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PM Modi not going anywhere, Congress needs to pack up: Rajnath Singh

Addresses 'Loktantra Bachao, Arajakta Hatao' rally in Jammu | Challenges Congress to come up with proof of 'vote theft' | Calls J&K India's crown jewel | Says Art 370 abrogation dealt severe blow to terrorism, separatism | 'AIIMS, tourism boom signs of development'

Yogesh



Jammu, Nov 28: Declaring that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "not going anywhere" and it is time for the Congress to "pack up," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday termed the opposition party's "vote theft" claim as "malicious propaganda" based on assumptions.

Addressing the BJP's 'Loktantra Bachao, Arajakta Hatao' rally at Parade Ground here, Singh, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), listed the achievements, including the abrogation of Article 370, of PM Modi led regime and praised the Prime Minister for turning India into a "formidable power."

Singh said a healthy democracy requires respect for the people's mandate and democratic institutions. He accused the Congress of blaming the electoral process for its repeated defeats in elections instead of introspecting its own performance. "Give me at least one proof. Where has the vote been stolen?" he asked, challenging the opposition party to substantiate its allegations.

Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's repeated remarks on alleged electoral irregularities, Singh questioned how such accusations could be leveled without supporting evidence.

He also referred to the appointment of an Election Commissioner in 2014 during the Congress-led government, arguing that the BJP could not be held responsible for the appointment.

Singh said Modi had become Prime Minister through the people's mandate and that only the people of India had the authority to take that mandate away.

Stating that the BJP pursued politics for nation-building rather than merely capturing power, he said the party would oppose any attempt to undermine the country's democratic institutions.

ARTICLE 370 ABROGATION, TURNING POINT

Turning his attention to Jammu and Kashmir, Singh called the Union Territory as India's "crown jewel" and termed the abrogation of Article 370 as a historical decision. "The move fulfilled a long-standing commitment of the BJP and opened new avenues of rights and opportunities for the people."

Recalling the contributions of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and Pandit Prem Nath Dogra towards Jammu and Kashmir's integration with India, he invoked Mukherjee's slogan of "one country, one constitution and one symbol".

He said several people from Jammu and Kashmir have sacrificed their lives for the country's unity and integrity.

Singh added that Article 370 had contributed to the promotion of terrorism and separatism. "Its abrogation in August 2019 weakened these forces in the region," he added.

Invoking former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's approach towards Kashmir, he referred to the principles of humanity, democracy and Kashmiriyat, saying Jammu and Kashmir needed to look towards the future rather than remain confined to the past.

"After Article 370, no power in the world can | More on P6



LG Sinha receives Defence Minister at Jammu airport

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Srinagar, Nov 28: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha received Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the airport on Saturday in Jammu.

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor wrote: "Welcomed Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh Ji at Jammu Airport today."

Finally, J&K's National Law University gets an address

Main campus in Budgam, satellite campus in Jammu

Naveed Ul Haq Ganaie

Srinagar, Nov 28: The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Saturday notified that the headquarters and main campus of the Jammu & Kashmir National Law University (JKNLU) will be established in Budgam district, while a satellite campus will be set up in Jammu.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, through a notification issued on Saturday, said that the Jammu & Kashmir National Law University Act, 2018, shall come into force with effect from November 30, 2026.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University Act, 2018 (Act No. II of 2019), the Government hereby establishes the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with effect from 30th November, 2026," the notification states.

The notification further provides that the headquarters and main campus of the University shall be located in Budgam district, while a satellite campus shall function in Jammu.

In a post on X, the office of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the headquarters and main campus of the Law University would be located in Budgam, while a satellite campus would operate from Jammu.

"The landmark initiative in higher education

Stop cross-border terrorism against India: Athawale to Pak

Says if Islamabad wants to improve relations with New Delhi it needs to mend ways | Reiterates J&K statehood will be restored at 'appropriate time' | 'Tourism bouncing back, development gathering pace post-Art 370 abrogation'

Rehan Qayoom Mir



Srinagar, Nov 28: Reiterating that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would be restored at an appropriate time, Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Saturday asked Pakistan to stop cross-border terrorism and infiltration against India.

Addressing a press conference here, Athawale, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and Pakistan has no role in its affairs. "If Islamabad wants to improve relations with New Delhi it should mend its ways and end cross-border terrorism and infiltration against India."

Referring to the situation in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), he said people there were unhappy with Pakistan's policies and cited protests against the authorities, urging Pakistan to stop hostilities.

On the restoration of statehood, Athawale said the Centre would take a decision at the "appropriate time", recalling the assurance given by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Parliament.

'TOURISM BOUNCING BACK, DEVELOPMENT GATHERING PACE'

Athawale said Jammu and Kashmir | More on P6



Metered or not, Kashmir's power cuts hit all

Riyaz Bhat

Srinagar, Nov 28: In the Kashmir valley, power consumers are bearing the cost of infrastructure gaps they did not create. Forced outages stretching beyond the revised curtailment schedule are hitting metered and non-metered areas alike, in grids where smart meters and insulated cables remain incomplete— leaving residents to absorb the consequences as a collective burden.

An official informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that in any area wherein smart meters or insulated cables are not installed, they also face forced power cuts beyond the revised curtailment schedule.

"Ideally in smart metered areas, there should have been no forced power cuts beyond the revised curtailment schedule," the official said.

It also said that "Under the catchment area of some power grids, smart meters and cables have been installed at some places but some areas are still on flat rate."

"During the time of limited power supply, the grid faces forced power cuts and thus all of the consumers, be it metered or non-metered, face collective burden in terms of forced power cuts," the official said.

It also said, "If the forced power outages beyond the revised curtailment schedule is not enforced in metered areas, the non-metered areas who already are facing long scheduled power cuts may face extra outages."

Pertinently, the Power Development Department (PDD) in October announced a new Load Curtailment Plan (LCP) for consumers in the Kashmir division, which will include extra hours of load shedding in the high AT&C losses.

According to the new LPC, the consumers will face a daily power curtailment of 8 hours in the areas having Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) above 65 percent.

It also said that the areas having AT&C losses between 40.5-65 percent will face power curtailment of 6 hours daily.

Furthermore, the new LPC said that the areas having AT&C losses in between 15 to 40.5 percent will face curtailment of 3 hours daily. However, there will only be 0.5 hours of curtailment in the areas having AT&C losses from 0-15 percent.

Earlier the officials of PDD had informed KNO that there are 1335 KV feeders under the jurisdiction of KPDCL. "In previous LCP there were only 129 feeders with round the clock power facility but under the new LCP, 85 new feeders have been added for 24*7 electricity supply because they have AT&C losses of less than 20 percent." (KNO)

Kashmir remains in grip of cold wave

Srinagar records -2.4 degrees

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Nov 28: Cold conditions persisted across Kashmir on Saturday, with several places recording sub-zero minimum temperatures, while morning haze continued to affect parts of the Valley.

According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of -2.4°C, while Pahalgam settled at -3.2°C and Qazigund at -2.0°C. Kupwara recorded -1.4°C, while Kokernag registered -0.3°C.

Among other stations, Shopian was the coldest at -4.1°C, followed by Pulwama (-3.8°C), Anantnag (-2.6°C), Budgam (-2.6°C) and Bandipora (-1.3°C).

The MeT Department, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), has forecast mainly dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir till December 3, with cloudy conditions possible at a few places on December 3.

A fresh western disturbance is expected to affect the region from December 4, bringing light rain in the plains and light to moderate snowfall over higher reaches between December 4 and 6. Similar weather is likely to continue on December 7 and 8, with thunderstorms and gusty winds possible at some places.

The department | More on P6

LoP Sharma seeks equal status, seats, facilities for Jammu NLU campus, sets 30-day deadline

Questions Budgam hqrs decision, says Jammu cannot be left with 'hollow promise'; demands land, budget, commencement date

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Jammu, Nov 28: Hitting out at the NC government for allegedly neglecting Jammu in the establishment of the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University (NLU), Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma on Saturday demanded equal status, courses, facilities and student intake for its proposed Jammu campus, seeking clarity on land allocation, budget and commencement of classes within 30 days.

Welcoming the establishment of the National Law University, LoP Sharma, in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), questioned the absence of a clear roadmap for the Jammu campus, saying that while the university headquarters had been established at Budgam, Jammu had been left with only a mention of a campus in the government order.

"This is good news for every young person in J&K who wants to study law," Sharma said, while questioning what Jammu had actually received, pointing out that a campus cannot be represented by a single line on paper.

He said students in Jammu had been waiting for their own National | More on P6

Four of family killed, minor girl injured in Uri road accident

LG, CM express anguish; Rs 2 lakh relief sanctioned for NoKs of victims

KNO Correspondent



Baramulla, Nov 28: Four members of a family were killed and an 11-year-old girl injured in a road accident involving a Tata Sumo in the Gohallan area of Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday evening.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the accident involved a Tata Sumo (No. JK01P-2583) leaving 5 persons injured.

All the injured were initially shifted to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Uri for treatment, where four of them succumbed to their injuries, while the minor girl was referred to Government Medical College (GMC) for further treatment.

The deceased were identified as Syed Shafeeq Shah (26), his wife Rashida Bano (25), Dilnaz Fatima (17), | More on P6

CS pulls up agency over AYUSH hospital work, sets 15-day deadline to fix defects

Expresses concern over workmanship at Nonath project; orders immediate Samba-Sumb road repairs, Dec deadline for Basantar flood protection works

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Jammu, Nov 28: Chief Secretary Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav on Saturday took serious note of the executing agency's work over the quality of construction at the under-construction AYUSH Hospital in Samba, directing it to rectify identified defects within 15 days.

He also set strict timelines for key infrastructure works and sought a three-year development roadmap from all departments.

During his whirlwind tour of Samba district, the Chief Secretary, as per details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), raised concerns over the workmanship at the AYUSH Hospital construction site at Nonath and directed the executing agency to rectify the identified defects within 15 days, | More on P6

Dignity, Personal Well-being

SWD Srinagar organises awareness programme at GHSS Gund Hassi Bhat

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 28: Social Welfare Department (SWD), Srinagar, under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, organized an awareness programme on "Dignity and Personal Well-being" at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Gund Hassi Bhat, with the support of a resource person from the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS), Srinagar.

The students were also encouraged to openly discuss their concerns, seek timely guidance and support, and prioritize their overall physical and psychological well-being.

The programme aimed at empowering adolescent girls with essential knowledge and awareness to lead healthy, confident, and dignified lives.

The initiative reflects the Department's continued commitment towards the holistic development and empowerment of girls under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

Mission Vatsalya

Awareness programme organised in Bandipora

Emphasis laid on importance of preventing child labour, child marriage, child abuse, exploitation, other forms of violence against children



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BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 28: Mission Vatsalya Bandipora organised an awareness programme at Quil Muqam, Bandipora, with the objective of sensitising the community about child rights, child protection laws, and various government initiatives aimed at ensuring the safety, welfare and overall development of children.

During the programme, as per an official statement, Mission Vatsalya team made the participants aware of several important child protection legislations, including the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act), the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

Special emphasis was laid on the importance of preventing child labour, child marriage, child abuse, exploitation and other forms of violence against children. The participants were also sensitised about the provisions of the POCSO Act and the importance of creating a safe and protective environment for every child.

Furthermore, awareness was disseminated regarding Child Helpline 1098, highlighting its role as an important emergency support service for children in distress, in need of care and protection, or facing abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The programme also highlighted various schemes and services available under Mission Vatsalya, aimed at promoting child welfare, rehabilitation, family-based care, protection and holistic development of vulnerable children.

The programme concluded with an appeal to the community to remain vigilant, report cases of child abuse and exploitation, discourage harmful practices and collectively work towards safeguarding the rights, dignity and future of every child.

Meeting chaired on source sustainability in JJM 2.0 in Kulgam

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KULGAM, NOVEMBER 28: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Altaf Ahmad Khan, on saturday chaired a meeting of concerned district officers to discuss the draft Action Plan for implementation of the Source Sustainability Committee under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0.

During the meeting, the ADDC emphasized the importance of ensuring long-term sustainability of water sources to strengthen the water supply infrastructure and ensure reliable drinking water availability across the district.

He directed all concerned departments to prepare and submit their respective departmental inputs, outlining proposed interventions for protection, conservation, rejuvenation and sustainable management of water sources. The ADDC stressed the need for effective inter-departmental coordination and a focused approach towards source sustainability, with active involvement of all stakeholder departments. He further directed that the inputs be submitted within the stipulated timeframe to facilitate consolidation of the draft Action Plan for its final approval by the UT-level Committee.

The meeting also discussed the role of various departments in identifying suitable interventions and strengthening measures for preservation and replenishment of water sources. The meeting was attended by ACD, DFO, CAO, DSCO, PO IWMP, Executive Engineers of PHE and I&FC, representatives of Ground Water and Water Quality departments, and DMO Kulgam.

Javed Rana stresses nurturing creativity, preserving cultural heritage

Honours young artists at EMRS Kala Utsav closing ceremony

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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 28: Minister for Tribal Affairs, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Transport, Javed Ahmed Rana, Saturday attended the closing ceremony of the 3rd EMRS State-Level Kala Utsav and Samriddhi 2026-27 as chief guest at Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS), Gurdhan Bala, Rajouri.

The event, as per an official statement, provided the students from Eklavya Model Residential Schools across Jammu and Kashmir a vibrant platform to showcase their artistic and creative abilities through dance, music and other cultural performances reflecting the region's rich heritage and diversity.

The participating institutions included EMRS Salia, Anantnag; EMRS Gurez, Bandipora; EMRS Tangmarg, Kulgam; EMRS Poonch (Mendhar); EMRS Koteranka, Rajouri and EMRS Rajouri (Gurdanbala).

Kala Utsav and Samriddhi are twin initiatives by the Ministry for Education (MoE) and NCERT that celebrate artistic talent in secondary schools (Classes IX–XII) and innovative art-integrated teaching across India.

Addressing the ceremony, Rana highlighted the significance of Kala Utsav and Samriddhi in bringing together the cultural diversity of Jammu and Kashmir by nurturing the creative and artistic potential of students. He said such initiatives provide young tribal talent an opportunity to express themselves, gain confidence and appreciate the diverse cultural traditions of the region. He emphasised the need to encourage arts, crafts, music and other creative pursuits alongside formal education, saying that such activities contribute significantly to the holistic development of children. He said every child possesses unique talents that need to be identified, nurtured and provided adequate opportunities to flourish. The Minister said that platforms like Kala Utsav & Samriddhi help preserve the cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir while fostering mutual understanding and a sense of belonging among students from different regions. He encouraged the participants to remain connected with their cultural roots and continue honing their artistic abilities.

The cultural segment featured an impressive array of performances, including Gojri, Punjabi and Dogri group dances, a junior group dance by students of EMRS Gurez, a senior solo performance combining a Krishna Bhajan with classical Chamakeya dance and a Gojri boys' group dance by students of EMRS Poonch. The ceremony culminated with the distribution of prizes among the participants, recognising their talent and performances.

The Minister appreciated the efforts of the host institution, teachers and organisers in providing a meaningful platform for tribal students to showcase their talent and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Area Expansion Scheme

Horticulture Department cautions growers against fake AI-generated poster

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 28: The Department of Horticulture, Kashmir, has cautioned farmers and orchardists against an unauthorized and misleading promotional poster titled "Area Expansion Scheme under Jansugam" being circulated on various social media platforms and messaging groups.

The poster falsely claims an 80 percent subsidy on plants, indicating a price of Rs 250 per plant, with a subsidy of Rs 200 and a farmer's contribution of only Rs 50 per plant.

In this regard, the Department, as per an official statement, has clarified that it has neither issued nor authorized the circulation of any such poster and does not endorse the figures, claims or information contained therein.

The Department further stated that the graphic appears to be an AI-generated fabrication carrying unauthorized use of official emblems and departmental logos, with the potential to mislead farmers and orchardists.

Farmers and fruit growers have been strongly advised to exercise caution and refrain from believing or forwarding such unverified promotional material. They have also been urged not to share personal information or make any payments in response to such misleading advertisements.

The Department has advised growers to verify the authenticity of all scheme-related information, subsidy rates and eligibility conditions directly from their nearest office of the Chief Horticulture Officer (CHO) or Horticulture Development Officer (HDO), or through official government portals before applying for any scheme or acting upon such claims.

Reiterating its commitment to transparent and authentic public communication, the Department has urged the farming community to remain vigilant and not fall prey to fabricated social media content or misleading advertisements.

Awareness Programme on legal rights, livelihood opportunities held at ITI Budgam



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BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 28: The Department of Social Welfare, Budgam, through SANKALP – Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW), Mission Shakti, organised an awareness programme at Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Budgam, to sensitise students about maintenance rights, inheritance rights, other legal rights of women and various livelihood opportunities available through government initiatives.

The officials, as per an official statement, highlighted the significance of organising such awareness programmes at vocational training institutions to bridge the information gap and connect trainees with available support mechanisms.

Principal, ITI Budgam, appreciated the initiative and acknowledged the importance of such collaborative awareness activities in promoting legal literacy, women's empowerment and livelihood generation among trainees.

Advocate Saleem delivered an informative session on various legal aspects concerning women's rights, with particular emphasis on maintenance rights, inheritance rights and other legal safeguards available under the law. He highlighted the importance of legal awareness in enabling women to assert their rights and seek appropriate legal remedies.

Afroza Ahad, while speaking on Mission Shakti, elaborated on its objectives and the role of SANKALP – Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) in facilitating women's empowerment through awareness, counselling, guidance, institutional linkages and convergence with various government departments. She briefed the participants about the services provided by the Hub and encouraged them to approach the office for information, guidance and assistance regarding women-centric welfare schemes and livelihood opportunities.

She also highlighted the importance of skill development and economic empowerment, particularly for young women undergoing vocational training at ITI, and encouraged them to explore opportunities for self-employment, entrepreneurship, bank credit and other government-supported livelihood initiatives. She assured that SANKALP-HEW would facilitate necessary linkages with concerned departments and institutions to help interested trainees pursue suitable livelihood opportunities.

The programme reaffirmed the commitment of SANKALP-HEW, Mission Shakti, Budgam, towards strengthening awareness, facilitating institutional linkages and promoting the social, legal and economic

Winter Preparedness

MLA Sopore chairs review meeting, directs officers to ensure arrangements

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BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 28: Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar, and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sopore, Dr. S.A.Raina, Saturday jointly chaired a meeting with officers of various line departments to review and assess the preparedness of the administration for the winter season.

During the meeting, as per an official statement, a detailed assessment was undertaken of the arrangements put in place by different departments to ensure uninterrupted delivery of essential services and minimise public inconvenience during the winter months.

The meeting focused on key aspects of winter preparedness, including availability of essential commodities, uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water, maintenance of road connectivity, healthcare facilities, availability of medicines, sanitation and snow clearance arrangements.

The MLA emphasised the need for close coordination among all departments to ensure that people do not face any inconvenience during the winter season.

Irshad Rasool Kar further stressed that adequate advance measures must be taken, particularly in areas vulnerable to heavy snowfall and harsh weather conditions, to ensure timely response to public needs.

Meanwhile, ADC Sopore, Dr. Shabir Ahmad Raina directed the concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well in advance.

He also underscored the importance of maintaining adequate stocks of essential supplies and ensuring that critical public services remain functional, especially in far-flung and vulnerable areas.

The health department was asked to maintain adequate stocks of medicines and ensure emergency healthcare services, while the power and water supply departments were directed to put in place effective mechanisms for addressing disruptions.

Rabi Season: DAJ reviews fertilizer availability, distribution, quality control measures



KT News Desk

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 28: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu Anil Gupta, who is also the Controller of Fertilizers, J&K, Saturday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the availability, sales, stocking and distribution of fertilizers across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir during the ongoing Rabi Season 2026-27.

The meeting, as per a statement, was attended by Director Law Enforcement, J&K Balbir Singh; Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Suresh Kumar Khajuria; Agriculture Chemist Roshan Lal Bhagat; Assistant Director Law Enforcement Kuldeep Singh; SMS-II (Fertilizer/Legal Section), Santosh Bhat; Enforcement Inspector Nazir Altaf; other officers from the Agriculture Department and Law Enforcement wing and representatives of various fertilizer marketing companies. Officers based in Kashmir participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing. The meeting focused on ensuring the timely availability of subsidized fertilizers to farmers, reviewing the practice of forced tagging of ancillary products with subsidized fertilizers and strengthening the monitoring mechanism for fertilizer sales and distribution across all districts of J&K.

During the deliberations, the Director reviewed the rollout of the Framework for Fertilizer Sale (FFS) across all districts of the Union Territory and stressed the need for its effective implementation and regular monitoring to ensure transparency and accountability in the fertilizer distribution system.

Emphasizing the importance of quality control, the Director asked the concerned officers to ensure that only quality fertilizers, including organic, inorganic, biofertilizers and biostimulants, enter the Union Territory. He also stressed the need for regular sampling and testing of fertilizer products and directed that the sale of fertilizers be permitted only after receipt of valid analysis reports.

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Amend NLU order, Budgam deserves main campus: Muntazir Mehdi



Naveed Ul Haq Ganaiee

Budgam, Nov 28: PDP MLA from Budgam Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi on Saturday demanded an amendment to the government order notifying the establishment of Jammu and Kashmir National Law University, alleging that the main campus was being shifted to Jammu despite assurances that it would be established in Budgam.

In a post on X, Mehdi said the university was established through an Act in 2018 for Kashmir, but was now being shifted to Jammu through the backdoor.

He said that despite clear assurances on the floor of the House that Budgam would host the campus, the government notification has placed only the university's headquarters in Budgam while locating its campus in Jammu.

Calling it a betrayal of Budgam and an injustice to Kashmir, Mehdi demanded that the order be amended to ensure the main campus is established in Budgam, with a satellite campus in Jammu. "Kashmir cannot be expected to accept another broken promise," he said.

Meanwhile, the wording of the notification has also drawn attention, as it specifies that the university's headquarters shall be in District Budgam and its campus in Jammu.

This has led to questions over the distinction between the government's formal notification and the announcement made by the Office of the Chief Minister on X, which described Budgam as the headquarters/main campus and Jammu as the satellite campus.

The government, through its notification dated November 28, has ordered the establishment of the university with effect from November 30, 2026, under the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University Act, 2018—(KNO)

DC Budgam reviews progress of new hospital projects at Reshipora



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Budgam, Nov 28: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Jatin Kishore on Saturday conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing construction works of the 125-bedded New District Hospital and the 100-bedded Critical Care Hospital at Reshipora to assess the progress, pace and quality of execution of the projects.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised that substantial progress had been achieved on both hospital projects.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed various pending components, including electrical works, mechanical installations, fire-fighting systems, lift testing, handrails, essential power supply, installation of doors and windows, and other essential infrastructure required to make the hospitals fully functional.

He directed the executing agencies to expedite all pending mechanical and electrical works, mobilise adequate manpower and ensure proper deployment of labour to maintain the pace of construction.

He also stressed the need to complete the remaining works, prepare a comprehensive assessment of pending components and ensure their completion within the stipulated timelines.

The Deputy Commissioner further reviewed the availability and development of essential hospital facilities, including beds, dietary and laundry facilities, underground water tanks, service areas and other supporting infrastructure.

He emphasised that all essential hospital services and facilities must be completed in a coordinated manner to ensure the smooth functioning of the hospitals upon their completion.

He directed the concerned officers to resolve pending issues affecting the execution of works and maintain close coordination with the executing agencies to avoid any further delays. The Deputy Commissioner stressed that both projects are of immense importance in strengthening the healthcare infrastructure of the district and improving access to specialised and quality medical services for the people.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by the Joint Director Planning, Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle Budgam; Chief Medical Officer (CMO); Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Budgam; Executive Engineers of R&B and KPDCL; Deputy Manager, HSCC; Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs); and other concerned officers, who briefed him on the current status of the works and future milestones.

NCC ADG, Hangloo call on LG Sinha



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Jammu, Nov 28: Major General Mukesh Sharma, Additional Director General, National Cadet Corps (NCC), Directorate for Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday. In the meantime, Ramesh Hangloo, Founder Director, Radio Sharda 90.4 FM called on LG Sinha, and presented the Vijeshwar Panchang Calender for the year 2027.

He was accompanied by Avtar Jotshi, Editor, Vijeshwar Panchang, and Rohni Jotshi.

Ahsan Pardesi takes governance to people

Holds public Darbar at Padshahi Bagh



Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Nov 28: National Conference MLA from Lal Chowk Ahsan Pardesi on Saturday convened a public darbar at Padshahi Bagh, Srinagar, bringing residents face-to-face with officials from various departments and assuring that their issues would be pursued for timely redressal.

The public outreach programme covered Block Lasjan, including Padshahi Bagh, Lasjan A, Lasjan B, Soiteng, Vethpara, Zoo and Gandabal, where people were provided an opportunity to apprise officials with their difficulties and issues.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the programme Pardesi said the initiative is aimed at bridging the gap between the public and the administration.

He said some grievances were addressed on the spot, while matters requiring intervention from other departments would be taken up with the concerned authorities. "People have got an opportunity to speak directly to officers and get their problems resolved," he added.

Pardesi said officers from several departments were present at the programme and expressed hope that the concerns raised by residents from different areas would be addressed.

Asked about the government's performance during its two years in office, the MLA said development was an ongoing process and maintained that efforts had been made to bring changes on the ground since the National Conference came to power.

He said several initiatives have been undertaken in the Lal Chowk constituency in sectors including

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Resident doctors' strike enters 10th day



Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar, Nov 28: The indefinite strike by postgraduate (PG) and senior resident (SR) doctors entered its 10th day across Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, with the protesters maintaining that they will resume routine duties only after the government issues a formal order addressing their demands.

The agitation, which began at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu on November 19, has spread to several government medical colleges and hospitals across the Union Territory, including GMC Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Kathua, Rajouri, Doda and Handwara.

The doctors are demanding implementation of a uniform stipend structure for resident doctors across government medical institutions under the "One State, One Pay" principle, along with extension of 7th Pay Commission benefits and protection against any punitive action for participating in the strike.

Doctors said they would continue the agitation until a written government order is issued, asserting that verbal assurances alone are insufficient.

The strike has affected routine OPD services and elective surgeries at several hospitals, though emergency and other essential services continue to function.

Earlier this week, Health and Medical Education Minister Sakina Itoo met representatives of the protesting doctors and acknowledged their concerns, stating that the matter was under consideration in view of its financial implications.

MLA Baramulla accuses Congress of eroding J&K autonomy



Waris Fayaz

Baramulla, Nov 28: MLA Baramulla Javid Hassan Beig on Saturday accused the Congress of playing a key role in the erosion of Jammu and Kashmir's autonomy between 1953 and 1975 and alleged that the party had sided with the BJP in Parliament on the issue of Article 370.

Beig made the remarks while responding to Congress leader Sheikh Aamir, who had criticised the government's development record and claimed that Baramulla lagged behind several other districts.

Rejecting the criticism, Beig said the Congress should explain its historical role in Jammu and Kashmir rather than question the government's performance.

He also highlighted several healthcare and infrastructure projects in Baramulla, including the MRI facility at Government Medical College Baramulla, a digital

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Wildlife Dept forms village volunteer force to curb Man-animal conflict

KT News Desk

Udhampur, Nov 28: In a significant initiative to strengthen community participation and enhance preparedness for mitigating man-animal conflict, the Department of Wildlife Protection has initiated the formation of a Village Wildlife Volunteer Force in vulnerable and conflict-prone areas.

In this connection, Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu Province Sandeep Kumar accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) and officers and officials of the Wildlife Protection Department and Forest Protection Force on Saturday visited the area where five persons sustained injuries in a bear attack on November 27, 2026.

During the visit, the officers interacted with locals and addressed a gathering, sensitising them about various precautionary and preventive measures to minimise the risk of man-animal encounters. The public was advised to remain vigilant, avoid venturing into vulnerable areas, particularly during early morning and evening hours, refrain from approaching or provoking the wild animal and immediately report any sighting to the concerned authorities.

The Regional Wildlife Warden assured the locals that the Department is making concerted efforts to track, tranquilise and capture the bear, keeping in view the safety of human lives and the need for appropriate wildlife rescue intervention. He informed the gathering that camera traps have been installed at strategically identified locations to monitor the movement and ascertain the whereabouts of the animal.

As part of the intensified surveillance mechanism, different dedicated teams comprising departmental personnel have been constituted and deployed for round-the-clock monitoring of the affected areas. These teams are maintaining continuous vigil to trace the movement of the animal and facilitate timely intervention. Specialised wildlife rescue and tranquilisation teams are also stationed at the site and are prepared to respond promptly to any eventuality and undertake necessary rescue and capture operations to prevent further untoward incidents.

The newly initiated Village Wildlife Volunteer Force will comprise local residents who will act as a vital link between the community and the Wildlife Protection Department. The volunteers will facilitate early reporting of wildlife sightings, dissemination of precautionary advisories, alerting residents about potential threats and assisting departmental teams in emergency response and awareness activities. The initiative aims to establish an effective grassroots-level information and response network, particularly in vulnerable villages through active involvement of local communities.

The officers emphasised that public cooperation is crucial for effective management of man-animal conflict and appealed to residents to strictly adhere to the advisories issued by the Department, avoid unnecessary movement in affected areas and refrain from gathering near locations where the bear is sighted.

The Department reiterated its commitment to ensuring the safety of human lives while safeguarding wildlife through scientific management, continuous surveillance, timely intervention and active community participation,

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EOW files chargesheet in Rs 93 lakh land fraud

KNO

Srinagar, Nov 28: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K has filed a chargesheet against two accused in an alleged Rs 93 lakh land fraud case involving forged agreements for migrant land and standing trees in south Kashmir.

According to a statement, the chargesheet in FIR No. 17/2026 has been filed before the court of Sub-Judge, Srinagar, against Soom Nath Koul alias Brij Nath Bhat and land broker Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Dar.

The case stems from a complaint alleging that the accused cheated the complainant of Rs 93 lakh by falsely claiming ownership and authorisation to sell five kanals of migrant land at Drusu, Pulwama, and 300 standing trees at Bijbehara.

Investigation revealed that forged agreements were executed in favour of the complainant, although neither accused owned the property or had any legal authority from its original owners to sell it.

The EOW said a special team traced and arrested both accused in September 2026. Koul, who had remained absconding for several years, was allegedly operating under multiple identities, including Brij Nath Bhat, Hadi Nath and Mohan Lal.

He is presently lodged in Srinagar Central Jail in judicial custody. The chargesheet is the third filed against him, while several other cases registered with Crime Branch Kashmir are also under investigation.

The EOW said sufficient evidence had been collected against both accused and the chargesheet was submitted for judicial adjudication. SSP EOW Kashmir has advised the public to thoroughly verify land ownership and documents before entering into property transactions to avoid fraud and financial losses—(KNO)

Strike continues at 5 new GMCs, patients suffer

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar, Nov 28: The agitation by non-gazetted employees of five newly established Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) in Jammu and Kashmir continued on Saturday, with employees refusing to end their protest despite an assurance from Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo that recruitment rules would be notified within a month.

The employees have maintained that the strike and hunger strike will continue until the government issues a formal notification, saying verbal assurances are not enough given the delay in resolving the issue over the past several years. The ongoing protest has affected services at hospitals attached to GMC Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Handwara and Baramulla, causing inconvenience to patients and attendants.

The deadlock persists even after the Chief Secretary recently assured employees that the draft recruitment rules are under process and would be notified after completion of the required formalities.

The employees are demanding immediate notification of recruitment rules to provide clarity on service conditions, seniority, promotions and career progression.

The Coordination Committee said the protest would continue until a formal government order is issued—(KNO)

Police arrest 2 drug peddlers arrested in Pulwama

KNO

Srinagar, Nov 28: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested two drug peddlers in Pulwama and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

According to a statement, police in Pulwama arrested two drug peddlers in separate operations and recovered a total of 4.335 kilograms of grinded charas-like substance from their possession. They have been identified as Mudasir Ahmad Shiekh son of Gh. Mohd Shiekh resident of Nehama and Khursheed Ahmad Ganaie son of Ali Mohd Ganaie, resident of Qasbayar, Pulwama.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations, and further investigation have been initiated.

Police reiterates its firm commitment to intensifying its efforts against drug trafficking and urges the general public to cooperate with the police in the collective fight against the drug menace and building a drug-free society—(KNO)

Early Childhood Is Not A Waiting Room

A child's first years are when brain, body and emotions develop together, and a society that values children does not merely educate them; it nurtures, protects and invests in them from the very beginning.



Afshan Nabi

Every society claims to love its children. Few build their budgets, schools, hospitals, workplaces and public spaces around that claim. We celebrate examination results, engineering admissions, sporting victories and economic growth, yet often overlook the years in which the foundations for these achievements are laid. The first years of life are when a child's brain, body, emotions, relationships and capacity to learn develop together. Early childhood is not a waiting room before "real" education begins; it is the most consequential period of human development.

For too long, we have measured children by what they can recite, count or write. But a child who can name letters yet cannot manage disappointment, make a friend, trust an adult or explore the world with confidence is not fully thriving. Holistic development means seeing children as more than future workers or examination candidates. It means nurturing their physical health, nutrition, emotional security, language, social skills, creativity, morality and capacity to learn. The World Health Organization's Nurturing Care Framework identifies five connected conditions children need: good health, adequate nutrition, safety and security, responsive caregiving and opportunities for early learning. These are not separate services to be delivered in silos; they reinforce one another.

The most sophisticated educational technology ever created is not a screen, an app or a coaching centre. It is a caring adult paying attention. Harvard's Center on the Developing Child calls this interaction "serve and return": a child points at a bird, babbles, asks a question or shows frustration, and an attentive adult responds, names what the child is experiencing and invites another exchange. These repeated interactions help build the brain architecture that supports later learning, emotional wellbeing and social competence. A parent answering a toddler's endless questions, a teacher listening to a child's idea or a grandparent turning a walk into a conversation is not merely being kind. They are building the architecture of a mind. Responsive relationships also protect children, promoting healthy development and buffering the effects of adversity and toxic stress.

We often treat play as the reward after learning is finished. In reality, play is learning. When children build with blocks, pretend to run a shop, dig in mud, negotiate the rules of a game or climb higher than yesterday, they are developing language, memory, self-control, cooperation, problem-solving, physical confidence and imagination. Research on play-based pedagogy finds that play advances children's holistic development and recommends that parents and practitioners prioritise play-based approaches in homes and learning environments. The alternative—rows of silent children memorising material before they are developmentally ready—may produce short-term obedience but rarely produces curious, resilient and socially capable learners.

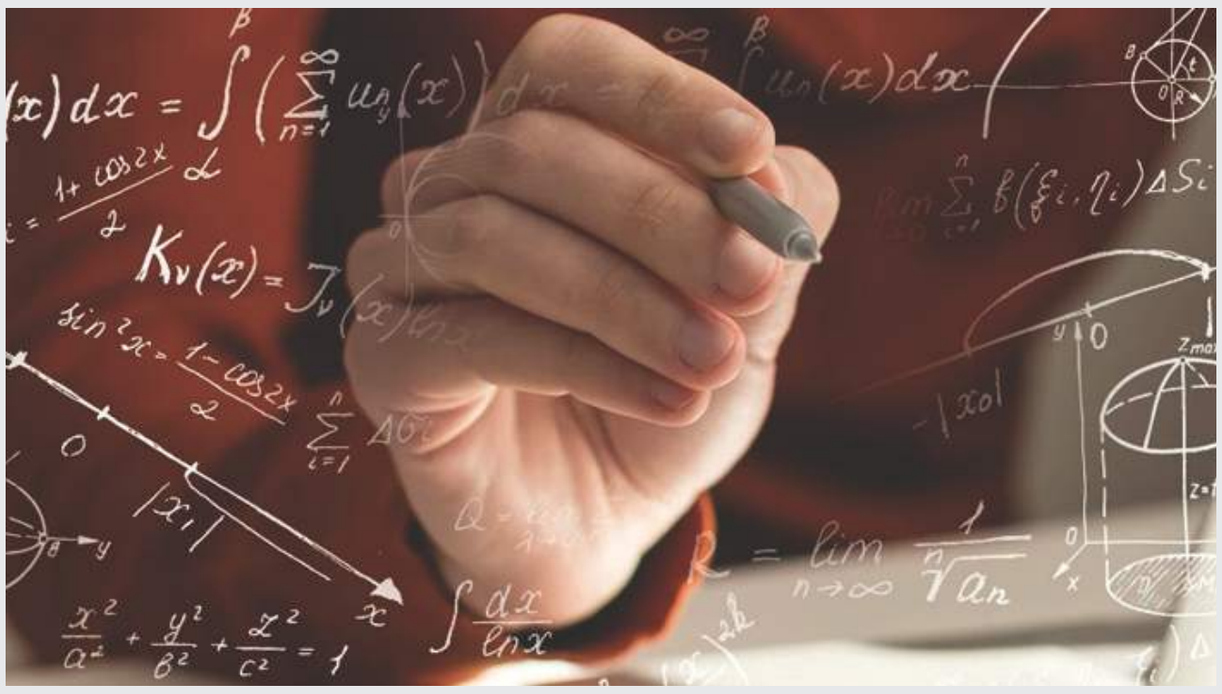
The cost of looking away is enormous. When a child experiences prolonged adversity—abuse, neglect, violence, chronic economic hardship or repeated instability—without a supportive adult to help calm and protect them, the result can be toxic stress. It can disrupt healthy brain development and affect learning, attention, behaviour and lifelong health. Yet this is not a story of inevitable damage. Stable, responsive relationships with caring adults can buffer stress and, when provided early enough, help prevent or even reverse some of its harmful effects. Child development therefore cannot be left to parents alone. Parents need time, income security, safe housing, nutritious food, health services and communities that make care possible. Harvard's research identifies economic security, adequate housing, affordable nutritious food, personal safety and neighbourhood belonging as essential supports for young children's wellbeing.

A serious whole-child agenda would look less like a slogan and more like a set of practical commitments. Governments must guarantee every young child access to health care, nutrition, clean water, sanitation and protection from harm. They must expand affordable, high-quality early childhood education and childcare, led by trained educators who understand play, language and emotional development. They must create safe public spaces, parks, libraries, community centres and playgrounds where children can move, explore and interact. They must support caregivers through parental leave, flexible work, mental health services, parenting programmes and protection from violence. And they must measure success not only through test scores but through children's health, wellbeing, curiosity, social skills and readiness to learn. The Nurturing Care Framework is explicit that these conditions are created not only inside families but through public policies, programmes and services that enable communities and caregivers to protect and nurture children.

We need to stop asking only, "How quickly can this child learn?" and start asking, "Is this child safe, nourished, loved, heard and given the chance to grow?" A four-year-old who can count to twenty but is anxious, isolated or constantly hungry has not been prepared for school. A child who feels secure with an adult, can express a feeling, solve a small conflict, ask questions and play cooperatively has gained capacities that will serve them for decades. The goal of early childhood education is not to manufacture miniature adults. It is to protect childhood while building the capacities that make adulthood possible. Every delayed investment in a child's earliest years is a cost quietly transferred to classrooms, hospitals, workplaces and society decades later. Every responsive interaction, nutritious meal, safe playground and quality preschool is a deposit in a future we will all share. Let us stop asking children to overcome the failures of the systems meant to protect them. Give them a strong beginning, and they will give us a stronger tomorrow.

AI Has Solved A Host Of Big Maths Problems – Here's Why This Threatens The Whole Field Of Mathematics

Neil Saunders



For many, the year 2026 will be remembered as the one where mathematics had an identity crisis and forever changed. Frontier (cutting edge) AI models made by OpenAI and Anthropic made stunning progress on hundreds of open problems that have baffled mathematicians for decades – and centuries in some cases.

From April this year, a steady stream of impressive AI-discovered results emerged. It started with a breakthrough by OpenAI on the Erdő s unit distance conjecture and the Jacobian conjecture, both of which had been unsolved for decades.

Then, in September and October, two stunning announcements were made. First, Open AI announced a solution to the Navier-Stokes problem – one of the seven "millennium problems" highlighted by the Clay Mathematics Institute in the year 2000. Second, OpenAI released a trove of over 700 papers claiming solutions, proofs or counter-examples (which show that a claim or conjecture is false) to 372 open problems that are at the forefront of mathematics research.

Now, Anthropic researcher Levent Alpöge has announced a Claude-assisted proof of the Riemann Hypothesis. This is arguably the most famous problem in mathematics, proposed by the German mathematician Bernhard Riemann in 1859.

The October "Open AI dump" as it has become known, sent shock waves through the mathematics community because of its sheer scale. Hugo Duminil-Copin, professor and Fields medallist (the medal is a top accolade in mathematics), from the Institute of Advanced Scientific Studies in Paris, said the dump had "annihilated my field of research". He also warned that it could "dismantle" the discipline of mathematics.

How tech companies were able to make such staggering progress on difficult problems is that first, their specific AI technology, called large language models (LLMs), are trained on the entire human corpus of mathematical literature (and much more).

Second, the companies created "AI-agents", software systems built around the LLM that extend its capabilities to reasoning, taking actions and executing code. Agents can also observe the results of their actions, taking further action if required.

For the solution to the Navier-Stokes equation, OpenAI set 10,000 AI agents to work collaboratively. It took 88 hours for these agents to find their solution. A further 17 hours was needed to have the solution verified through formalisation and verification software called Lean.

Alpöge's Claude-assisted proof of the Riemann Hypothesis runs to more than 250,000 pages. The Lean code verification is over 17 million lines long. His Lean proof has since been verified by independent researchers.

The unit distance problem, posed by mathematician Paul Erdő s, concerns pairs of points where the distance is exactly one point. David Eppstein

Unlike the Poincaré Conjecture, a millennium problem solved by the Russian mathematician Grigori Perelman in the early 2000s, the Navier-Stokes equation, (like all the other 300 problems in the OpenAI dump), was resolved by AI agents with almost no human intervention.

This is truly extraordinary. A metaphor illustrating how these agents work might be a colony of Australian cathedral termites. Each insect in the colony mindlessly does its local thing but in concert, the termites build impressive castles, often over six metres high, replete with ventilation, a form of air conditioning and weather protection.

Likewise, each AI agent chips away at its local task, but collectively, these swarms of agents can now solve – and verify – the hardest known maths problems.

Mass production of results

All this has mathematicians worried. Terence Tao, professor of mathematics at the University of California, Los Angeles and a 2006 Fields medallist, recently suggested that the speed at which mathematical results are being AI-produced is actually harming the discipline.

Tao likened what AI companies are doing as "dumping carcasses of raw meat onto our table and saying 'here you go, I solved your food problem'."

On September 11, 2026, Tao and 25 other Fields medallists produced a declaration stating that "the goals of the AI companies and the goals of the mathematical community are severely misaligned". The declaration warns that "the mass production at faster and faster pace of "true/false" statements could destroy fertile ground instead of breathing life into new ideas".

At the time of writing, this declaration has over 8,000 signatures from mathematicians globally. In a similar spirit, the recently formed Association for Human Mathematics, whose members "commit to conduct entirely AI-free research, centring human thinking and judgement in the mathematical sciences" has more than 1,000 members.

There is an old idiom in AI known as Moravec's Paradox, which is often expressed as "hard problems are easy and the easy problems are hard". This phrase explains why we have machines that are better at tasks humans find hard, such as chess, coding and now: mathematical research, but are worse at tasks that humans find easy, such as stacking the dishwasher without breaking plates.

But mathematics is like chess and coding in some sense. It is a somewhat closed world of information that is ripe for AI to come in and extract patterns, find connections and perform calculations that allow it to generate results beyond human capability.

So while fluency and proficiency in "hard" mathematical fields has traditionally been a benchmark of intelligence, both human and machine, these powerful multi-agent AI systems show that raw compute power, combined with an abundance of data, are sufficient to obtain results beyond the reach of many mathematicians over many lifetimes.

A healthy ecosystem

However, an interesting footnote to this is that OpenAI estimated that the total cost of finding the solution to the Navier-Stokes equation was US$15 million (£11.4 million) – thus a net loss of US$14 million if the Clay Institute were to award OpenAI the prize money.

Thus, it is possible that the big tech companies will move on from mathematics if they do not see monetary value in continuing to prove open conjectures.

By approaching a problem in a "bottom-up" way, mathematicians build theory and form connections between seemingly disparate sub-disciplines. They disseminate preliminary findings and partial results via journals, conference presentations and workshops.

This engagement with the rest of the community includes PhD students and early career researchers, so that a new generation of mathematicians are being trained to take the field further.

Many students of mathematics go on to fields where a strong mathematical training is invaluable, such as government, data science, education, sustainability, finance and cybersecurity. This ecosystem – essential for a flourishing society and economy – may be at risk if a new "top-down", black-box, reverse engineered approach to mathematics becomes a new norm.

So while having powerful AI tools to resolve longstanding problems presents new and exciting opportunities – indeed, I believe that there has never been a better time to study maths – these have to be carefully balanced against the wider interests of the discipline as well as the wider interests of society.

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IITM PUNE-2026

J&K Tourism makes strong impression

Attracts interest from National Travel Trade

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 28: The Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Pavilion at the India International Travel Mart (IITM) Pune-2026 received an encouraging response from tourism stakeholders, travel professionals and industry representatives during the three-day event held from November 26 to 28 at Deccan College Ground, Pune.

The pavilion served as an important platform to showcase the diverse tourism potential of Jammu & Kashmir, highlighting its breathtaking landscapes, rich cultural heritage, historical attractions, adventure tourism opportunities, pilgrimage destinations, wellness offerings, handicrafts and distinctive local experiences.



The participation, as per an official statement, generated considerable interest among members of the travel trade, with tourism stakeholders expressing enthusiasm for exploring promotional opportunities and strengthening business linkages with the Union Territory. The event also facilitated meaningful interactions with tour operators, travel agencies and industry representatives from Maharashtra and other parts of the country.

The visiting delegation representing Jammu & Kashmir Tourism comprised Kaiser Ahmad Bhawani, Chief Executive Officer, Kishtwar Development Authority; Peer Zahid Ahmad, Deputy Director Tourism, Kashmir; and Sanam Mansoor, Deputy Director Tourism, Kashmir.

During the event, the officers actively engaged with tourism stakeholders, tour operators and industry representatives. Through informative presentations and stakeholder interactions, the delegation highlighted the diverse tourism products, emerging destinations and year-round travel experiences offered by Jammu & Kashmir, further strengthening the Union Territory's visibility in the national tourism market.

The encouraging response at IITM Pune reflects the growing interest within the travel trade in Jammu & Kashmir as a preferred year-round tourism destination. The Union Territory's recognition as the Best Tourism Destination of the Year further reinforces its position as a prominent destination on India's tourism map.

Through its participation in IITM Pune-2026, Jammu & Kashmir Tourism aims to consolidate its presence in Maharashtra and other key domestic travel markets, expand promotional outreach, foster stronger industry partnerships and encourage greater tourist footfall by showcasing the diverse experiences that the Union Territory has to offer throughout the year.

DG ICAR hails SKUAST-K growth trajectory

Inaugurates national workshop on Natural Farming, Chinar Hostel on his maiden visit to varsity



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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 28: Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Dr ML Jat, on Saturday expressed confidence that Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-Kashmir) is on course to achieve the number one rank among India's agricultural universities, as he inaugurated a three-day national workshop on natural farming at the varsity's Shalimar campus.

Addressing scientists, policymakers, and progressive farmers at the opening of the workshop titled 'Promoting Ecological Resources and Process for Natural Farming Production System Through Science and Innovation' Dr Jat commended SKUAST-K's rapid strides in agricultural research and innovation. Calling for outcome-oriented deliberations anchored in the vision of 'One Nation, One Agriculture, and One Team', the ICAR chief urged stakeholders to translate scientific discussions into actionable policy and field recommendations for sustainable farming.

The three-day conclave, as per an official statement, jointly organised by the ICAR–Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (ICAR-IIFSR), Modipuram, and SKUAST-Kashmir, also marked the commencement of the Annual Group Meeting of the All India Network Programme on Natural Farming (AINP-NF) and the Review Meeting of NMNF-CRG.

During his maiden visit to SKUAST-K, Dr Jat also inaugurated the newly constructed Chinar Hostel and toured several flagship university facilities, including the Fertigation System, Prototype Production Unit, Directorate of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Research Centre for Residue and Quality Analysis (RCRQ), Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lab, Fabrication Lab, and the Health and Wellness Centre. He also inspected exhibition stalls displaying SKUAST-K's patented technologies and agri-startup innovations.

Speaking on the occasion, SKUAST-Kashmir, Vice-Chancellor, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai outlined the university's recent advances in research, entrepreneurship, and farmer-centric extension. Underscoring the need to harness Jammu and Kashmir's niche crops alongside strict Good Agricultural Practices and farm-gate pesticide residue monitoring, Prof Ganai stressed that scientific validation and robust extension mechanisms are essential to mainstream natural and regenerative farming.

Highlighting the national footprint of natural farming, Dr N Ravisankar, National Principal Investigator of AINP-NF, presented the programme's progress report, noting that natural farming currently spans only 3.6 percent of India's agricultural area, a figure that underscores both the gap and the immediate scope for scaling up through region-specific technologies.

ICAR Deputy Director General (Natural Resource Management) Dr AK Nayak called for deeper institutional synergy and hard scientific evidence to guide national research and policy frameworks.

Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Dr CK Timbadia echoed the call for systematic scientific validation, while ICAR-IIFSR, Director, Dr Sunil Kumar highlighted the workshop's role in strengthening institutional backing for wider farmer adoption.

SKUAST-K, Director Research, Dr Syed Zameer Hussain underscored the role of integrated natural farming systems in safeguarding food security against climate change, advocating a transition toward an 'Evergreen Revolution'.

ADG, ICAR, Dr A Vellumuragan emphasised mainstreaming regenerative agriculture through collective learning and knowledge exchange.

Several scientific publications were also released during the inaugural session.

The three-day event has brought together researchers, policymakers, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) specialists, Agriculture Department officials, and progressive farmers to review AINP-NF milestones and chart research priorities for regenerative agriculture across the country.

Arrangements reviewed for JKSSB Sub-Inspector examination in Udhampur



KT News Desk

UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 28: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Ananth Dwivedi, Saturday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for the smooth and fair conduct of the OMR-based written examination for the post of Sub-Inspector in the Home Department, scheduled to be conducted by the JKSSB on November 29, 2026.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police and other concerned officers.

At the outset, the ADC briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the arrangements made for the smooth conduct of the examination. He informed that 19 examination centres have been established across the district, where 6,674 candidates are scheduled to appear in the examination.

During the meeting, the DC took a detailed review of the preparedness and arrangements at all examination centres. He directed the concerned officers to strictly adhere to the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures and ensure close coordination among all departments for the seamless conduct of the examination.

The deployment of videographers was also finalised to ensure proper documentation of the examination process.

The DC directed all personnel deployed on examination duty to remain vigilant and discharge their assigned responsibilities with utmost care, diligence and impartiality. He emphasised that all requisite arrangements, including logistical, administrative and security measures put in place well in advance to ensure that the examination conducted in a smooth, fair and transparent manner.

Speaker reviews development works in Charar-i-Sharief constituency

Stresses timely completion, quality execution

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 28: Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, Saturday chaired a review meeting to assess the physical and financial progress of various developmental works being executed and proposed to be taken up during the current financial year under different schemes in Charar-i-Sharief Constituency.

The meeting, as per an official statement, reviewed the progress of developmental initiatives pertaining to Yousmarg Development Authority, Haijan, Nilnag, Sheikh-ul-Alam (RA) Ziyarat at Dregam, Sammad Mir (RA) Ziyarat Sharief at Nambalhar besides other works being undertaken by various departments in the constituency.

The meeting was attended by Chief Conservator of Forests Kashmir, Director Tourism Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer, Yousmarg Development Authority, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Chadoora, Divisional Forest Officer Budgam, Executive Engineers of PWD (R&B),



Chadoora, Charar-i-Sharief and Budgam Divisions and other senior officers.

During the meeting, the Speaker took stock of the status of ongoing works, availability of funds, expenditure incurred and the proposed developmental interventions. He emphasised the need for expediting the pace of execution to ensure that all approved works are completed within the stipulated timelines without compromising on quality.

Stressing upon strict adherence to prescribed quality standards, the Speaker directed the concerned officers to maintain close monitoring of works at the ground level and ensure optimal utilisation of available resources. He underscored that timely completion, transparency and accountability must remain the guiding principles in the execution of all developmental projects.

The Speaker emphasised the need for effective inter-departmental coordination, particularly among the Tourism, Forest and Public Works Departments, to address the administrative and execution-related bottlenecks and ensure smooth implementation of projects. He called for a coordinated approach so that developmental initiatives, particularly those aimed at strengthening the tourism infrastructure and improving facilities at important tourism and heritage sites, are implemented in a planned and time-bound manner.

SCERT organises 3-day programme on new NCERT Mathematics textbooks

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 28: Under the leadership of Director SCERT J&K, Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhury, and the guidance of Joint Director SCERT Kashmir, Syed Shabir Ahmad, the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), J&K, Divisional Office Kashmir, successfully conducted a three-day Capacity Building Programme on "Effective Transaction of Newly Developed NCERT Mathematics Textbooks in the Light of NEP 2020 and NCF" from 26 to 28 November 2026 at SCERT Complex, Bemina, Srinagar.

The programme, as per an official statement, was organized by the Department of Education in Science and Mathematics (ESM), SCERT Kashmir Division, with the objective of familiarizing teachers and academic resource persons with the pedagogical vision, curricular changes and innovative approaches incorporated in the newly developed NCERT Mathematics textbooks. It aimed at strengthening the capacity of participants to move beyond conventional textbook-based teaching towards competency-based, experiential and activity-oriented mathematics education in consonance with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF).

The inaugural session was attended by faculty members of SCERT Kashmir Division, including the Academic Unit Heads of Units I, II and III, along with the participating resource persons and trainees.

Javid Ahmad Dar from the Department of Education in Science and Mathematics, highlighted the significance of the programme in the context of ongoing curricular and pedagogical reforms.

The first academic session was conducted by Gulzar Ahmad Dar, Senior Academic Officer, SCERT Kashmir Division and Coordinator of the Programme. His deliberations focused on the vision of NEP 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework with particular reference to mathematics education. He elaborated on the need to transform the teaching-learning process from rote memorisation and procedural learning towards conceptual understanding, mathematical reasoning, critical thinking, problem-solving and the application of mathematical concepts in real-life situations. He emphasised that mathematics education must enable learners to develop mathematical intuition, explore patterns, formulate conjectures and apply their understanding to unfamiliar situations. The session provided the conceptual and philosophical foundation for the subsequent deliberations



on the effective transaction of the newly developed textbooks.

This was followed by an academic session on competency-based education and the newly developed NCERT Mathematics textbooks, wherein the participants were oriented towards the curricular and pedagogical changes reflected in the new textbooks. The discussions highlighted how textbook content, illustrations, activities and exercises are designed to promote deeper conceptual understanding, mathematical thinking and the development of competencies rather than merely the reproduction of learned procedures.

A significant academic session was conducted by Sheikh Bashir Ahmad, a well-known resource person in Mathematics, who deliberated extensively on the newly developed Class VI Mathematics textbook. He provided an in-depth understanding of its various chapters, activities and pedagogical features, explaining how teachers can effectively transact these activities in actual classroom situations. He emphasized that the activities incorporated in the textbook should not be treated merely as supplementary exercises but as integral components of the teaching-learning process. Highlighting the importance of experiential and activity-based learning, he explained how learners can construct mathematical understanding through exploration, observation, discussion, hands-on experiences and problem-solving. He stressed that teachers need to facilitate learning experiences that actively engage students and enable them to discover mathematical relationships and concepts themselves.

On the concluding day, Dr. Amjad from SCERT Kashmir Division, conducted a session focusing on competency-based assessment in Mathematics. He explained the concept and significance of competency-based assessment and highlighted how different activities incorporated in the newly developed NCERT textbooks can be effectively utilized for assessing students' understanding, skills and competencies. He elaborated on the need to align classroom assessment with learning outcomes and competencies, moving beyond conventional testing practices that primarily emphasize memorization. He also deliberated on the role and significance of the Digital Holistic Progress Card (Digital HPC) in documenting learners' progress and capturing their holistic development through appropriate assessment practices.

Another important session was conducted by Sheikh Iqbal from the ESM Wing, SCERT Kashmir Division, who engaged participants in an exploration of the different mathematical activities incorporated in the newly developed textbooks. He explained the pedagogical significance of these activities and demonstrated how teachers can use them to encourage active participation, mathematical exploration, collaborative learning and the development of problem-solving abilities among students. The session provided practical insights into translating textbook activities into meaningful classroom learning experiences.

The programme concluded with a valedictory session during which Shakeel Ahmad Bhat, Academic Unit Head-II, SCERT Kashmir Division, addressed the participants. He emphasized the importance of competency-based education, particularly in Mathematics, and underscored the need for teachers to adopt innovative, learner-centred and activity-oriented pedagogical practices in the classroom. He observed that the newly developed NCERT textbooks provide ample opportunities for developing mathematical competencies and that their effective transaction requires teachers to understand the underlying pedagogical philosophy rather than merely completing the prescribed syllabus.

Certificates were distributed among the participants during the valedictory session. Feedback was also collected from the participants, who expressed satisfaction with the academic deliberations, practical orientation and interactive nature of the programme. They appreciated the efforts of SCERT Kashmir Division in organizing such capacity-building initiatives and expressed the hope that similar programmes would continue to be conducted in the future to strengthen the professional competencies of mathematics teachers.

The three-day programme provided a meaningful academic platform for deliberating upon the changing landscape of mathematics education under NEP 2020 and NCF. It reinforced the importance of conceptual clarity, experiential learning, activity-based pedagogy, competency-based assessment and the effective use of innovative learning resources. Through this initiative, SCERT Kashmir Division reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the professional capacity of teachers and promoting quality, competency-oriented mathematics education across the region.

Kashmir Thunder

J&K Pencak Silat Championship to Begin in Srinagar on November 28

Three-day event to select athletes for upcoming national-level competitions



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Srinagar, Nov 28: The Pencak Silat Association of Jammu and Kashmir will organise the 11th J&K UT Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Pencak Silat Championship for boys and girls, men and women, at the Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex in Srinagar from November 28 to 30.

The three-day championship will serve as a selection platform for athletes for the 4th All India Pencak Silat Championship 2026–27 and the All India Inter-District Pencak Silat Championship 2026 for Women.

The national-level competitions are scheduled to be held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi during the last week of December 2026 and at the end of January 2027, respectively.

The Association said only players who have participated in the 2026 district-level Pencak Silat championships in their respective districts would be eligible to compete. Entries and participant details must be submitted through authorised district representatives.

Participants have been asked to report to their respective coaches or district heads with their date-of-birth certificates and Aadhaar cards for verification and registration.

The championship will be held under the aegis of the J&K Sports Council and the Pencak Silat Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

The last date for submission of entries is November 25, and no applications will be accepted after the deadline.

For registration and further information, participants can contact the Association at jksilat@gmail.com or 9797194893.

Foundation World School - Illahibagh holds valedictory ceremony of Mini Olympic sports event 2026

KT News Desk





Srinagar, Nov 28: Foundation World School - Illahibagh today held the valedictory ceremony of its annual sports event, the Mini Olympics - 2026, in which students took part in a wide range of events.

The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Salman Ali Sagar, Member Legislative Assembly, Hazratbal. Naseer Ahmed Wani, Director of School Education, Govt. of J&K, was also present among the many dignitaries who came to encourage the children.

The students put up a beautiful show with performances including kata, pom-pom drills, PT drills, hula hoop drills, dumbbells, martial arts stances, a pyramid, tile breaking and an MMA demonstration. The guests praised the children for their discipline, confidence and energy.

Chief Guest Salman Ali Sagar congratulated the school for integrating moral education alongside academics and making it an important part of the curriculum. He also praised the school for its mission of holistic development, with education for all, to develop mind, body and soul.

Naseer Ahmed Wani, Director of School Education, Govt. of J&K, encouraged the children to take part in sports more and more. He said sports can be a good career option and that students can bring laurels in the field.

Mr. Naeem Ahmed Wani, Superintendent of Police, Hazratbal, highlighted the importance of sports in our lives for better health and a better tomorrow.

Mr. Zahid Ahmed Lone, SDPO, spoke about the discipline that sports bring into our lives.

The school's Chairman, Mr. Faizan ul Islam, thanked all the dignitaries for their presence and support.

Among the dignitaries were ; Mr. Naeem Ahmed Wani (JKPS), Superintendent of Police, Hazratbal; Mr. Zahid Ahmed Lone (JKPS), Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Zakura; Mr. Azim Ahmed, Station House Officer, Zakura; Mr. Naseer Ahmed Wani, Director School Education, Kashmir; Mr. Syed Arshid Hussain Chairman - The Foundation Trust; Mr. Zahoor Ahmed Koul, Trustee, ; Mr. Mubashir Aslam Wafai, Vice Chairman, The Foundation Trust; Mr. Suhail Jeelani Bakshi, Director, Aspire Educational Services Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Junaid Kochak, Director, Next Lead Education Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Tauseef Ahmed Lone, MD, Aspire Educational Services Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Nisar Ahmed Mir, Founder Foundation School Illahibagh; Ms. Zia Nisar, Co-Founder - Foundation World School Illahibagh. The dignitaries distributed medals to the children and trophies to the winners.

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PM Modi not going

stop Jammu and Kashmir from becoming a developed state of India," he said.

AIIMS, TOURISM GROWTH SIGNS OF DEVELOPMENT

Highlighting the Centre's development initiatives, the Defence Minister referred to the expansion of healthcare infrastructure, including AIIMS facilities in Jammu and Kashmir, saying people no longer needed to travel to Delhi for treatment of several major ailments.

He said improvements in healthcare infrastructure has brought better medical facilities closer to people in the region.

Singh also cited tourism figures to underline what he described as a significant rise in tourist arrivals in Jammu and Kashmir. He said 4.76 crore tourists visited the Union Territory during 2017–20, compared to 7.85 crore during 2023–25.

He said the rise in tourist arrivals is benefiting local businesses, with visitors spending on goods and services and contributing to the regional economy.

The Defence Minister asserted that Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed rapid development under the PM Modi-led regime and is now receiving its due rights and opportunities.

TRAINS GUNS AT CONGRESS

Singh also trained his guns on the Congress over its past political record, citing the Emergency and the Shah Bano case as examples of what he described as the party's disregard for democratic and constitutional principles.

He said the Congress government had overturned the Supreme Court's decision in the Shah Bano case to appease certain sections and referred to the dismissal of elected governments in different states during Congress rule.

Drawing a distinction between opposing a government and opposing the country, Singh accused the Congress leadership of failing to maintain that distinction.

He also criticised Rahul Gandhi over his remarks on national security and religious issues, referring to his statements concerning Indian soldiers and China, as well as his comments on Hindu identity and the Ram temple.

QUESTIONS RAHUL GANDHI'S ROLE in PARLIAMENT

On Parliament, Singh said issues concerning the country should be debated in the House, while alleging that Rahul Gandhi's attendance was below the national average for MPs.

He hit at the Congress leader of remaining more focused on opposing PM Modi rtaher than raising issues concerning the public.

Singh said the Prime Minister has earned people's trust through his work and commitment, adding that political power could neither be treated as anyone's birthright nor inherited.

The Defence Minister called on the people to safeguard India's unity, integrity, Constitution and democratic institutions. (KNO)

Stop cross-border

has witnessed considerable development after the abrogation of Article 370. "Infrastructure projects, railway connectivity, tunnels and new highways have improved the region's connectivity with the rest of the country," he added.

Athawlae said tourism is also picking up across Kashmir, including Pahalgam. Referring to the terror attack that had affected the tourism sector, he said the situation has improved and tourists were returning in large numbers. Athawale said initiatives such as "Make in India" and MSME schemes would help generate employment opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that India has emerged as the world's fourth-largest economy, crediting the policies of PM Modi led regime for the country's economic progress.

SEEKS CONGRESS, NC SUPPORT FOR DELIMITATION, WOMEN'S RESERVATION

Athawale also appealed to the Congress, National Conference and other opposition parties to support the proposed delimitation and women's reservation measures, calling them as significant steps towards strengthening democratic representation.

He said the proposed legislation envisaged increasing the strength of the Lok Sabha to 850 members, with more than 273 seats reserved for women. Rejecting the National Conference's allegation that the previous delimitation exercise favoured the BJP, he said an increase in constituencies would benefit all political parties and that the electorate ultimately decides electoral outcomes.

He also said Jammu and Kashmir's Lok Sabha representation could increase from five to seven or eight seats following the proposed exercise, while the Assembly's strength could rise by one-third, from 90 to 135 seats.

TARGETS RAHUL GANDHI

Taking pot shots at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Athawale said governments in India were formed through constitutional processes and electoral mandates, not street protests or movements. He hit at, Gandhi for repeatedly questioning the electoral process and said India was governed by its Constitution, unlike countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Referring to the farmers' protests of 2020-21, he said even large-scale agitations had failed to bring down the government.

Expressing confidence in the NDA's prospects in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections, Athawale said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's team is strong and used a cricket analogy, saying he would join Modi's team and take Rahul Gandhi's wicket in the next elections.

INVITES SHARAD PAWAR TO NDA

Athawale extended an invitation to NCP chief Sharad Pawar to join the NDA, calling him as a good friend and thanking him for supporting the delimitation measures.

He said Pawar could have become President of India in 2022 had he joined the NDA in 2019, adding that the opportunity had not materialised.

He said that if Pawar's party joined the alliance, his daughter and NCP MP Supriya Sule could be considered for a Union Cabinet position. Athawale said Pawar was unable to attend the ongoing parliamentary session due to ill health and hospitalisation and wished him a speedy recovery.

CENTRAL WELFARE SCHEMES HELPING PEOPLE

Highlighting the reach of Central welfare schemes in Jammu and Kashmir, Athawale said over 24 lakh people had opened bank accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, while 23.09 lakh people had benefited from Ayushman Bharat.

He said the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, launched in 2015, was aimed at providing collateral-free loans to small businesses and entrepreneurs to promote self-employment and economic activity.

The maximum loan limit under the scheme, he added, had been increased from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh. On housing initiatives, Athawale said around 3.57 lakh people in Jammu and Kashmir had benefited under the rural housing scheme. He said Ayushman Bharat provides eligible families with health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh annually. (KNO)

Finally, J&K's

will enable students to pursue quality legal education within Jammu & Kashmir, enhance their career prospects, and build a highly skilled human resource base for the emerging knowledge economy," the post said.

The erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir Legislature had enacted the Jammu & Kashmir National Law University Act in 2018 to facilitate the establishment of a National Law University in the region.

In his 2025-26 Budget speech, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced a budgetary provision for setting up the National Law University in Jammu & Kashmir.

In October 2025, the Chief Minister announced that the University would begin functioning from Ompora in Budgam district. The announcement triggered protests in Jammu, where various political parties and civil society groups demanded the establishment of a similar institution in the region. (KNO)

Won't recite anything

the JKSSB controversy, Bukhari welcomed the clarification that there had been no question paper leak and said authorities must ensure a transparent and fair Sub-Inspector recruitment examination.

He urged candidates to remain focused on their preparations and appear in the examination without apprehension.

On the upcoming bypolls to two vacant Assembly seats, Bukhari said the Apni Party would field young candidates and seek public support on the basis of performance and accountability. (KNO)

Kashmir remains

has advised travellers and transporters to remain cautious, warning that snowfall over higher reaches and major mountain passes could disrupt traffic movement during the forecast period. (KNO)

Four of family killed

daughter of Syed Madad Hussain Shah, and Shahida Fatima (27), daughter of Abid Hussain Shah.

The injured girl was identified as Manaz Fatima (11), daughter of Syed Madad Hussain Shah.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed anguish over the loss of precious lives in the road accident.

"My deepest condolences to the bereaved family members. Praying for speedy recovery of the injured," the Lieutenant Governor said, while expressing solidarity with the family.

The Chief Minister directed the authorities to extend all necessary support to the affected families and announced ex-gratia relief of Rs 2 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 1 lakh to the injured minor girl from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Authorities have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated further necessary action. (KNO)

LoP Sharma seeks

Law University for years, adding that despite the Chief Minister's announcement that classes would commence in April 2026, the commitment had not materialised.

Sharma said that even after the government issued the order establishing the university, there was no clarity on the location of the Jammu campus, the funding it would receive, the number of students it would accommodate or the date classes would begin.

He also referred to protests by students of the University of Jammu and representations made by the High Court Bar Association, Jammu, seeking the establishment of the main campus in Jammu. "They raised their voices again and again. Nobody listened to them," the Leader of Opposition said.

Alleging that Jammu had repeatedly been made to wait for its share of developmental initiatives, Sharma said people of the region were tired of assurances and wanted equal treatment.

"Big promises are made, and Jammu gets a small share or a promise for later. Every time, Jammu is told to wait. Every time, Jammu is told that its turn will come. Our young people are tired of waiting. They want their turn now," he said.

Sharma further demanded that the Jammu campus be accorded the same status as Budgam, with identical courses and an equal number of seats. He also sought an announcement on land allocation, budgetary provisions and the commencement date within 30 days to provide clarity to students and parents.

He said the BJP would continue to fight for a full-fledged National Law University in Jammu and raise the issue in the Assembly. "Jammu is not asking for a favour. It is only asking to be treated fairly," the Leader of Opposition said. (KNO)

CS pulls up agency

while ensuring adherence to prescribed construction standards.

He also directed the Health and Medical Education Department to expedite the procurement of requisite medical equipment and furniture and ensure the availability of necessary manpower so that the facility is operationalised immediately upon completion of the requisite arrangements.

Reviewing flood protection works along the Basantar river at Border Outpost Regal, Yadav, as per KNO, directed the concerned authorities to ensure completion of the Bund Tip work by the end of December 2026. He also ordered immediate repairs to the Samba-Sumb road and reviewed issues concerning border connectivity and cultivation of agricultural land beyond the border fence.

Earlier, chairing a district-level review meeting at the DC Office Complex, Samba, the Chief Secretary directed all departments to prepare three-year vision documents outlining their developmental priorities, sectoral requirements and implementation strategies, with clearly defined targets and timelines.

He stressed that the plans should be aligned with the district's overall developmental vision, taking into consideration its potential, available resources and specific sectoral requirements to ensure balanced growth and sustainable socio-economic development.

At AIIMS Vijaypur, Yadav reviewed the institution's operational status, clinical services and future developmental roadmap. He called for a structured three-year action plan with clearly defined annual and monthly targets, besides stressing stronger community outreach, academic collaborations and exploration of incubation centres in partnership with local entrepreneurs.

At SIDCO Industrial Development Complex, Phase-III, Rakh Amb Tali, he reviewed industrial infrastructure and the progress of works being executed by ACTL. He called for improved internal road connectivity, appropriate maintenance arrangements and freight-related interventions to facilitate industrial operations.

He also directed verification of vacant and unallotted industrial plots for their optimal utilisation and upgradation of effluent treatment facilities in accordance with the latest prescribed guidelines and standards.

During the Block Diwas programme at Vibrant Village Raika Labana in Ramgarh, the Chief Secretary listened to public grievances concerning electricity supply, school infrastructure, road connectivity, irrigation facilities and other essential village amenities.

He directed the concerned officers to examine the issues and initiate remedial action on priority, stressing that the true measure of administrative success lies in the smooth and timely redressal of public grievances and hassle-free access to government services.

He also urged residents to assert their right to time-bound delivery of public services without hesitation or hindrance.

On the occasion, property cards were distributed among beneficiaries under the SVAMITVA Scheme, aimed at providing formal ownership records to rural households, facilitating institutional credit and minimising property-related disputes.

The Chief Secretary also inspected the Sarain area near AIIMS Vijaypur and took stock of surrounding developmental requirements, stressing coordinated planning among the concerned agencies.

He called upon officers to ensure time-bound execution of projects, maintain quality standards and translate developmental planning into tangible improvements in people's lives, particularly in rural and border areas. (KNO)

No party can stop implementation of women's quota in LS, state assemblies: PM

PTI



New Delhi, Nov 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reposted a video of his message in April on implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies in which he had asserted that parties opposing the move will not be able to stop it and every obstacle in the way will be eliminated.

The video was first shared after the earlier bill was defeated in Parliament in April.

A promise has been made to the country's 'Nari Shakti' and the government remains committed to fulfilling it, Modi said in the video message reposted on X ahead of Parliament's special sitting next week to discuss and pass the delimitation-linked women's reservation bill.

The Constitution (132nd Amendment) Bill, 2026, seeks to raise the Lok Sabha's maximum strength to 850, with up to 815 members from states and 35 from Union territories. It also raises the ceiling for a state assembly from 500 to 650.

"Our resolve to empower 'Nari Shakti' remains unshaken. I want to assure every woman in the country that we will definitely eliminate and remove every obstacle that comes in the way of women's reservation," Modi said.

The prime minister said the spirits of those supporting the Bill are high, "our courage is unbreakable, and our resolve is steadfast".

"The parties opposing women's reservation will never be able to stop the country's 'Nari Shakti' from increasing their participation in Parliament and the state assemblies. It is just a matter of time," he said.

Modi said the fight to give women representation in legislatures has been going on for decades and he is one of those trying to make it happen.

He said many women have been raising the issue with him.

"I know that the blessings of 100 per cent of the nation's women power are with us," he said.

Seven months after a united opposition blocked its bid to roll out one-third reservation for women through delimitation, the Modi government is set to introduce the fresh constitutional amendment bill in the Lok Sabha on Monday, proposing a 50 per cent increase in the seats allotted to each state and Union territory in the House and in the strength of their assemblies.

The government is banking on the split in the Trinamool Congress and the Shiv Sena (UBT), and is also looking to the DMK and the NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar), both of which opposed the April bill.

The fresh bill puts the uniform increase in seats in writing to address southern states' concerns over losing their share of Lok Sabha seats and freezes the revised allocations and constituency boundaries until 2051.

Official sources said the government is supremely confident of getting the bills through after consultations with several parties.

The DMK has insisted that Tamil Nadu retain its 7.18 per cent share of Lok Sabha seats.

The DMK's demand will be honoured, a source said.

The NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar), which has eight MPs, said on Friday that it would back the proposal if it provided for a uniform 50 per cent increase in seats.

Rajnath questions Rahul's PM ambitions, says he sees himself as 'natural claimant' to post

PTI



Jammu, Nov 28: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday of treating the prime minister's post as his "birthright", alleging that his inability to realise his ambition to occupy the chair has led him to adopt the approach that "if I cannot have it, no one else should".

Singh also took a swipe at the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha for challenging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a debate, saying the Congress leader should first demonstrate his willingness to participate in parliamentary discussions.

"Rahul Gandhi considers himself a claimant to the prime minister's post and is unwilling to accept anyone else in that position," he said while addressing a rally organised by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) here, adding that Parliament is the country's highest democratic forum where every issue can be debated.

"There is nothing wrong with aspiring for a position in politics. However, considering a position, particularly the country's highest office, one's birthright is certainly wrong," Singh said, alleging that Gandhi believes he is the natural heir to the prime minister's post.

Citing the account of a journalist, Singh claimed that Gandhi had told his friends before and after the 2014 Lok Sabha polls that "his time would come in 2024", suggesting that he expected to become the prime minister that year.

"But 2024 has come and gone and Narendra Modi is still the prime minister of India," he said.

The defence minister alleged that after the country's voters thwarted Gandhi's ambitions in 2024, he adopted the attitude that "if I cannot have it, no one else should" and accused the Congress leader of creating a crisis for democracy by attempting to spread anarchy.

He asserted that the people of India are politically aware and will not allow such designs to succeed.

Singh also accused Gandhi of making misleading statements on national security and damaging the country's image.

Referring to Gandhl's remarks about Chinese troops allegedly thrashing Indian soldiers, he said, "Just imagine, a leader of a country making such remarks that Chinese soldiers were beating up Indian soldiers." He claimed that the Supreme Court has told the Congress leader that "no true Indian would make such a statement".

Singh further accused Gandhi of making divisive remarks about Hindus and Lord Ram, including describing the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya as a political programme.

"Opposing the government and opposing India are two entirely different things," he said, accusing Congress leaders of failing to distinguish between the two.

Questioning Gandhi's parliamentary record, Singh claimed that his attendance and participation in debates are below the average for MPs.

He said the leader of opposition should use Parliament to raise public issues, instead of focusing on building a "false narrative" against Modi.

"Rahul Gandhi forgets that the prime minister has earned the people's trust through his hard work. No matter how hard Rahul Gandhi tries, people will continue to shower the same affection on Modi in the future as they do today," he said.

Making farming profitable for small farmers govt priorities: Chouhan



PTI

Mathura (UP), Nov 28: Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday said making farming profitable for small farmers and developing poverty-free villages are priorities for the government.

Addressing a function at the Deen Dayal Kamdhenu Gaushala Samiti in Parkham village here, Chouhan said reducing input costs and increasing agricultural production were essential to improving farmers' incomes.

The Union minister inaugurated facilities and laid foundation stones for projects here.

"Natural farming and integrated farming are initiatives in this direction. We need to pursue them as a mission. They require only cow dung, cow urine, buttermilk and soil," he said, urging farmers to rear cows.

Chouhan said villages should adopt a development model in which farmers do not remain dependent on agriculture alone but also take up cattle rearing, particularly cow rearing.

"We will try to work in this direction," he said.

Referring to the work of the Deen Dayal Gaushala Samiti, the minister said he was impressed by its laboratory and Panchagavya research.

Congratulating the members of the gaushala committee for their work, Chouhan assured them of the government's support for their initiatives.

He urged farmers to begin natural farming on a small portion of their land.

"I can guarantee that if done properly, production will not go down, costs will come down and profits will increase," he said.

Chouhan also said the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had lifted 50 crore people out of poverty over the past few years.

Brahmins should reconnect with Cong: Ex-Uttarakhand CM Rawat

PTI



Dehradun, Nov 28: Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat has appealed to the Brahmin community to reconnect with the Congress ahead of the 2027 assembly elections, saying they played a significant role in the party's tradition of bringing all communities together.

Rawat added that the Congress is also making efforts to engage with the Brahmin community in Uttar Pradesh.

In an interview with PTI, Rawat remarked that the weakening of the Congress has adversely affected both the Brahmin and Scheduled Caste communities. He alleged that the decline in government jobs and the privatisation of public sector undertakings have reduced reservation-based opportunities for individuals from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Rawat said that if the Congress returns to power in Uttarakhand, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) will be constituted during the very first cabinet meeting to investigate the Ankita Bhandari case.

He added that his party would strive to identify, within six months, the alleged 'VIP' whom Ankita had reportedly mentioned in one of her conversations.

The former chief minister noted that while the existing SIT's investigation led to the conviction of the guilty, several questions regarding the probe remain unanswered.

He raised concerns about the recovery of the mobile phones belonging to Ankita and Pulkit, the presence of a female doctor during the post-mortem examination, and the role of those who allegedly tampered with evidence at the resort.

He also expressed scepticism regarding the authenticity of Ankita's alleged private chats that were recently made public.

On election preparations, Rawat said that the Congress has learned from its 2022 defeat, and the process for selecting candidates is already underway.

Emphasising that the Congress needs at least 45 seats to form a government, he said during ticket distribution women and ex-servicemen would be prioritised, with winnability remaining the primary criterion.

Upon being asked whether he would contest the election himself, Rawat said, "Khanpur is being discussed more than Laksar", and the final decision will rest with the party. He emphasised that his primary objective is to work towards a Congress victory.

On the potential candidacy of his son, Anand Rawat, he remarked that he should only receive a ticket if he proves to be the strongest candidate for that seat.

When asked about the Congress party declaring a chief ministerial candidate, Rawat said he would abide by the decision of the party leadership.

Asked if he himself was prepared for the role, he replied, "Ab mera chehra ghis chuka hai (I have grown old now)." Addressing the controversy surrounding his October tour, Rawat explained that there had been a communication gap in conveying his intentions clearly, which led him to postpone the tour.

Rawat said that he discussed various issues with the party leadership in Delhi and received guidance. Dismissing speculation about him leaving the Congress, he accused the BJP of spreading such rumours.

Rawat rejected the allegations raised by the BJP during the 2022 elections, specifically regarding a holiday for Friday prayers and the establishment of a 'Muslim University.'

He challenged the saffron party to produce a government gazette notification for any such holiday, asserting that reviving these issues would only result in electoral losses for the BJP.

Over the BJP government's performance in the state, Rawat said the public is demanding answers on issues such as unemployment, corruption, crimes against women, the high cost of medical treatment, the poor condition of roads, and rising electricity prices.

He questioned the government's 'Baini Bhulli' scheme, which proposes distributing one instalment of funds before the election and another after, alleging that it is an attempt to influence voters.

Activists, ex-bureaucrats urge Centre to defer delimitation bills

Seek 30-day public consultation

PTI

New Delhi, Nov 28: A group of activists, former bureaucrats, academics and other prominent citizens on Saturday urged the government to defer the introduction and consideration of the Constitution (132nd Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the Delimitation (Second) Bill, 2026 in Parliament, seeking a minimum 30-day period for public consultation.

The Constitution (132nd Amendment) Bill, 2026, aims to facilitate the implementation of women's reservation, while the Delimitation (Second) Bill seeks to give effect to the reservation of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and state and Union Territory assemblies, besides providing for a readjustment of seat allocation and delimitation of constituencies.

In a letter to Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, the signatories said the draft legislation, made public only on the night of November 27, left citizens and MPs with virtually no time to undertake a meaningful analysis before the Lok Sabha reconvenes on November 30.

They said the proposed legislation has far-reaching constitutional and institutional implications for India's parliamentary democracy and should be subjected to comprehensive pre-legislative consultation.

Mutual funds turn net sellers in November after over 3-year buying streak

ANI

New Delhi, Nov 28: Indian mutual funds have sold equities worth Rs 32,740 crore so far in November, putting the industry on course for its first month of net equity selling in nearly three and a half years, a report said on Saturday.

The report from NDTV Profit cited data from SEBI, saying that the last month in which mutual funds were net sellers was April 2023. Since May 2023, they have consistently remained net buyers in the secondary market, even purchasing over Rs 50,000 crore in certain months this year.

November marked a sharp reversal of that trend and with only five trading sessions remaining in the month, the final figure may still change, but current selling has already exceeded the scale of many recent monthly buying periods.

HDFC Bank to stop SMS alerts for UPI transactions up to Rs 500 from Jan 2027

ANI



New Delhi, Nov 28: India's largest private lender, HDFC Bank, has informed customers that it will discontinue SMS notifications for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions of up to Rs 500 from January 1, 2027. However, the lender will continue to send email alerts for all UPI transactions regardless of value.

In a communication to customers, the country's largest private sector lender said SMS alerts will no longer be issued for UPI payments of Rs 500 or below.

However, transactions exceeding Rs 500 will continue to trigger instant SMS notifications.

The bank clarified that email alerts for UPI transactions will remain unchanged and advised customers to update their registered email IDs to continue receiving transaction alerts, e-statements and other important communications.

The decision follows revised Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines on electronic banking transaction alerts applicable to commercial banks, small finance banks, payments banks, cooperative banks and regional rural banks.

Under the revised framework, banks are required to send instant SMS alerts for all electronic transactions exceeding Rs 500. For transactions of Rs 500 or below, lenders have been given the flexibility to decide whether to send SMS notifications as part of their internal policy, provided no charge is levied on customers for such alerts.

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Houthis report airstrikes in Yemen as Israeli strike near Gaza clinic kills two

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Sanaa, Nov 28 : An airstrike in the Yemeni capital Sanaa early Saturday wounded at least 15 people, according to the Iran-backed Houthis, and another strike in a Red Sea port city ignited a fire at a power plant.

Medical humanitarian organisation Doctors Without Borders on Saturday expressed outrage at an Israeli strike near one of its clinics in Gaza the day before that killed two of its watchmen. The Israeli military said it killed two Hamas militants working as security guards at the clinic.

Here is the latest news from the Middle East on Saturday. Read our full coverage here.

Houthis report airstrikes in Yemeni capital and Red Sea port city Houthi-run Health Ministry spokesman Anees al-Asbahi said two women were among at least 15 people wounded in a strike early Saturday in the Abu Shamla neighbourhood in the capital Sanaa.

Al-Massirah satellite television reported damage to at least eight houses and three shops, while a gas station was also hit.

Al-Massirah also reported that strikes ignited a fire at a power plant in Mokha.

The Houthis blamed Saudi Arabia for the strikes.

Meanwhile, Saudi military spokesman Maj. Gen. Turki al-Malki said air defence systems early Saturday intercepted and destroyed a Houthi cruise missile targeting the Saudi Arabian capital, Riyadh.

This came after the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis said it launched an air operation Friday against the rebels in Sanaa and the provinces of Hodeida on the Red Sea and Saada on the border with Saudi Arabia.

Doctors Without Borders decries Israeli strike that killed two security staff

Doctors Without Borders, known by its French acronym MSF, said Saturday it was "devastated and outraged" by the killing of two of its colleagues in an Israeli strike near one of its clinics in Gaza City late Friday.

MSF said the two men worked as watchmen at the clinic, adding that it was clearly marked with its logos and that its coordinates had been shared with the Israeli military.

The deaths bring the number of MSF colleagues killed in Gaza to 17, the organisation said.

The Israeli military on Saturday said, without offering evidence, it killed two Hamas militants in Gaza City who worked as security guards at an MSF-operated clinic.

Armed men seize cargo ship off Yemen, British naval agency says

Armed men seized a cargo ship Saturday in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization said.

The agency said the men boarded the vessel 63 nautical miles southwest of the Yemeni port city of Balhaf and were "in command of the vessel," calling it a "hijack incident."

No group immediately claimed responsibility.

Taiwan awaits local election results as China watches closely



AP

Taipei, Nov 28 : Vote counting was underway across Taiwan's 22 cities and counties Saturday after polls closed in local elections that will test whether the ruling party can gain ground in races for mayors and council members.

Unlike presidential elections, when relations with China and Beijing's pressure on the self-ruled island are major issues, Saturday's vote focused more on local concerns, including social welfare benefits and other livelihood issues.

But China, which claims Taiwan as its territory and has not ruled out force to annex it, has not been entirely absent from the debate. Taiwanese authorities have accused Beijing of attempting to sow distrust in the island's electoral system, allegations that Chinese authorities have rejected.

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense reported about 33 sorties by Chinese warplanes, including bombers and fighter jets, toward the island between Friday and Saturday.

Results are normally announced the same day. Winners will serve four-year terms.

Voters also cast ballots in a referendum to overturn a policy that banned nuclear power. The proposal calls for using nuclear energy to boost the economy. Supporters say additional energy sources are needed to meet the artificial intelligence industry's growing demand for electricity.

The elections featured candidates mostly from the ruling Democratic Progressive Party or the opposition Nationalist Party, also known as the Kuomintang or KMT. Traditionally, the KMT has performed well in local elections. In 2022, the DPP won in only five of 22 localities.

Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te has campaigned for DPP candidates, appearing Thursday night to support his party's mayoral candidate in Taoyuan City.

Ruling party seeks a key victory in Taipei

The capital, Taipei, is traditionally a KMT stronghold, but the DPP's mayoral candidate Puma Shen has mounted a strong challenge to incumbent Mayor Chiang Wan-an.

Thousands of people at a DPP rally quietly watched the tallying of votes on large screens. When Shen appeared to narrow the gap with Chiang, the crowd cheered.Other notable races were in New Taipei City and Kaohsiung. New Taipei City's incumbent mayor is from the KMT, while Kaohsiung's mayor is from the DPP. A third party, the Taiwan People's Party, ran in some smaller races and supported Shen in the Taipei race. Acr ss Taipei, colourful banners promoting each candidate blanketed the otherwise dull brown and gray building surfaces.

People look for a stronger economy

Chang Li-fen said the economy was her foremost concern, but declined to say whom she had voted for.

"If the Taiwan economy is good, only then will people be able to live well," she said. "In France and in Italy, people are protesting because of energy costs, which raised the cost of living, so I think the economy is most important." Candidates held rallies Friday in a last-minute bid for votes. Shen travelled in a motorcade across the city, stopping for 15 minutes at a time to greet the crowds of supporters.

Chiang held a night rally with other KMT city council members, with supporters waving balloons, flags and light-up sticks to cheer him on.

Man United trigger one-year extension to Bruno Fernandes' contract

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Manchester, Nov 28 : Manchester United has triggered an option to extend midfielder Bruno Fernandes' contract by 12 months, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because United has not publicly announced the extension.

Fernandes' deal was due to expire at the end of the season and the Portugal international said this week that talks were on hold. But United has ensured it is not in danger of losing its captain as a free agent next summer by triggering the option.

The person said the option protected United from interested clubs being able to approach Fernandes in the new year and that negotiations would begin again in the future.

Fernandes signed a three-year deal in 2024, which included the option of a further 12 months.

Fernandes, meanwhile, raised doubts about his availability to play against Brentford after missing training Friday.

United coach Mauricio Pochettino said the midfielder, who scored twice in a 2-2 draw against Sporting Lisbon in the Champions League on Wednesday, was absent from training because of illness.

"He's affected by a virus from Portugal. He finished the game a little bit with a problem, and, today, he cannot be part of the training session," Pochettino said. "We are going to see during the day and tomorrow, how he wakes up, and we'll see. We're not going to take any risks, because you know when this type of situation happens, you don't feel (you can).

"We are going to pay attention but, still, we decide nothing."

Pochettino takes charge of his first home game as United coach on Saturday with his team second from last in the Premier League.

Brentford coach Keith Andrews said he could already see the impact the Argentine was having after just two games.

"You can see traits of what he is as a manager, but you have to balance that with where they are currently," Andrews said. "You can start to see the shift in terms of what he wants for sure, but we want to play our game. We will expect a very good and organised United side.

"It's Old Trafford, it's Manchester United, it's Mauricio Pochettino. He's an incredibly impressive manager with what he's achieved. So we have to expect Manchester United to be at their absolute best."

UK charity honouring WWII veteran who raised millions during pandemic to be disbanded

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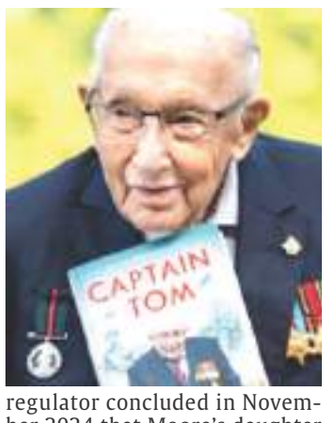

London, Nov 28 : A charity set up by the family of a British World War II veteran who raised tens of millions of pounds by walking laps of his garden during the coronavirus pandemic has applied to be disbanded, two years after the country's charity watchdog found "repeated" financial misconduct.

An application to have the charitable company created in honour of Capt. Tom Moore removed appeared Friday on the register of Companies House, the official UK government executive agency that maintains the public register of British companies, including charitable ones.

Moore, who died in 2021 at 100 years old, raised almost 39 million pounds (USD 49 million) through his daily walks, inspiring people across the UK who followed his exploits in daily TV updates during the early weeks of the pandemic. All of the money he raised was donated to Britain's National Health Service. Moore was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in July 2020 during an outdoor investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle, in recognition of his huge charity efforts.

Following the success of his fundraising, his family established the Captain Tom Foundation to continue his fundraising efforts. However, the charity was soon embroiled in controversy and Britain's charity regulator concluded in November 2024 that Moore's daughter and son-in-law personally benefited from the charity.

The Charity Commission for England and Wales slammed them in a damning report that found they made almost 1.5 million pounds (USD 1.9 million) from activities linked to the charity, including a book deal and an 18,000-pound fee to attend an awards ceremony.

It also barred Moore's daughter, Hannah Ingram-Moore, from serving as a trustee for any charity for 10 years and her husband, Colin, for a period of eight years.

The millions raised by the late Sir Tom and donated to NHS Charities Together before the foundation was formed were not part of the commission's inquiry.

The charity is now known as the 1189808 Foundation, having dropped Moore's name at the request of his family last year.

Rishabh Pant becomes highest six-hitter in World Test Championship history



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Christchurch, Nov 28 : Dashing Indian wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant on Saturday became the highest six-hitter in World Test Championship history, hammering his 89th maximum to surpass former England captain Ben Stokes.

Pant brought up the record six off pacer Jacob Duffy, hoisting him over long-on, during the second day of the second Test against New Zealand here.

This was Pant's 44th Test since the WTC came into vogue in 2019. Stokes reached 88 sixes in 64 Tests.

However, Pant was dismissed for 23 off 39 balls, leaving India stuttering at 116 for six in their first innings in reply to New Zealand's 356.

Indian batters dominate the list of top five six-hitters in the WTC.

Former skipper Rohit Sharma, who retired from Test cricket in 2025, is currently in third spot with 56 sixes, while his successor Shubman Gill is fourth with 48 sixes.

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal occupies fifth position with 45 sixes.

However, Stokes still leads the list of all-time six-hitters in Test cricket, striking 138 maximums across 122 Tests.

Pant is second on the table with 109 sixes in 54 Tests.

India have two representatives in the top-10 chart of six-hitters — Virender Sehwag (91 sixes in 104 Tests) and Rohit (88 in 67 Tests).

