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will be implemented from the upcoming rabi (winter) season till 2030-31.

Modi also inaugurated projects valued at over Rs 5,450 crore in agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, and food processing sectors, while laying the foundation stone for additional projects worth around Rs 815 crore.

"You (farmers) have made India self-reliant in foodgrains post-Independence. Now, you have a crucial role in making India a developed nation (Viksit Bharat). On one hand, we have to become self-reliant (in food), while on the other hand we should produce for the global market. Friends, we need to knock the doors of the international market," Modi said, urging farmers to focus on crops that have global demand.

"We have to reduce our imports and should not fall behind in increasing exports," he said, adding that the two new schemes will play a major role in achieving these twin objectives.

Modi called on farmers to diversify beyond wheat and rice, focusing on pulses to ensure protein security. Despite being the world's largest pulses producer and consumer, India still depends on imports.

Under the pulses mission, Modi said there is a need to increase pulses acreage by 35 lakh hectares by 2030 to boost production and achieve self-reliance. The mission targets raising pulses production from the current 252.38 lakh tonne to 350 lakh tonne by 2030-31, thereby reducing import dependency.

Modi said, the PM-DDKY, modelled on the government's Aspirational Districts Programme, will target 100 low-performing agricultural districts and integrate 36 schemes from different ministries.

The scheme will focus on enhancing productivity, promoting crop diversification, improving irrigation and storage facilities, and ensuring credit access.

Taking aim at the previous Congress government, Modi accused it of "neglecting" the farm sector, saying the Opposition party lacked "vision" for the growth of this crucial sector.

The neglect led to weakening of the farming ecosystem as each department in the ministry was functioning in multi-directions without coordination, he said.

"The previous government lacked vision for the growth of this crucial sector," Modi said, outlining how his administration had initiated reforms from 'Beej to Bazaar' (Seed to Markets) since 2014, enhanced the farm budget, increased fertiliser subsidies, and recently reduced GST rates on farm machinery and equipment.

The Prime Minister said these measures had resulted in doubling of farm exports, foodgrain production increased by 900 lakh tonne, and fruits and vegetables production rising by 640 lakh tonne.

During the event, Modi distributed certificates to farmers certified under the National Mission for Natural Farming, MAITRI technicians, and Primary Agriculture Cooperative Credit Societies (PACS) converted to Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSKs) and Common Service Centres (CSCs).

The event marked important milestones achieved under government initiatives, including 50 lakh farmer memberships in 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), of which 1,100 FPOs recorded an annual turnover of over Rs 1 crore in 2024-25. Other achievements include the certification of 50,000 farmers under the National Mission for Natural Farming, certification of 38,000 MAITRIs (Multi-Purpose AI Technicians in Rural India), sanction and operationalisation of over 10,000 multipurpose and e-PACS for computerisation, and the formation and strengthening of PACS, dairy, and fishery cooperative societies. Modi also interacted with farmers engaged in pulses cultivation who have benefitted from various government schemes aimed at establishing a value chain-based approach in agriculture, animal husbandry, and fisheries. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, and Minister of State for Agriculture Bhagirath Choudhary were present at the event.

## Search ops underway...

sighted over Challiyari village in the Ghagwal area, and Chamliyal village in Ramgarh late Friday night, the officials said.

The Border Security Force (BSF) has cordoned off both the areas and launched a search operation along with police early Saturday to ensure that there is no airdropping of weapons or narcotics on this side of the border.

The search operations were continuing when last reports were received, the officials said.

## ACB registers FIR...

his family members were also traced. Additionally, the accused is believed to have spent around Rs 40 lakh on the education of his children in reputed institutions, along with significant expenses incurred on foreign travel and insurance premium payments.

The ACB official further revealed that examination of bank records indicated several suspicious transactions and unexplained cash inflows. "It was found that the accused and his family were operating multiple bank accounts in different banks, through which large sums of money were routed. Several high-value immovable properties were also found acquired in the names of his wife and children," the official said. The assessment of the officer's income vis-à-vis his expenditure between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2025 showed that his actual earnings were grossly insufficient to justify the wealth accumulated and the lifestyle maintained. "The findings clearly indicate that the accused has illicitly enriched himself by resorting to corrupt and dishonest means," the ACB spokesperson stated.

Based on the findings, a formal case under Section 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) has been registered against the accused for criminal misconduct and possession of disproportionate assets. Following the registration of the FIR, and in compliance with a court order dated October 10, 2025, ACB teams conducted searches at two residential premises of the accused in District Budgam. "During the raids, several incriminating documents, property papers, and bank-related records were seized for further scrutiny," the ACB official said. The accused public servant has been taken into police custody for questioning in connection with the ongoing investigation. "Further investigation is in progress to ascertain the full extent of illegal wealth accumulated by the accused and to identify his associates and benami holders," the official added.

The ACB reiterated its commitment to maintaining transparency and accountability in public services and assured that strict action will continue against corrupt officials irrespective of their rank or position.

## Fruit sellers in...

A chargesheet was filed in a local court, which convicted the accused on Saturday and imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2,000 under the relevant provisions of law.

## ACB initiates probe...

misconduct, abuse of official position, forgery, and conspiracy - all intended to grant undue benefits to private individuals

at the cost of public property," the ACB spokesperson said. "This illegal act has not only caused significant financial loss to the government but also compromised the sanctity and protection of evanee assets that are meant to remain under state custody."

Based on the inquiry findings, a formal case under FIR No. 19/2025 has been registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar under Sections 5(1)(d) read with 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt. 2006, and Section 120-B of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC).

The ACB has begun extensive investigation to trace the full chain of conspiracy, identify all officials and private persons involved, and determine the extent of illegal financial transactions linked to the case. "The investigation is progressing swiftly, and further arrests and departmental actions are expected as evidence unfolds," the ACB official confirmed.

Reiterating the Bureau's commitment to eradicating corruption from the system, the spokesperson urged the public to remain alert and report any instance of misuse of official authority or corrupt practice. "People can approach the ACB through its official helplines or communication channels to share information on corruption-related matters," the official said, adding that strict legal action will continue against those involved in compromising public trust and state property.

## DPAP will not...

The seat has been vacant since October 21, 2024. Nagrota, on the other hand, fell vacant on October 31, 2024, after the death of BJP MLA Devender Singh Rana.

Reiterating his long-standing demand, the DPAP chairman once again called for the immediate restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir:

"Effective governance requires close coordination between the lieutenant governor and the chief minister, so that citizens' grievances are addressed promptly and public welfare schemes reach every corner of the region," he said.

Highlighting the plight of those affected by recent floods, Azad urged the Centre to announce a comprehensive financial relief package for the victims. He stressed that rebuilding lives and infrastructure must remain the top priority, beyond political or bureaucratic considerations.

## Jaishankar meets US...

"They had a productive exchange on the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and its shared priorities. FS wished Amb-designate Gor all success for his assignment," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on 'X'.

The relations between New Delhi and Washington have been reeling under severe stress after US President Trump doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a whopping 50 per cent, including 25 per cent additional duties for India's purchase of Russian crude oil.

India described the US action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable".

However, the recent phone conversations between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Trump have raised hopes for a positive outcome from the ongoing negotiations for the trade deal.

India and the US recently resumed negotiations for the trade deal after a brief hiatus of a few weeks.

Gor, the White House personnel director and a loyal member of Trump's inner circle, was nominated as the next American envoy to India in August.

In his reaction, Gor said he was "beyond grateful" to Trump for showing "incredible trust and confidence" in nominating him to be his next US ambassador to India and the special envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs.

The US Senate this week has confirmed the appointment. American officials said Gor will not present his credentials as the US envoy during his stay in New Delhi this time.

## DC rolls out...

highways and state highways within district limits. Seven designated crossings, including Amphalla Hospital, Bakshi Nagar, KC Theatre, Hotel Asia, Shastri Nagar Cremation Ground, Marble Market and Kunjwani, will facilitate regulated inter-zone movement.



DC Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas briefing media.

Vehicles registered outside the district are prohibited from operating within Jammu and joint enforcement teams comprising Traffic Police, RTO and Tehsildars will monitor compliance, curb overcharging and prevent unauthorised operations. The order issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, aims to ensure safe, disciplined and efficient traffic movement, addressing issues of unregulated operations, route indiscipline and overcharging by operators. The order will take effect from October 23, 2025, initially for three months, after which it will be reviewed based on compliance and feedback. Dr. Minhas urged stakeholders to cooperate with the administration to ensure commuter safety and smooth traffic flow.

## Drug peddler's property...

commitment to zero-tolerance policy against the menace of drugs. He said police would continue stern action against those involved in the drug peddling in the district.

## Mohita Sharma assumes charge as SSP Kathua

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Mohita Sharma, IPS, today assumed the charge as Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kathua.

On her arrival at the District Police Headquarters, she was accorded a warm welcome by Addl. SP Kathua Rahul Chharkar (JKPS), DYSPP Headquarters Ravinder Singh, and other police officers.

After taking charge, SSP Kathua Mohita Sharma laid emphasis on maintaining a strict vigil against drug trafficking (NDPS cases), cross-border infiltration, inter-state crimes, illegal mining, and offences against women.

She urged all officers to work with coordination, dedication, and synergy to effectively achieve the objectives and uphold the law and order in the district.



## 6 tractors involved in illegal transportation of minerals seized

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, Police in Awantipora have intensified efforts to combat illegal mining activities in the Police district Awantipora and seized 06 tractors involved in illegal transportation of minerals.

A Police party led by SHO Police Station Tral under the supervision of SDPO Tral Shri Rajesh Kumar seized six tractors from Nowdal area of Police Station Tral, involved in illegal transportation of minerals.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR NO. 125/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Tral and further investigation has been initiated.

## Cyber Police Jammu facilitates recovery of Rs 19.18 Lakh in Cyber Fraud Case

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant achievement against cybercrime, Cyber Police Station Jammu has successfully facilitated the recovery and refund of ₹19,18,697/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven only) to a cyber fraud victim, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Court.

The complainant had registered two separate complaints on the NCRP Portal, alleging cyber fraud totaling Rs 25,82,810/-. Both complaints were entrusted to Cyber Police Station Jammu for investigation.

The case was enquired by PSI Mohd Shabir, with active

## Food Safety Department intensifies market checking in Poonch ahead of Diwali

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: In a proactive move to safeguard public health during the festive season, the Food Safety Department in Poonch has intensified its market checking drives well in advance of the upcoming Diwali festival.

A dedicated team, led by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, Tariq Mehmood, conducted comprehensive inspections across the local market to ensure consumers are sold high-quality and hygienic sweets and other food items. The inspection team visited various sweet shops, bakeries, and other food



establishments, meticulously reviewing the quality, hygiene, and preparation standards of all food items, with a special focus on traditional Diwali sweets.

During the inspection, Assistant Commissioner

support from DYSP Rohit Chadgal, under the supervision of Superintendent of Police Kameshwar Puri, and overall supervision of Senior Superintendent of Police Joginder Singh.

Through diligent follow-ups, coordinated communication with financial institutions, and methodical verification, the investigating team ensured successful restitution to the victim.

## Missing lady traced, reunited with family

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An information was received at PS Khour about the missing of Lady Name withheld R/O Dhselari, Tehsil Khour, District Jammu, whose missing report was entered at PS Khour on 08-10-2025.

Acting upon this, a Police Team of PS Khour led by SHO PS Khour put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing Lady and after completing all legal formalities the said Lady has been handed over to her legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

## SUV hit by landslide in Kishtwar, 7 injured

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An SUV was hit by a landslide in Kishtwar district on Saturday, injuring at least seven people, officials said.

The vehicle was on its way to Kishtwar town when a portion of a hillock gave way on the Sigdi-Balana link road, they said. After receiving information about the incident, they said, rescuers rushed to the spot and the injured were evacuated to the Kishtwar district hospital.

## Attestation cum passing out parade of 621 recruit constables held at STC BSF Udhampur



### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The Border Security Force, upholding its proud tradition today successfully conducted an attestation-cum-passing out parade of 621 recruit constable (GD) at the parade ground of the Subsidiary Training Centre, BSF Udhampur.

The parade ground marked the culmination of 44 weeks of rigorous basic training of 621 Recruit Constable hailing from various states across India. The recruits solemnly took the oath to serve the Nation with commitment and honor and subsequently departed for their respective duty postings.

While speaking on the occasion, Satish S. Khandare, Additional Director General (Western

Command), BSF Chandigarh presided over the parade as the Chief Guest and took the salute. He lauded the exceptional standards of training provided to the recruits and extended his commendations to the Officers and the dedicated team of instructors at STC BSF Udhampur for their unwavering commitment to excellence in training. Recruit Constable Pankaj Kumar commanded the parade as Parade Commander and Recruit Constable Parul Kharole secured the overall first position. The chief guest conveyed his best wishes for their future careers and expressed his confident belief that these young soldiers would uphold the highest standards of integrity, dedi-

cation and efficiency in their duties. He emphasized that their steadfast service would bring honor to the Border Security Force and their families.

At the onset, Sandeep Channan, Inspector General, STC BSF Udhampur, welcomed the chief guest and dignitaries present on the occasion. The event was graced by senior officials from the Army, Civil Administration & Police officials of Udhampur District, officers of various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), school Teacher, distinguished local citizens, family members of recruits & Jawans and their families of the STC campus. They witnessed the parade with enthusiasm and applauded the disciplined performance

of the recruit constable.

The passing out ceremony was enlivened by cultural presentations including: Bihu Dance showcasing the vibrant folk culture of Assam, Lezim Dance representing the spirited traditions of Maharashtra, a colorful cultural programme delivered by the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Udhampur.

The performance received widespread appreciation and thunderous applause from the audience. The melodious tunes of the BSF Band added a grand and solemn ambience to the ceremony. This event stands as a testament to the commitment of the Border Security Force to train and prepare young recruits to serve the nation with valor and dedication.

## Live streaming of PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana launch held at KVK Kathua

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A live webcast of the launch of Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) was today organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kathua to disseminate the key objectives of the newly launched flagship programme aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture, enhancing farmers' income and ensuring food and nutritional security.

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma presided over the programme as the Chief Guest in presence of Chief Scientist & Head KVK Dr. Vishal Mahajan; Chief Agriculture Officer Jatinder Khajuria and Chief Horticulture Officer Ashwani Khajuria.

The programme witnessed participation of more than 150 farmers, farm women, members of cooperatives

and FPOs, who actively interacted with experts and raised queries which were suitably addressed by the scientists of KVK Kathua.

In his address, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma highlighted the significance of the newly launched scheme in transforming the agriculture landscape through convergence of different developmental initiatives. He lauded KVK Kathua and Agriculture Department for creating awareness among farmers about Government schemes including Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (IADP) and JKCIIP.

The DC emphasized that the initiatives envisaged in PM-DDKY would act as a multiplier in improving productivity, diversification and income generation in the agriculture and allied

sectors.

Earlier, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Kathua Dr. Vishal Mahajan welcomed the guests and participants. He gave a brief on the objectives of PM-DDKY. He reiterated KVK Kathua's commitment to serve as a platform for capacity building, knowledge dissemination and farmer empowerment through need-based training and demonstration programmes.

The live webcast featured the address of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who elaborated on the Government's vision of making Indian agriculture more sustainable, technology-driven and self-reliant.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Agriculture Officer, Jatinder Khajuria stressed upon scientific interventions, skill development and

adoption of modern farm techniques to enhance productivity and profitability.

Chief Horticulture Officer Ashwani Khajuria highlighted the immense potential of horticulture under PM-DDKY, encouraging farmers to diversify towards high-value and protected cultivation crops.

The proceedings of the event were coordinated by Chief Scientist (P.P) Dr. Anamika Jamwal, with active support from Dr. Ajay Kumar, Neeraj Singh, Amit Kumar, Sushant Sharma, Raj Kumar and Rishav Sharma.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Chief Scientist (A.E) Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat, who expressed gratitude to the participants and assured continued support in strengthening the agricultural ecosystem of Kathua district.