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# Cabinet passes resolution for restoration of NC emerged stronger despite many Statehood for J&K



CM Omar Abdullah chairing Cabinet meeting at Srinagar on Saturday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet on Saturday passed a resolution urging Union Government to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

An official spokesperson said that the Cabinet, which

met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, passed a unanimous resolution for restoration of statehood in its original form.

The restoration of statehood will be a beginning of a healing process, reclaiming

the constitutional rights and protecting identity of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Cabinet has authorised the Chief Minister to take up the matter with the Prime Minister and Government of India for restoration of state-

### LG clears resolution passed by cabinet on Statehood

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has cleared a resolution passed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led cabnet urging the Centre to restore the statehood to the Union territory, officials said on Saturday.

Without giving any further details, the officials asserted that the LG has cleared the resolution passed by the cabinet

Two terrorists behind several grenade

attacks arrested in Poonch

Protection of Jammu and Kashmir's unique identity and constitutional rights of people remains the cornerstone of the newly elected government's policy, the spokesperson said, adding that the Chief Minister would be proceeding to New Delhi in coming days to meet the Prime Minister and Union Ministers in this regard.

The Cabinet also decided

summoning Legislative Assembly at Srinagar on November 4, 2024 and advised the Lieutenant Governor to summon and address the Legislative Assembly.

The draft address of the Lieutenant Governor to the Legislative Assembly at the commencement of the first session was also

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# attempts to erase it: Omar

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: In a veiled attack

on BJP, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said a lot of attempts were made to erase the National Conference (NC) in the past 10 years but the party only emerged stronger due to its dedicated cadre base.

National Conference won 42 out of the 90 seats in Jammu and Kashmir to emerge as the single-largest party in the Assembly elections held recently after a decade, the first after the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories following the revocation of special status under

terrorists are being ques-

The questioning of the ter-

rorists so far has revealed

that they received four con-

signments of arms, ammuni-

tion and Rs 1.5 lakh from

their handlers across the bor-

They were trained in han-

dling pistols and also fired a

few rounds for practice in the

According to police, Aziz

was involved in throwing

grenades at the Shiv temple

forest area, they said.



CM Omar Abdullah addressing party workers at NC headquarters in Jammu on Saturday.

#### 'Want to see smiles back on faces of people in both Jammu, Kashmir divisions'

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said his government will not be run on the voting pattern witnessed in the assembly elections as he wants to see the "missing smiles" back on the faces of the people in both the divisions of the Union Territory (UT). "When the CONTD ON PAGE 9

## **Arms Licences Scam:** DB grants last opportunity to Govt to file latest status report

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the infamous Arms Licences Scam, a Division Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu (through Virtual Mode) comprising Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan & Justice Puneet Gupta while expressing its displeasure over the non-filing of the latest status report by the U.T. Administration granted last and final opportunity to Sr. AAG S.S. Nanda appearing for Govt. of J&K/U.T. Administration to do the needful by filing the latest

Division Bench order dated August 13th, 2024 whereby the Court had directed Sr. AAG S.S. Nanda to file updated status report on behalf Administration with regard to the Prosecution Sanction proposal sent by the U.T. Administration to Central Government.

The Division Bench headed by the Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan after hearing Advocate S.S. Ahmed with Advocate Rahul Raina in the much publicized

## LG administers Oath to Mubarak **Gul as Speaker pro-tem**



Gul as Speaker pro-tem of J&K Legislative Assembly.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

LG, CM condemn

killing of non-local

labourer

SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Governor Manoj Sinha and

Abdullah on Saturday con-

demned the killing of a non-

local labourer whose bullet-

riddled body was found in

Security forces are deter-

mined to hunt down the cul-

prits and bring them to jus-

"I strongly condemn the

brutal killing of a vendor.

Ashok Chauhan, in Shopian

by cowardly terrorists. The

entire nation stands shoul-

der to shoulder with his familv. Our security forces are determined to hunt down the

culprits and bring them to

Sinha said his thoughts are

with Chauhan's family mem-

bers and friends in this time

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justice," the LG said on X.

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**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Chief Minister

Shopian district.

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Governor said.

of grief.

Kashmir

ant Governor, Manoi Sinha adn istered the Oath of Office to Mubarak Gul as Speaker pro tem of Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly at a ceremony held in Raj Bhawan.

#### ADGP told reporters in and Manwar Hussain of Poonch.

and Kashmir Police on Saturday claimed to have solved several grenade attack cases in Poonch with the arrest of two terrorists of the Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) in the district. Director

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH/JAMMU: Jammu

Additional General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain said the arrest of Abdul Aziz Hari village is a "very big achievement" for the security

**MLA Shagun Parihar meets Tarun Chugh** 

In a joint operation on Friday, police along with troops of 37 Rashtriya Rifles and 38th Battalion of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) nabbed Aziz and recovered two hand grenades from his possession. During investigation, one more grenade was recovered from his house and his accomplice Hussain was also arrested along with a pistol, one magazine and nine rounds, the

"They are part of a larger conspiracy and tried to cre-

ate terror in Poonch district by carrying out grenade attacks at various locations, including a temple, a gurdwara, an Army camp and a hospital, to harm brotherhood," he said. Jain said with the arrest of

the two terrorists, who had links across the border, all five cases of grenade attacks that took place in the district since November last year have been solved. "The busting of t

module is a very big achievement for all security agencies," he said, adding that the

Rusted mortar

shell defused

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der, police said.

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## Need to stay prepared to tackle possibility of adversaries weaponising tools, tech: Rajnath

status report in terms of

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: A rusted mortar shell found lying in a field near the International Border in Kathua district here has been defused on Saturday, officials said.

The old mortar shell was noticed by tractor driver Balkrishan in a field at village Spalwan near border police post Chakra in Hiranagar sector this afternoon, the officials said.

A bomb disposal squad was immediately rushed to the scene and the mortar shell was defused without causing any damage, they

NEW DELHI: Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday called upon Indian military leaders to think critically to "strategic gain a advantage" in todav's ever-evolving geopolitical landscape, and said there was a need to stay prepared to tackle possibility of adversaries "weaponising" tools and technologies.

"From and dronesautonomous vehicles to artificial intelligence and quanwarfare are evolving at a



breath-taking pace. Our officers must understand these technologies and be able to

tum computing, the tech- harness them," he said in his nologies shaping modern address at a convocation ceremony of the National Defence College

(NDC) here. Singh urged the officers to become strategic thinkers who are capable of 'anticipating future conflicts", understanding global political dynamics and leading with both intel-

ligence and empathy. The defence minister urged

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# CJ visits Kupwara, inspects judicial infrastructure, construction works on Distt Court Complex

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MLA Shagun Parihar meeting BJP National

General Secretary Tarun Chugh at his

residence in New Delhi.

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his residence in Delhi.

NEW DELHI: Shagun Parihar, the newly

elected MLA from Kishtwar, met with BJP

National General Secretary Tarun Chugh at

During this meeting, they engaged in exten-

sive political discussions about the welfare

schemes initiated by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi aimed at the development of

the country and empowerment of the common

Shagun Parihar's family is known for its

struggle and courage against terrorism. Her

father and uncle raised their voices against

terrorism and sacrificed their lives in the fight

against it. This sacrifice symbolizes her fami-

ly's patriotism and bravery, and Shagun

Parihar is dedicated to serving society follow-

Chugh blessed Shagun Parihar for her bright future and

KUPWARA: In order to give impetus to the Judicial Infrastructure, Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, Tashi Rabstan, visited Kupwara on Saturday and inspected the judicial infrastructure while assessing the ongoing construction works on district court complex, Kupwara.

On his arrival at Kupwara, Justice Tashi Rabstan, who was accompanied by M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, was accorded ceremonial Guard of Honour and warm reception Shazia Tabasum



CJ Tashi Rabstan during visit to Kupwara on Saturday.

Principal District & Sessions Judge Kupwara; Khem Raj Sharma, Additional Sessions Judge (Fast Track Court); Sub Judge, Muneer Hussain: Munsiff Kupwara, Iram Irtaza; SSP Kupwara, Gh.Jeelani Wani; CPO Kupwara, Parvaiz Ahmed;

District Bar President Association Kupwara, Adv.Ahraz Ahmed Dar and members of bar.

While interacting with the District judiciary, the Chief Justice underscored the paramount need for developing robust judicial infrastructure and ensuring a safe and conducive environment for effective and speedy justice. He expressed commitment towards promoting an inclusive and responsive judicial system that meets the evolving needs of society. Principal District & Session

Judge, Kupwara, Shazia , extended her sincere gratitude to the Chief Justice for his exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment towards development of judicial infrastructure.

The Chief Justice inspected e-filing counter and took first hand appraisal of status of

The Chief Justice inspected the court room of District &

Sessions Judge Kupwara and interacted virtually with under trials of Sub Jail Kupwara and sought feedback regarding facilities being provided to under tri-He also inspected Sub-

Judge Court and e-Court Kupwara where he took stock of infrastructure.

The Chief Justice distributed cheques of victim compensation under MACT (Motor Accident Claims Tribunal) claim Haleema Begum, Jana

Begum, and Rifat Begum. He, later, inspected the ongoing construction of 3storied building of

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## Over 2,000 athletes to take part in Kashmir's first international marathon today

#### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Over 2000 ath-

letes, including international elite runners, will participate in the first-ever Kashmir International Marathon on October 20, said Raja Yaqoob Farooq, Kashmir Director of Tourism

The event aims to show the world that law and order and the situation has improved in the valley, he said.

"We have got the best athletes from across the world. We have top Indian runners, elite runners, Asian gold medallists and some of the best runners from Europe and Africa," Farooq said while addressing a press conference here.

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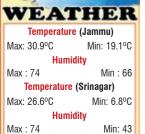
Tourism has received 2,030 registrations from athletes from across the world, he

The marathon will see participation of 59 athletes from 13 countries and elite athletes from 29 across states and UTs, he said, adding that there will be two categories of races -- a 42-km full marathon and a halfmarathon of 21 km.

"Kashmir is open to all. We welcome the tourists from different parts of the world. If someone is running 42 km, it itself makes a statement that Kashmir is now peaceful," he said. "We also want to showcase

our heritage, niche products,

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Sunset: 17:53 Hours

Sunrise: 06:37 Hours