profound insights and spiritual

wisdom illuminated the eternal message of righteousness, devotion, and selfless action, inspiring everyone to lead a life of purpose and inner strength. Describing the session as intellectually elevating and spiritually enriching, Sharma said that such discourses reinforce the moral fabric of society and strengthen the collective resolve to walk the path of truth and dharma.

He also expressed gratitude for this soulful experience at the sacred abode of Mata Vaishno Devi, calling it a moment of spiritual rejuvenation and divine grace—(KNO)

Special security drive conducted at Jammu Railway Station



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Jammu, Nov 13: Special security drives are conducted periodically at various railway stations in the Jammu Division of Northern Railway to ensure passenger safety. As part of this security initiative, a special security drive was conducted at Jammu Railway Station today, November 13, 2025.

This drive was conducted under the supervision of the Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police, dog squad, and officials from the Commercial Department.

As part of this security drive, Jammu Railway Station and the surrounding railway premises were thoroughly checked. Passenger luggage, platforms, and arriving and departing trains were checked using metal

detectors and dog squads. The waiting room, reservation counters, booking office, and parcel office were specially inspected.

As part of the security drive conducted at Jammu Railway Station, passengers were also informed about security precautions.

The primary objective of this special security operation is to ensure normal rail traffic at the station, ensuring no inconvenience to passengers. Divisional officials have also instructed railway employees working at the station to exercise special caution while on duty.

Passengers are urged to remain vigilant during their journey and not to touch any suspicious object, but to immediately inform security personnel and the railway helpline numbers 139 and 182.

Secretary ITD reviews functioning of TACs



KT News Desk

Jammu, Nov 13: Secretary, Information Technology Department (ITD), Dr. Piyush Singla, on Thursday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to assess the functioning, performance and effectiveness of various Technical Appraisal Committees (TACs) constituted for the appraisal of IT and e-Governance projects across departments.

Special Secretary, IT Department; State Informatics

Officer, NIC J&K; In-charge Director, NIELIT J&K; and other senior officers of the department attended the meeting.

During the deliberations, the Secretary emphasized on the need for standardized appraisal procedures, capacity enhancement of committee members, and timely submission of project assessments to ensure greater efficiency and accountability.

He also directed the officers to reinforce inter-departmental coordination and ensure

that all project proposals are appraised in accordance with prescribed guidelines, thereby promoting transparency, accountability, and quality assurance in e-Governance initiatives across the Union Territory.

It was decided in the meeting that a comprehensive assessment report on the functioning of TACs will be prepared, highlighting key observations, challenges, and recommendations to strengthen their overall performance.

If goods or services purchased for profit then purchaser is not consumer: SC

PTI

New Delhi, Nov 13: In a significant verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday held that if any purchase of goods or services is for profit generation, then the purchaser cannot be held to be a consumer and consequently cannot pursue cases under the Consumer Protection Act.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, delivering the judgement in an appeal filed by M/s Poly

Medicure Ltd, affirmed the findings of the State and National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions that the complaint filed by the company was not maintainable under the Act.

It held that a company purchasing software to automate its business processes cannot be regarded as a "consumer" under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, as such a transaction is for a "commercial purpose".

Authoring the verdict, Justice

Manoj Misra referred to various judgements and said, "the transaction of purchase of goods/ services (i.e., software) had a nexus with generation of profits and, therefore, qua that transaction the appellant cannot be considered a consumer as defined in Section 2(1)(d) of the 1986 Act."

If the transaction has a nexus with generation of profits, it would be treated as one for a commercial purpose, it said while dismissing the appeal of the firm.

RBI approves appointment of S Krishnan as Chairman J&K Bank

PTI

Srinagar, Nov 13: J&K Bank on Thursday said the Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of S Krishnan as part-time chairman of the Bank.

His appointment is effective from November 13, 2025 till March 26, 2028, J&K Bank said in a regulatory filing.

The bank's board had in August approved his appointment, it said.

Krishnan, currently an independent director on the board of Srinagar-headquartered bank, served as MD & CEO of state-owned



Punjab & Sind Bank.

Subsequent to superannuation and pursuant to the approval of the appointment by the RBI, Krishnan took charge as MD & CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank in September 2022.

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experiment, adapt, and turn mistakes into mastery.

Fourth, do not believe but be curious. It will help you to tread a new path and mentor coming generations.

Fifth, be resilient and flexible in re-skilling yourself. Always remember that if you have hunger for learning then the whole world will become a University Campus and it will help you in transforming ideas into solutions," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the University of Jammu for its exemplary contribution to the country's educational landscape.

He also extended his felicitations to the women students for their excellent academic performance across the subjects.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the security forces are determined to dismantle terror ecosystem but society must stand up against terror sympathisers.

"Society must actively counter terrorism because it is a multifaceted challenge and society plays a critical role in recognizing and reporting suspicious terror activities and counter the radicalization efforts," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said if the people doesn't stand up strongly against terrorists, then it will become the existential threat for society and destroy its stability, peace and progress.

"I want to request the enlightened people that it is the need of the hour to expose those who give shelter to terrorists and creating extremist narratives. You must stand against such elements," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He underscored that the terrorism poses a fundamental threat to the peace and progress and the people of Jammu Kashmir have suffered its brunt for more than three decades.

"But now the youth here are increasingly dreaming of and working towards goals similar to those in the rest of the country and desire for a better life and career," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Jammu University; Prof. Ashok Kaul, Member Jammu University Council; Vice chancellors of various universities, Heads of Departments, faculty and students were present.

Er. Gulam Ali Khatana and Sat Sharma, Members of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Dr Darakshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board; senior officials and prominent citizens also attended the Special Convocation Ceremony.

DNA test confirms

Connaught Place, Mayur Vihar, Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, central Delhi district and south Delhi district.

A CCTV footage showed his car on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, where, according to reports, he made at least two stops.

They said that he made one stop at a roadside dhaba where he ate, and another at a mosque in Firozpur Jhirka, Mewat district, where he was seen offering prayers. "Later, he parked his car near another eatery, reclining in the driver's seat and spending the night there," they said.

Routine Poster Probe Uncovered Major Terror Module

As probe in the Delhi blast case widens, investigations has revealed that the Faridabad

terror module came to fore after Jammu and Kashmir police launched a routine probe into a poster pasting incident in Srinagar's Nowgam area.

A top official told KNO that J&K police were investigating into a routine incident after posters - linked to Jaish-e-Mohammad - were put up in Bunpora area of Nowgam on the intervening night of October 16 and 17 this year.

He said that the investigation led the police to Dr Adeel, who is believed to have been captured in a CCTV footage while putting up posters in the Nowgam area.

"As the investigation intensified J&K police traced Dr Adeel in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur. He was then arrested by the police on October 27. Following his arrest the lid was blown off the major terror plot that led to arrest of Adeel's other associates Dr Muzzamil and Dr Shaheen and subsequently led to the recovery of 2900 kg of explosives from Faridabad," he said.

Delhi Blast Link Traces To Dubai

Probe into the Delhi car blast has now extended to Dubai as Dr Adeel's brother Muzzafar Rather, who is currently in Dubai is now a key focus of investigators.

Sources told KNO that Muzzafar went to Pakistan before travelling to Dubai two months ago. "Inputs suggest that Muzzafar has direct links with Jaish-e-Mohammad and investigators suspect his Dubai visit may have been to arrange terror funding.

They said that investigators are tracking whom he met in Pakistan before leaving for Dubai. "Dr Adil is also being questioned about any foreign travel and his links with his brother regarding the terror module," they added.

Home Minister Vows Strictest Punishment To Perpetrators

Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday chaired high-level meeting at his residence today morning that lasted for over an hour over the Delhi blast case.

Per details, the meeting was attended by Home Secretary, Director of the Enforcement Directorate, Intelligence Bureau chief and other senior officials.

Meanwhile, Amit Shah on Thursday said that perpetrators of the Delhi blast will face strictest punishment and that it will be a message to the world that such attacks in India won't go unpunished.

He made the remarks while addressing the inauguration of Moti Bhai Chaudhary Sagar Sainik School in Gujarat.

He said that the government is determined to ensure that perpetrators of the Delhi terror incident are brought to justice. "PM Modi is committed to delivering strict punishment to those involved in the attack," he said.

Doctor Module Had Planned Blasts On Babri Masjid Demolition Anniversary

Investigators probing the Delhi blast case have uncovered chilling details: the terror module involving doctors had planned blasts at six locations in the National Capital Region on December 6, the Babri Masjid demolition anniversary.

Those arrested in connection with the blast have revealed the date was chosen because they wanted to "avenge the Babri Masjid demolition".

According to investigators, the members of the module have said during interrogation that they had prepared a phase-wise plan to carry out serial blasts in Delhi-NCR. (KNO)

Decoding Budgam:

by Ruhullah has upset NC's calculations, tightening the race in a constituency that was usually seen as a cakewalk for the party.

It is widely believed that Ruhullah's loyalists have voted for PDP candidate Aga Muntazir Mehdi, whose core support base overlaps with Ruhullah's.

While the outcome may carry broader messaging vis-a-vis the NC-Ruhullah conflict, the verdict would not electorally benefit the MP either way; a win by the NC or the PDP is almost the same for him.

On the other hand, a win for the PDP-reduced to the fringes of Kashmir's politics-would be a significant boost for the party. "It would be a morale booster for the party, which has been reduced to three seats from its tally of 28 in 2024. It would not mean a pro-PDP wave or revival of the party, given that it is largely banking on the Shia vote," they said, adding that the win would put it in a position of re-emerging as an alternative to NC. (KNO)

Entire Kashmir can't

CM Omar said those responsible for the attack should be brought to justice and given the harshest punishment while ensuring that innocent people are not harassed.

"Those who are guilty must face the strictest punishment. Innocent people should not get caught in it," he added. (KNO)

Winter vacations

capital Srinagar on Wednesday recorded its coldest night of the season at minus 2.1 degrees Celsius. (KNO)

Two hybrid terrorists

179BN CRPF, arrested two hybrid terrorists during a joint naka operation at Sadeeq Colony, Mominabad Sopore.

The naka was established following specific input regarding movement of suspicious individuals in the area.

During checking, two persons coming from Fruit Mandi Sopore towards Ahat Baba Crossing attempted to flee on noticing the presence of police and security forces. The joint team acted promptly and apprehended both individuals on the spot.

The arrested persons have been identified as Shabir Ahmad Najar son of Mohammad Akbar Najar resident of Mohalla Tawheed Colony Maazbugh and Shabir Ahmad Mir son of Mohammad Sultan Mir resident of Brath Sopore. Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 01 pistol, 01 magazine, 20 live rounds and 02 hand grenades were recovered from their possession. The recoveries indicate their involvement in terror-related activities in the area.

In this regard, police said that a case under FIR number 253/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Sopore, and investigation has been set into motion. J&K Police reaffirm their commitment to maintaining peace and security across the valley. (KNO)

Police intensify

16 Cordon and Search Operations (CASOs) at different locations and checked 292 vehicles across multiple checkpoints in the district.

Also, five individuals linked to the banned E&IMCO organisation and two Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel) affiliates were questioned to ensure

compliance with the law, the official said, adding that two absconding UAPA accused have been traced and legal proceedings have been initiated.

These operations were designed to pre-empt potential threats, identify disruptive elements, and maintain public order across the district, police said.

In Shopian, security forces launched extensive searches at multiple locations associated with Jel and Jammu and Kashmir Nationalist Organisation of Peace (JKNOP) members and their supporters.

In Pulwama, J&K Police and security forces jointly conducted cordon and search operations at several suspected locations linked with anti-national elements. The exercise aimed to trace individuals involved in unlawful activities and strengthen surveillance mechanisms to ensure public safety, the official said, adding that several premises were searched, and the identities of multiple individuals were verified during the coordinated operation.

Meanwhile, in Jammu, police held a meeting with mobile SIM card dealers to strengthen verification procedures for new users. The sellers were directed to strictly adhere to customer identification norms and maintain accurate records to prevent misuse of SIM cards for illegal purposes.

Inspections were being carried out across the Jammu region to ensure vendors complete full Know Your Customer (KYC) verification before issuing SIMs.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir remained on high alert for the third consecutive day following the November 10 Delhi blast near Red Fort, which killed 13 people and injured over 20.

Security agencies have stepped up vigilance along key routes, including the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway, railway stations, and border areas. Additional checkpoints have been established, and patrols have been intensified in sensitive areas.

Officials said the heightened alert is part of a region-wide security review in coordination with central agencies, given that several suspects in the Delhi explosion are from Jammu and Kashmir.

Forces have been instructed to maintain strict watch on movements across districts, ensuring public safety and preventing any retaliatory incidents or attempts to disturb peace.

Police sources said that similar preventive operations will continue in the coming days as part of a comprehensive effort to curb terror financing, recruitment, and logistical support networks across the Union Territory. (KNO)

'From strength to

Public Universities category—from 23rd in 2024 to 21st in 2025—reflecting its growing stature as a centre of academic and research.

"The University's focus on employability through job fairs and global placement drives, including partnerships with International organisations reflects a forward-looking approach that ensures education here translates into meaningful career opportunities," he added.

Commending Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai and his team for their relentless commitment to academic excellence, innovation and holistic student development, the Chief Minister said that the University's progress embodies the transformative vision of higher education his government seeks to strengthen

across Jammu & Kashmir.

In his address, Omar Abdullah also highlighted Mission Yuva, his government's flagship initiative designed to harness the creativity, potential and energy of the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

"Mission Yuva aims to provide young people with a structured platform for capacity building, career guidance, entrepreneurship and civic engagement. By integrating education with skill development, innovation, and mental well-being, it seeks to prepare our youth not only for employment but for leadership and nation-building," he said.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the synergy between Mission Yuva and the higher education ecosystem is already visible through mentorship programmes, startup incubation, cultural and literary engagement and outreach initiatives involving universities like the University of Jammu.

"Together, these efforts ensure that our young citizens are not only educated but empowered to contribute meaningfully to a progressive, inclusive and self-reliant Jammu & Kashmir," he asserted.

Calling education the "heart of transformation," the Chief Minister said Jammu and Kashmir stands at the threshold of a new era of opportunity, where universities play a pivotal role in shaping innovators, entrepreneurs, and responsible citizens.

"As we march ahead, let us ensure that the light of knowledge reaches every corner—from the campuses of Kathua and Baderwah to the remotest hamlets of Poonch and Kishtwar—for education remains our most powerful tool for equity and empowerment," he urged.

Encouraging the degree and medal recipients to carry forward the values instilled by their alma mater, Omar Abdullah said:

"The University has invested in you. Now it is time for you to invest in the world around you. Remember, success is not measured by what you achieve for yourself but by what you contribute to society."

The Chief Minister also reminded the young graduates that while the convocation marks the culmination of years of rigorous study and personal growth, it also signals the beginning of a new journey filled with purpose, challenges, and opportunities.

"The education you have received here has given you more than degrees and knowledge—it has equipped you with critical thinking, problem-solving, ethical judgment and lifelong learning. Wherever your journey takes you, be worthy ambassadors of the University of Jammu," he said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, in his concluding remarks, urged the youth to dream big, think boldly, and serve selflessly.

"The nation looks to your generation to build a future marked by progress, harmony and inclusivity. My wish for each of you is that you find work that gives you purpose and allows you to lead a life that balances ambition with compassion. My challenge to you is to be an agent of positive change in your families, your professions, and your communities," he said.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the University of Jammu will continue to shine as a centre of excellence, innovation, and character building, and that its students will carry forward the legacy of knowledge and service to society.

RED FORT BLAST

Kanpur cardiologist detained by ATS; links with arrested lady doctor under scanner

PTI

Kanpur (UP), Nov 13: The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad has detained a medical student from Kanpur as part of its investigation into the recent Delhi blast, officials said on Thursday.

Dr Mohammad Arif (32), a first-year Doctor of Medicine (Cardiology) student at the state-run Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial (GSVM) Medical College, was taken into custody from an undisclosed location, a senior official told PTI.

An Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) team searched his rented accommodation at Ashok Nagar in Nazirabad, seized his mobile phone and laptop for forensic examination, and took him to Delhi for questioning.

"He is likely to be confronted with those already arrested in the case," the official added.

Arif, a native of Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir, came under the ATS radar following disclosures made during the interrogation of former GSVM



professor Dr Shaheen Sayeed, who had earlier been arrested in the same case. Investigators suspect that Arif was in regular contact with Dr Shaheen and her brother Dr Parvez, both of whom have been questioned extensively.

Sources said that on the day of the explosion near Delhi's Red Fort, Arif was in telephonic contact with individuals allegedly linked to Dr Shaheen's network. He had also visited Jammu and Kashmir recently, which raised

further suspicion. When ATS personnel reached his residence, he allegedly attempted to delete data from his phone but officials seized the device in time.

Preliminary analysis of his call records and chats is said to have indicated communication with the alleged mastermind and other suspects. Investigators believe the group used a shared e-mail ID to exchange draft messages, a method often employed by terror outfits to avoid electronic

surveillance.

The development has caused unease among doctors and students at GSVM Medical College, particularly in the Cardiology Department, where Arif had joined only three months ago.

Confirming this, Chief Medical Superintendent (Cardiology) Dr Gyanendra said, "Dr Arif joined here three months ago through All India counselling. He was on duty on Wednesday afternoon and later went to his accommodation outside campus. Around 7 pm, we were informed that he has been taken for questioning. He was from Kashmir and lived off-campus. He used to come, work quietly and leave."

Dr Gyanendra said that the screening of all first, second and third-year cardiology students has been initiated as a precautionary measure.

Arif's landlord Kanhaiya Lal said he has been staying on rent for about a month with another doctor, Abhishek, on the second floor of his house. "Around 7.30 pm, a four-member team came

straight to his room. They already had the keys, searched the entire portion, locked it again, and left quietly," Lal told reporters.

He said Arif had submitted his ID before renting the room but he never noticed any suspicious activity or unusual visitors.

A top police official, requesting anonymity, confirmed that Arif was detained in Kanpur and later handed over to central investigating agencies for further interrogation. Kanpur Police Commissioner Raghuraj Lal told PTI that he has received information about the detention and has sent a team to verify the reports.

"We are checking the facts. I will comment only after confirmation," he said, neither confirming nor denying the detention.

Meanwhile, ATS and National Investigation Agency teams are continuing operations in Kanpur to trace any additional links to Dr Shaheen's network.

Officials hinted that more names may surface as the probe progresses.

Symbolic handover of 8 cheetahs to Prez Murmu at Botswana's nature reserve



PTI

Gaborone (Botswana), Nov 13: President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday was symbolically handed over eight cheetahs by her Botswana counterpart Duma Gideon Boko at a nature reserve near here on the last day of her state visit.

The two heads of state reached the Mokolodi Nature Reserve, about 10 kms south of capital Gaborone, earlier in the morning and took a safari vehicle to witness the event of two captured big cats being released into a quarantine pen.

Wildlife officials from India and Botswana also briefed Murmu and Boko about the procedure.

Officials said all the eight cheetahs are in the reserve and only two were released for quarantine in the presence of the heads of state as a symbolic gesture of handing over them to India by Botswana.

The cheetahs, a mix of adult and sub-adult males and females, have been brought to the nature reserve from the Ghanzi town located in the Kalahari desert, that forms 70 per cent of the landmass of this southern Africa located country.

The Mokolodi reserve, spread over 3,700 hectares, is a private not-for-profit game reserve that was created in 1994. It is inhabited by rhinoceros, giraffes and a variety of indigenous African bird

and reptile species, some of which are rare and vulnerable to the threat of extinction, as per official information.

All eight cheetahs are expected to reach India in the next few weeks after completion of their quarantine process here.

Murmu is on a three-day state visit to Botswana which concludes on Thursday.

The translocation of the cheetahs from Botswana to India as part of the Project Cheetah was announced by the two presidents on Wednesday during a press briefing after holding delegation level talks at Boko's office here.

Murmu thanked the African nation for the endeavour in wildlife conservation and assured that India will take "good care" of the cheetahs.

Boko said his country's move to donate the cheetahs will assist regeneration of the population of the big cat in India.

India's cheetah re-introduction story began on September 17, 2022 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi released eight cheetahs brought from Namibia into a special enclosure at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, marking the world's first intercontinental relocation of a large wild carnivore species. India later imported 12 more cheetahs from South Africa in February 2023.

Al-Falah University gets show-cause from NAAC over 'false accreditation claims'

PTI

New Delhi, Nov 13: The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has issued a show-cause notice to Al-Falah University, which is under scanner in connection with the Delhi blast probe, for displaying false accreditation

on its website, officials said on Thursday.

In the show-cause notice, the NAAC said it has noted that the Al-Falah University, "which is neither accredited nor applied for accreditation by NAAC", has publicly displayed on its website that "Al-Falah University is an endeavour of Al-Falah

Charitable Trust, which has been running three colleges on the campus, namely Al Falah School of Engineering and Technology (since 1997, Graded A by NAAC), Brown Hill College of Engineering and Technology (since 2008), and Al-Falah School of Education and Training (since 2006, Graded A by NAAC)."

"This is absolutely wrong and misleading the public, especially the parents, students and stakeholders," the show-cause notice read.

The NAAC has sought an explanation and directed the university to remove the NAAC accreditation details from its website and any other publicly available or

distributed documents.

On Monday, a high-intensity blast ripped through a car near Red Fort in Delhi, killing 13 people and injuring several others, hours after the busting of a "white collar terror module".

The arrested included three doctors linked to Al-Falah University.

'Tiger Zinda Hai': JD(U) celebrates Nitish Kumar day before poll results



ANI

Patna, Nov 13: A poster dedicated by former Bihar Minister Ranjit Sinha, outside the Janata Dal (United) office in Patna, has bestowed Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with the title of a "Tiger who still has the power (Tiger Zinda hai)", describing the latter as the "protector" of all the communities, including those on the margins of society.

The poster reflects the desire of party workers to see Nitish Kumar become the Chief Minister of Bihar for the fourth time. The 2025 Bihar assembly polls have witnessed strong and constant criticism from the opposition Mahagathbandhan over the delay in declaring a Chief Ministerial candidate with certainty. Citing Union Minister Amit Shah's previous statements, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and opposition's CM face Tejashwi Yadav has time and again claimed that Nitish Kumar will not be the CM if NDA comes to power.

On October 15, Tejashwi also claimed that JD(U) is not controlled by Nitish Kumar but by leaders "brought by the BJP".

However, multiple NDA leaders, including those in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), have attempted to clear the air by declaring Nitish Kumar as their leader. Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, while campaigning in Bihar, backed Nitish Kumar as the leader of the ruling NDA. Amit Shah also assured that there was no vacancy for the CM post in Bihar, implying that Kumar remains crucial to retain power.

Recently, Union Minister and Bihar BJP in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday firmly stated that there was no confusion about JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar being the Chief Ministerial face of the NDA. "Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) has been very clear. He has already said that we do not have a vacancy. Why should we name the person (who is the sitting CM)? The name is Nitish Kumar. Where is the confusion? We don't have any confusion. Our (CM) face is Nitish Kumar," Pradhan told ANI in an interview. Votes will be counted on November 14.

In 2020, polling took place in three phases. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) secured 125 seats, while the opposition Mahagathbandhan (MGB) won 110. Among the major parties, the Janata Dal (United) secured 43 seats, the BJP secured 74, the RJD secured 75 seats, and the Congress secured 19. The JD(U) contested 115 constituencies, and the BJP 110, whereas the RJD contested 144 seats and the Congress 70.

SC bans mining activities within one km radius of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries

PTI

New Delhi, Nov 13: The Supreme Court on Thursday banned mining activities within an area of one km from national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, noting that such activities will be hazardous to the wildlife.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran was considering pleas on issues related to the notification of areas under Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary (SWL) and the Sasangdaburu Conservation Reserve (SCR) as a conservation reserve in Jharkhand.

"It has been the consistent view of this court that mining activities within one km of the protected area will be hazardous to the wildlife. Though in the case of Goa Foundation, the said directions were issued with respect to the State of Goa, we find that such directions

need to be issued on a pan-India basis," the bench said.

"We direct that mining within national parks and wildlife sanctuaries and within an area of one km from boundary of such national park or wildlife sanctuary shall not be permissible," the bench said.

Bihar: Women outgun men by over 14 pc points in voter turnout in 7 districts



PTI

Patna, Nov 13: Women outdid men by 14 percentage points and more in voter turnout in seven districts of Bihar, where assembly elections were recently held, as per the Election Commission.

In 10 other districts, the gap was over 10 percentage points. Patna, however, was the only district in the state to have recorded more turnout of men than women. A total of 57.88 per cent of the women voters in the district exercised their franchise, while 60.05 per cent of the men voted in the polls.

Bihar's 243 assembly seats went to the polls in two phases on November 6 and 11. Results will be declared on November 14.

Bihar registered a historic voter turnout of 67.13 per cent, the highest-ever in the state. Women's voter turnout was 71.78 per cent, while polling percentage among men was 62.98, as per an EC statement. EC's latest gender-wise data regarding voter turnout in

all 38 districts showed that Supaul recorded the biggest gap at 20.71 percentage points, as 83.69 per cent of the women exercised their franchise, while 62.98 per cent of the men voted in the polls.

A wide gap in favour of women was also recorded in Kishanganj (19.5 per cent), Madhubani (18.4), Gopalganj (17.72), Araria (14.43), Darbhanga (14.41) and Madhepura (14.24).

Districts where women's voter turnout was over 10 percentage points more than that of men were Siwan (13.83), Purnea (13.36), Sheohar (12.48), Sitamarhi (12.43), Saharsa (12.37), Purvi Champaran (11.13), Paschim Champaran (11.03), Khagaria (10.66), Samastipur (10.64) and Banka (10.53). In the first phase of polling on November 6 in 121 assembly seats, women's voter turnout was 69.04 per cent, while polling percentage among men was 61.56. In the second phase of polling, women's voter turnout was 74.56 per cent, whereas it was 64.41 per cent for men.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER REW DIVISION PULWAMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e- NIT No. 127/2025-26 Dated 12-11-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory of JandK, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of JandK Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estim ated /Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of tender documents (In Rupees)	EMD (in %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Major head
1.	RDDCC2526101380-(THREE NUMBERS OF BOREWELLS FOR WARD NUMBER 4 5 6 NEAR BUS ADDA HO SHOWKAT HUSSAIN AND MEHRAJ DIN RAINA)	Litter	5.1	300/=	2%	DEE/CEE	30 Days	PRI

Position of A/A:- Accorded Position of T/S:- Accorded
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, 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.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-11-2025
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	12-11-2025 from 06:55 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	19-11-2025 up to 06:55 PM
4.	Date and time of opening of Online Bids	20-11-2025 at 09:00 AM or any convenient day in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Pulwama
5.	Note:- Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bids opened. Incase The original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bids Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall take action as per Rules.	

Special Condition 01:
Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below for District Capex works only. Bidders must upload any document viz residential certificate/ Adhar Card/ Ration Card/Electricity Bill showing panchayat name, as residence proof that he/she is residing the respective Panchayat Halqa (Applicable for DEE Class contractors in call list only).
SC02:- Contractors Strictly not eligible
The Bidders who had participated in 2023-24/2024-25 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/who had left the work midway/ who had not started/taken up the works are strictly not eligible.
Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and No claim shall be entertained in this regard.
Conditions for Bidders:
Every Participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the Bank Account No. which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No Payment shall be released by Govt. Deptt./Agency to any other Bank Account except the one linked with GST Registered number of the Successful bidder. As per Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated 08/07/2025 issued by Govt. of JandK Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar.
1. As per Government Order No. 238-F of 2021 Dated 07-09-2021, in case of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining Panchayats will be permitted (i.e in 2nd call of tendering preceding condition will be applied).
2. Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/works during the previous financial year (2024-25) are not eligible for-tendering for the current financial year (2025-26).
3. Any Bidder who will go down more than 10% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in shape of CDR/ FDR during tendering process as per Unbalance Bid Table mentioned in NIT at S. No 09 (Non uploading of Additional Security will let to the rejection of the tender).

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Trump signs deal to end longest US govt shutdown in history

REUTERS

Washington, Nov 13: President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed legislation ending the longest government shutdown in US history, roughly two hours after the House of Representatives voted to restart disrupted food assistance, pay hundreds of thousands of federal workers and revive a hobbled air-traffic control system.

The Republican-controlled chamber passed the package by a vote of 222-209, with Trump's support largely keeping his party together in the face of vehement opposition from House Democrats, who are angry that a long standoff launched by their Senate colleagues failed to secure a deal to extend federal health insurance subsidies.

Trump's signature on



the bill, which cleared the Senate earlier in the week, will bring federal workers idled by the 43-day shutdown back to their jobs starting as early as Thursday, although just how quickly full government services and operations will resume is unclear.

It would extend funding through January 30,

leaving the federal government on a path to keep adding about \$1.8 trillion a year to its \$38 trillion in debt.

"I feel like I just lived a Seinfeld episode. We just spent 40 days and I still don't know what the plotline was," said Republican Representative David Schweikert of Arizona,

likening Congress' handling of the shutdown to the misadventures in a popular 1990s US sitcom.

"I really thought this would be like 48 hours: people will have their piece, they'll get a moment to have a temper tantrum, and we'll get back to work."

He added: "What's happened now when rage is policy?"

The shutdown's end offers some hope that services crucial to air travel in particular would have some time to recover with the critical Thanksgiving holiday travel wave just two weeks away. Restoration of food aid to millions of families may also make room in household budgets for spending as the Christmas shopping season moves into high gear.

It also means the restoration in coming days of

the flow of data on the US economy from key statistical agencies. The absence of data had left investors, policymakers and households largely in the dark about the health of the job market, the trajectory of inflation and the pace of consumer spending and economic growth overall.

Some data gaps are likely to be permanent, however, with the White House saying employment and Consumer Price Index reports covering the month of October might never be released.

By many economists' estimates, the shutdown was shaving more than a tenth of a percentage point from gross domestic product over each of the roughly six weeks of the outage, although most of that lost output is expected to be recouped in the months ahead.

Special Bangladeshi tribunal to deliver verdict against Hasina on Nov 17

PTI

Dhaka, Nov 13: Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) on Thursday announced it would deliver the verdict against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina on November 17 after her trial in absentia on charges of crimes against humanity.

"The three-judge tribunal set November 17 for delivering the verdict," a journalist attending the tightly secured special court in the capital told PTI.

Hasina, her home minister in the ousted Awami League government, Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and then inspector general of police (IGP) or police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun were tried in the tribunal. The ex-premier and Kamal were tried in absentia, with the court declaring them



fugitives. ICT-BD Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam earlier demanded the death penalty for the accused.

Mamun faced the trial in person but emerged as an approver or state witness.

The former police chief appeared on the dock as the ICT-BD chair Justice Mohammad Golam Mortuza Majumder fixed the date.

The tribunal on October 23 concluded the hearing on the case after over 28 working days, when 54 witnesses testified before the court describing how efforts were made to tame last year's student-led movement called July Uprising that toppled Hasina's now disbanded Awami League government on August 5, 2024.

The Bangladesh capital on Thursday woke up to a heightened security vigil over the "Dhaka lockdown" call by the Awami League, coinciding with a tribunal's announcement of the verdict date.

Authorities called up army troops, paramilitary Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and police in riot gear to spread a security blanket in and around the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) complex at central Dhaka.

PCB reworks schedule of tri-series against Zimbabwe, SL amid security concerns



PTI

Lahore, Nov 13: The Pakistan Cricket Board has re-scheduled the opening of a T20I tri-series against Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe from November 17 to November 18 besides making Rawalpindi the sole venue for the tournament amid security concerns in the wake of a suicide attack in Islamabad.

The second game of the seven-match rubber has also been postponed by a day to November 20. Earlier, Lahore was scheduled to host five games of the event, including the final on November 29 but the three boards have agreed to hold the proceedings exclusively in Rawalpindi now.

"The decision to revise the schedule was made in consultation with Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and

Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC), following mutual discussions to accommodate operational and match requirements," the PCB said in a statement after a night of hectic negotiations to ensure that the Lankan players do not leave an ongoing ODI series midway.

The Zimbabwe cricket team reached Islamabad early Thursday morning amid tight security for what is being described as an "important preparatory platform ahead of the 2026 ICC T20 World Cup," by the PCB.

Each team will feature in four matches, with the top two sides qualifying for the final. The Sri Lankan cricket team will also continue with its bilateral tour of Pakistan and no player or official is planning to return home, according to its team manager, Mahinda Halangoda.

G7 diplomats publicly show support for Ukraine but avoid contentious issues like trade

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Niagara-On-The-Lake (Ontario), Nov 13: Top diplomats from the Group of Seven industrialized democracies publicly showed their consensus on Ukraine and Sudan on Wednesday, but stayed away from contentious issues like the US military strikes on boats in the Caribbean and trade.

The foreign ministers of the G7 met with Ukraine's foreign minister on Wednesday as Kyiv tries to fend off Russian aerial attacks that have brought rolling blackouts across the country. Andriy Sybiha said Ukraine needs the support of its partners to survive what will be a "very difficult, very tough winter."

"We have to move forward to pressure Russia, to raise the price for the aggression, for Russia, for (Russian President Vladimir) Putin, to end this war," Sybiha said.

The G7 ministers said in a joint statement at the conclusion of the two-day gathering that



they are increasing the economic costs to Russia and exploring measures against those who finance Russia's war efforts.

Canada announced more sanctions against Russia, including targeting those involved in the development and deployment of drones, and Britain, a day earlier, pledged money for Ukraine's energy infrastructure.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio made no immediate announcements about new US initiatives but said on social media that the meeting delved into ways "to strengthen Ukraine's

defense and find an end to this bloody conflict."

"We are doing whatever is necessary to support Ukraine," Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand said.

The meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake, near the US border, followed US President Donald Trump's decision to end trade talks with Canada after the Ontario provincial government ran an anti-tariff advertisement in the US, which upset him. That followed a spring of acrimony, since abated, over the president's insistence that Canada should become the 51st US state. Anand declined to talk

about the trade dispute.

"I am here to talk about the work that the G7 ministers are doing," she said. "And that is exactly what I think I should be discussing."

Anand met with Rubio, but said she did not bring up trade talks, noting that a different minister leads the trade issue.

US military strikes also 'didn't come up'

The Trump administration says the US military has killed at least 75 people in 19 known strikes against what it says are drug-smuggling vessels in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean since early September. The administration has been under pressure from Congress to provide more information about who is being targeted and the legal justification for the strikes.

Rubio told reporters that questions about the military campaign and intelligence sharing in support of the operations were not raised with him at all by any of his G7 or other counterparts on Wednesday.

US decision of G20 summit boycott 'their loss': SA president



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Cape Town, Nov 13: US President Donald Trump's decision that the United States government boycott the Group of 20 summit next weekend in South Africa is "their loss," South Africa's leader said Wednesday.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa added that "the United States needs to think again whether boycott politics actually works, because in my experience it doesn't work."

Trump announced last week on social media that no US government official would attend the Nov. 22-23 meeting of leaders from 19 of the world's richest and leading developing

economies in Johannesburg, citing his widely rejected claims that members of a white minority group in South Africa are being violently persecuted and having their land taken from them because of their race. The US president has for months targeted South Africa's Black-led government for criticism over that and a range of other issues, including its decision to accuse US ally Israel of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza in an ongoing and highly contentious case at the United Nations' top court.

"It is unfortunate that the United States decided not to attend the G20," Ramaphosa told reporters outside the South African Parliament.

Ashes 2025-26: Smith says England speed kings could struggle in Australia

AFP

Sydney, Nov 13: Steve Smith believes England may have picked the wrong bowlers for the Ashes, suggesting Australian wickets will be better suited to seam and swing than an all-out pace attack.

The tourist is heavily relying on speed merchants led by Jofra Archer and Mark Wood for the five-Test showdown, with Gus Atkinson, Brydon Carse, Matthew Potts and Josh Tongue also in the squad.

Almost all of them can deliver rockets in excess of 145 kph (90 mph), but none are seen as traditional seamers.

Smith, who will captain Australia at the first Test at Perth next week with Pat Cummins injured, said the wickets could better suit bowlers like James Anderson and Stuart Broad.

Both those prolific stalwarts, who excelled with swing and seam, are now retired.

England left out Chris Woakes, a bowler in a similar vein. Smith's assessment came after playing Sheffield Shield matches at the Gabba in Brisbane and Sydney Cricket Ground, where he was in fine touch with the bat.

"It's different on the wickets now, I think," Smith told Australian media late on Wednesday after hitting 57 and 56 not out against Victoria to go with his 118 against



Queensland.

"I mean, those sort of nibblers (seamers) can be quite tricky. So they might have got things the wrong way around, if that makes sense, in terms of the pace, from previous years."

"Obviously, they've got those guys at their disposal now. They probably weren't fit and ready, or old enough, maybe, a few years back."

"Sometimes the slower guys are almost harder to play on those wickets where you have to make the pace, but yeah, we'll wait and see, won't we?"

Smith shapes as a pivotal player for Australia, and has hit the ground running after a six-week break where he did not pick up a bat.

"It was nice to just be able to spend some time in the middle, get some rhythm and feel in a good place," he said of his early season form.

The first Test gets under way in Perth on November 21 before a day-night clash in Brisbane, with both wickets expected to be quick and bouncy.

The series then moves to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

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