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### Govt focussing on...

people with special abilities and ensuring equal opportunities for them in education and employment.

He highlighted the four important aspects for empowerment of people with special abilities. First, identifying their strengths and promoting them, secondly, to create an inclusive environment that helps them in independent thinking and taking independent decisions, thirdly, to provide full support to their decision-making abilities and fourthly, to create a conducive environment for self-learning and self-improvement.

The Lieutenant Governor also paid homage to Dr. R.R. Khajuria, founder of J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra and commended all the members of the organisation for their selfless service to the society.

He assured every possible support and assistance to J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra for the smooth functioning of the school. He called upon the corporate houses, business community, and citizens to come forward and contribute to this noble endeavour.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated the children with special abilities for presenting enthralling performances to mark the occasion.

Earlier over 55 Divyang students presented a unique musical show which astounded the Jam-packed auditorium of Jammu club.

The performance of the Divyang artists, one item after another, was amazing. It was incredible to see their steps and body moments of these artists who cannot hear and speak, fully synced with musical notes and rhythm of songs on which they danced.

Opening with the late Padma Sachdeva 'as Dogre Han' song and ending with thrilling Punjabi Giddha making the audience forget that these artists cannot hear. The grand finale was the national song presented by them in Sign language. It was a unique musical evening never hosted in Jammu.

Vaniket and Seema Sharma choreographed the dances and National Anthem in sign language.

The President of SKK, K B Jandial in his welcome address thanked the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha who as Chairman, SMVDS Board had provided special financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh annually for the last three years and extended this help to another three years to pull the SKK out of financial crisis which he described as Sanjeevni for Divyangjan.

He described another decision to hand over one of the two buildings at Swami Chaitanya Complex Bohri for use by Divyangjan as momentous and said that nobody has ever cared for these Divyangjan as He has done.

Vice President Brig ( Dr.) Rakesh Khajuria presented the formal vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to Lt Governor for blessing the Divyang students and said that this showed his profound concern for these physically challenged students.

Present on the occasion included, Dr Ashok Bhan, Gunjan Rana, Suresh Sharma, all members of the SMVDS Board, former DGP Kuldeep Khoda, J.K. Vaidya, General Secretary, Former Chief Secretary B R Sharma, former Secretary to Govt of India Ashok Angurana, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, Dy Commissioner, Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas, Director Social Welfare Arun Manhas and Director Social Welfare Ranjeet Singh.

Dr Ashok Bhan, Gunjan Rana and Suresh Kumar Sharma - Members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; BR Sharma, Chairman, Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K and senior officers also attended the foundation day ceremony.

### Sinha chairs 36th...

of faculty and staff, and the introduction of new programs from the upcoming academic year.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the University to establish a specialized faculty for languages to offer integrated courses in Hindi, Dogri, French, and German. He emphasized on encouraging students enrolled in foreign languages and technical courses to also pursue Hindi and Dogri languages.

He also instructed the SMVDU to implement the complete digitalization of all University records.

The meeting also reviewed the ongoing projects and construction works in the University, implementation of NEP-2020, important matters pertaining to admissions, recruitment, faculty career advancement, non-functional promotions for non-teaching staff, end to end digitisation of student life cycle management process and utilization of e-Samarth dashboard. The chair was informed that the university has now been designated as a 'TCS Priority College' by Tata Consultancy Services for a period of three years as part of their campus placement program. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presented various Agenda items before the Executive Council for approval and ratification.

### Omar stresses on...

trade and export community.

During his address, Omar Abdullah outlined the government's ongoing efforts to expand investment opportunities in J&K.

"That is something, as a conscious effort, my government is trying to address so that we can attract more investment into Jammu and Kashmir, more manufacturing. Recognizing the constraints that we have, we are trying to address the infrastructure gaps," he said.

He acknowledged the unique challenges that J&K faces due to its geography and limited resources, stating that the government's focus is on leveraging sectors where Jammu and Kashmir holds inherent advantages. These include agriculture, horticulture, handicrafts, pharmaceuticals, IT services and electronics.

Speaking about the overall business environment, Omar Abdullah highlighted that confidence continues to play a crucial role in shaping the region's industry. He noted, "Confidence is one of the most vital elements for business, and regrettably, Jammu and Kashmir has been deprived of it for the past 30 to 35 years." He added, "We are doing everything possible to ensure that this lack of confidence does not define our future."

Highlighting the resilience of the local economy, he said, "Given the extent of the challenges that we face and the disadvantages inherent to doing business in Jammu and Kashmir, we are still an economy that is growing reasonably well. Our own estimate is that our GDP will grow in the double digits, around 10-11% this year."

At the same time, the Chief Minister expressed concern over the economic repercussions of recent events, noting that tourism has suffered a serious setback. The impact, he said, has spilled over into agriculture, horticulture, handicrafts sectors and also impacted exports.

He underlined the government's priority to position Jammu & Kashmir as a hub for MSMEs and high-value, low-volume industries, mentioning that the region once had a budding high-tech manufacturing base before militancy disrupted progress in the late 1980s. "Prior to the militancy breaking out in 1989, Kashmir was emerging as a hub for new high-tech manufacturing industries. We believe those are the areas of economy that remain ripe for revitalization," he noted.

The Chief Minister emphasized several advantages that could support renewed industrial growth in the region, including competitive electricity rates, an educated young workforce,

and favourable policy frameworks. However, he acknowledged that the perception of the region as a risky business destination has to change for the better.

Concluding his remarks, Omar Abdullah thanked the FIEO delegation once again for their presence in Srinagar, stating: "Your presence here does, to a large extent, enable us to try and change the perception of Jammu & Kashmir being too unsafe to visit. I thank all of you for choosing Srinagar for your Board of Management meeting, and I look forward to more such engagements that can help J&K move forward."

### Police search premises...

action against proscribed organisations, Srinagar Police today conducted coordinated search operations at multiple locations tied to individuals allegedly associated with the banned Jamaat-e-Islami and Hurriyat Conference," a police spokesperson said.

"The searches were conducted strictly in accordance with legal procedures. During the operations, various materials, including literature and photographs allegedly linked to banned separatist outfits, were seized," he stated.

The actions form part of a broader campaign aimed at dismantling the terror and separatist ecosystem in the valley by targeting its support structures and networks, he added.

### Full Bench declines...

Kazi, Hafsa Kanjwal and Victoria Schofield, many published by prestigious international presses like Oxford University Press, Stanford University Press and Routledge.

The matter will now be taken up after the government files its response.

### Ex-PRO, kin...

a 282% disproportionate increase.

The accused were represented by Senior Advocate Vikram Sharma and Advocate Sanpreet Singh for accused No. 1 & 2 (Keval Krishan Sharma and Ishant Sharma), while Advocate Abhimanyu Sharma appeared for accused No. 3 (Babu Ram Sharma). The Union Territory was represented by Ld. M.A. Almansoor.

The Court dismissed the defense pleas for discharge and ruled that formal charges will be read out to the accused. The trial will now proceed to examine evidence on record.

### Simbal Camp Murder...

the force's swift response and commitment to public safety.

Following a complaint lodged on October 9 by the deceased's wife, Harbhajan Kaur, an FIR was registered against the two for attempt to murder, wrongful restraint and rioting at Miran Sahib Police Station.

According to the complaint, Narinder was severely assaulted by Tanveer and Bavneet, along with their family members.

The injured was rushed to the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital, Jammu, where doctors declared him brought dead, officials said, adding that Section 103 (murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was later added to the case.

After medico-legal formalities, the body was handed over to the family for the last rites, and a police team launched a man-hunt to trace the culprits.

After multiple raids across Jammu and neighbouring districts, and acting on specific intelligence, the team apprehended Tanveer and Bavneet, both residents of Simbal Camp in Miran Sahib, police said.

The duo had fled to Punjab after committing the crime, but were arrested in a coordinated operation, they added.

"The accused are in police custody for further interrogation. The investigation team is also probing the involvement of other accomplices, including family members who may have aided in the crime," a police official said.



### Chugh slams Chidambaram's...

suffered in the 1984 Sikh pogrom-whether it was constituting Special Investigation Teams, providing rehabilitation, fair compensation, or job security to the victims' families.

While Congress leaders were busy planning and orchestrating the massacre, it was BJP and RSS karyakartas who stood with the Sikh community and healed the families in their darkest hours, he said.

Chugh asked why Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi continue to ignore the cries of justice from the widows of the 1984 Sikh massacre. "The wounds of thousands of Sikh families remain open because Congress has consistently chosen to stand with the killers rather than with the victims," he said.

He also demanded clarity from Punjab Congress leaders Charanjit Singh Channi, Partap Singh Bajwa, and Amarinder Singh Raja Warring.

"Do they stand with the Sikh families who suffered unimaginable pain, or do they stand with the Congress party which orchestrated and defended this pogrom?" Chugh asked, calling upon them to speak openly and not hide behind silence.

### Two-way movement...

LMVs," a NHAI official said.

The official said the restoration now enables two-way movement of all types of vehicles, reducing congestion and ensuring uninterrupted flow of traffic along the critical Lakhampur-Jammu-Srinagar corridor.

"NHAI also requested the local administration on October 9 to resume two-way movement of all types of vehicles on the Lakhampur-Jammu-Srinagar Highway to ensure smooth traffic flow and avoid congestion along the route," the official added.

### Sat Sharma, among ...

leaders from the Valley. The Election Commission of India has issued three notifications for the four Rajya Sabha seats in J-K, holding elections separately on two seats while the polls for the other two seats are being held under a common notification.

With an effective strength of 88 MLAs in the current legislative assembly, the BJP, which has 28 MLAs, has a realistic chance of winning only one seat. It will need help from non-BJP MLAs either to vote for its candidates or abstain from voting for the two seats under common notification.

Meanwhile, a BJP spokesperson said that people from all walks of life have expressed heartfelt joy, seeing the nomination of leaders who have consistently worked at the grassroots level to strengthen the bond between the party and the people. Sat Sharma, known for his accessibility, integrity, and dedication, symbolizes the BJP's philosophy of leadership through service. His nomination is widely seen as recognition of his relentless efforts for the welfare and empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson added.

The BJP, with the eyes on Rajya Sabha seats to serve the people with more enthusiasm, continues to uphold its mission of inclusive development, good governance, and progress, as the spirit of unity, victory, and commitment fills the air across the Union Territory.

### Hope MLAs vote...

top priority for Prime Minister Modi since he assumed office in 2014.

"In the last 11 years, the prime minister has given the highest priority to Jammu and Kashmir. Even after the devastating floods in 2014, he spent his first Diwali as PM in the union territory," Singh said. Hence, it is imperative to strengthen the BJP's presence in the Rajya Sabha to raise Jammu and Kashmir's voice in Parliament, he said.

### Retail inflation slips...

was (-) 2.28 per cent compared to (-) 0.64 per cent in August and 9.24 per cent in September last year.

"The decline in headline inflation and food inflation during the month of September 2025 is mainly attributed to favourable base effect and decline in inflation of vegetables, oil and fats, fruits, pulses and products, cereal and products, egg, fuel and light," NSO said.

According to the NSO data, inflation in rural India was at 1.07 per cent and in urban parts at 2.04 per cent.

Highest inflation was in Kerala at 9.05 per cent and lowest in Uttar Pradesh (-) 0.61 per cent.

In its October bimonthly monetary policy, the Reserve Bank lowered its inflation projection for 2025-26 to 2.6 per cent from 3.1 per cent estimated in August.

Regarding the inflation outlook for second half of the fiscal, RBI said that healthy progress of the south-west monsoon, higher kharif sowing, adequate reservoir levels and comfortable buffer stock of foodgrains should keep food prices benign.

It said that the recently implemented GST rate rationalisation would lead to a reduction in prices of several items in the CPI basket. Overall, the inflation outcome is likely to be softer than what was projected in the August MPC resolution, primarily on account of the GST rate cuts and benign food prices.

Commenting on the data, Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA said the CPI inflation eased to a 99-month low in September 2025, pulled down by sharper-than-anticipated disinflation in food and beverages to 1.4 per cent (an 81-month low), despite several other categories recording a sequential uptick in year-on-year inflation prints.

"We expect the CPI inflation to average 2.6 per cent in FY26, dampened by the GST rationalisation as well as the continued benign food prices. ICRA believes that a final 25 bps rate cut is possible in December 2025 with its timing contingent on the degree of further transmission of the cumulative 100 bps rate cuts to the credit market, as well as the growth implications of the GST rejig and tariffs," Nayar said.

Earlier this month, Reserve Bank of India expectedly left its key interest rates unchanged as it waited for greater clarity on the impact of US tariffs as well as payout of earlier rate cuts and recent tax reductions.

Paras Jasrai, Associate Director at India Ratings and Research said the deflationary trend in food prices has persisted into October 2025 (as of October 12, 2025), with prices of key items such as tomatoes, onions, potatoes, and pulses declining in double digits.

"Looking ahead, a favourable base effect (October 2024: 6.2 per cent) is expected to further ease retail inflation in October 2025. Additionally, the impact of GST rate rationalization will provide further support. However, much will depend on the full pass-through of the effective GST rates," he said.

Ind-Ra expects retail inflation in October 2025 to be around 1 per cent, a new low in the 2011-12 series.

"There is a scope of another round of 25bps cuts in repo rate in our view, however much would depend on the incremental data which has baked in the effective GST rates as well," Jasrai said.

According to NSO, inflation in 'fuel and light' during September was at 1.98 per cent, as against 2.32 per cent in the preceding month.

Inflation in 'transport and communication' at 1.82 per cent during September too was lower than August.

NSO collects price data from selected 1,181 villages and 1,114 urban markets covering all states and UTs.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi	
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

KANTARA (A LEGEND CHAPTER-1 ) (HINDI)		
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/ 11:00 PM		
PVR KC JAMMU	10:00 AM / 12:55 AM / 04:20 PM / 07:25 PM / 10:50 PM	
SOOHE VE CHEERE WALEYA		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	5:45 PM	
NIKKA ZAILDAR 4		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:30 AM / 8:15 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	1:30 PM / 10:30 PM	
RAAVI DE KANDE		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	3:00 PM / 8:30 PM	

### Udhampur Police attaches property worth Rs 12.75 Lakhs belonging to drug peddler

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UDHAMPUR: In a major action under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, Udhampur Police has attached moveable property worth approximately ₹12.75 lakhs belonging to drug peddler Rahul Sharma S/O Yog Raj R/O Village Kidmoo, Ramnagar, under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act.

The attached/seized property includes two cars valued approximately ₹12,75,000. The attachment order was issued by the investigating officer as part of ongoing proceedings under the NDPS Act.

### Notorious drug peddler detained under PIT NDPS

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UDHAMPUR: Police continuing its strong drive against drug-related crimes, have booked a notorious drug peddler namely Koushal Sharma @ Biru S/o Kaka Ram R/o Kambal Danga, Rehambal, Tehsil and District Udhampur, under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act, after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority.

This is the 12th drug peddler detained by Udhampur Police in the current year. The accused has been repeatedly involved in drug peddling and was actively promoting drug abuse among local youth posing a serious threat to public safety and health. The detention order was executed today by the Police team of PS Rehambal and the accused has been lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail, District Jammu.

### Rajouri Police foil three bovine smuggling attempts; 8 animals rescued, 6 smugglers arrested

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RAJOURI: Continuing its drive against bovine smuggling, Rajouri Police have foiled three separate bovine smuggling attempts in different areas of the district. A total of 08 bovine animals were rescued, 03 vehicles seized and 06 Accused Persons booked.

During naka checking in Keri area by the Police Party of Police Post Chingus, led by the In-charge PP Chingus, one Tata Mobile vehicle bearing registration number JK11E-6667 was intercepted and found transporting four (04) bovine animals without valid permission.

The driver was identified as Khalid Hussain S/O Wazir Hussain R/O Chawra Rajouri while his associates were identified as Ravis Mir S/O Abdul Gani R/O Khablan Thanamandi Rajouri and Manzoor Ahmed S/O Mohd Khan R/O Tandval Rajouri.

In this regard a case FIR No. 510/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Rajouri and investigation is in progress.

A Police Party of Police Station Dharamsal led by SHO Dharamsal established a naka at Solki. During checking a Tata Magic load carrier bearing registration number JK11E-5076 driven by Mohd Altaf S/O Mohd Yousuf resident of Gangota Budhal and his associate Ravinder Singh S/O Budhi Singh resident of Bhela Khawas, coming from Manjdhara towards Kalakote via Solki was intercepted and found carrying two (02) bovine animals without valid permission.

In this regard a case FIR No. 88/2025 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act was registered at Police Station Dharamsal and investigation is underway.

A Police Party of PS Dharamsal while on patrolling duty in the Kallar area intercepted a Tata Mobile vehicle bearing registration number JK11E-0715 driven by Wajid Hussain Shah S/O Mohd Yousuf resident of Channi Soj, found carrying two (02) bovine animals without valid permission.

In this regard a case FIR No. 89/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Dharamsal and investigation is underway.

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