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## Omar reiterates demand...

and which not. "My government will not become a hurdle in the way of any such bill that benefits the people. But neither I nor any other member of the assembly can dictate to the Speaker which bill to bring and which not. There is a procedure to bring a bill. Whichever bill is good, we will surely support those," he said.

Abdullah said one of his party colleagues has also come up with a bill on the issue of land grant, and he does not know whether that would also come up in the House or not.

"My colleague Tanvir Sadiq has brought a bill to rectify the Land Grants Act, which was amended in 2021. I do not know whether Sadiq's bill will come up in the House or not, and similarly, there is a procedure for the PDP bill as well. But, if it is brought up, then my government will not be a hurdle," the chief minister said.

On the revival of the bi-annual practice of Darbar Move -- the shifting of offices between winter capital Jammu and summer capital Srinagar -- the Chief Minister said the promise made to the people has been fulfilled.

"Reviving the Darbar Move was a promise to the people. When the cabinet met about three weeks back, the decision was taken, and it was sent to the LG. When the LG signed the file, we issued the order. It is after 2021 that Jammu and Srinagar are being linked through the Darbar Move again," he said.

The Chief Minister asserted that his government would do whatever is possible to fulfil the promises made to the people within the Union Territory set-up.

"I have been saying since the first day that even under the UT, we will fulfil as many promises made to our people as we can," he said.

Referring to another promise of streamlining the reservation system, Abdullah said a Cabinet sub-committee -- tasked to examine the issue of reservation -- has submitted its report, which has been accepted by the Cabinet.

"Now, the department will prepare a Cabinet memo, which will be approved by circulation and then sent to the LG. That was one of our promises with the people," he added.

To a question whether anything can be expected from the upcoming session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly for compensating the losses to the fruit industry, Abdullah said discussions were on with the Centre for a special package for the affected.

There is no need for the assembly session for that. Wherever the crops have suffered losses, be it horticulture or agriculture, an assessment has been done and discussions are on with the Centre for giving a special package similar to other states to provide compensation to the affected people, he said.

To a question about revoking FIRs against people for violations during the Covid pandemic, the Chief Minister said police and law and order were not with this government yet.

"When we get those powers, then surely we will fulfil the other promises as well," he added.

## Portion of protection...

four-lane highway has been closed. The cause of the erosion is yet to be ascertained," he told PTI.

He said restoration work has been launched to make the affected tube trafficable at the earliest. Traffic is currently being regulated through the single operational tube, leading to slow movement on the stretch.

The collapse also damaged a part of the Sawni panchayat link road, affecting connectivity, he said.

Officials from NHAI, the district administration and the traffic department are on the spot monitoring the situation to prevent further damage and ensure smooth flow of traffic on the strategic highway linking Kashmir with the rest of the country.

## India now unstoppable...

move forward together with full momentum.

"Today, India has moved from being among the fragile five to becoming one of the world's top five economies...from chips to ships, India is self-reliant and filled with confidence in every sphere," he said.

Continuing his attack on the Congress, PM Modi said: "In the petrol and gas sector, before 2014, so that they don't have to give subsidies, Congress was planning to close petrol pumps from 8 pm to 8 am. Now the stations are open 24x7. In 2013, the Congress was brainstorming if they should give six cylinders or nine cylinders per year. We gave free gas connections to 10 crore people. In that era of governmentalisation, they would put locks on PSUs if they were not performing well. But, we changed that thought, and all our PSUs are making new records of profits.

Hitting out at the previous Congress-led Centre, PM Modi said: "Unlike the Congress, we worked towards democratising policies; this is the driving force behind 'Unstoppable Bharat'. The Congress distanced people from banks. Poor people were scared to go to the banks. When we took over, half of the population didn't even have bank accounts."

He added: "Banks were nationalised during Indira Gandhi's tenure with an argument that banking has to reach the poor. But in reality, banks moved away from the poor. In 2014, when we came to power, half of India's population did not have a bank account. We democratised the banking system, and opened more than 50 crore Jan Dhan accounts in mission mode. We took the country out of this governmentalisation. We brought reforms into the banking sector. Digital transactions have made India one of the most inclusive countries in terms of finance. Congress governments created mountain of NPAs (non-performing assets)."

## Gulchain Singh Charak...

"Deeply saddened by the demise of Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister; a dedicated, social and upright leader who always worked for the welfare of the people. He was a Minister in my Cabinet when I was J&K Chief Minister and we shared a long association. My heartfelt condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace!" former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad said.

National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also expressed profound grief, describing Charak's passing as "a significant loss to the political and social fabric of Jammu and Kashmir." They extended prayers for peace to his departed soul and strength to the bereaved family.

"Deeply saddened by sudden demise of former Minister in J&K State Government, veteran politician and prominent public figure, Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak. My sincere condolences to Smt. Charak and the entire family. Om Shanti," Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said.

## DB upholds life...

court's judgment, the Division Bench cancelled the bail bonds of the appellants and directed them to surrender before the trial court to undergo the remaining sentence. The court also remarked that misuse of an official weapon by a PSO at the instigation of his protectors could not be condoned under the guise of self-defence.

## AAP's 'Mission Sell...

had invested their hopes and money in the project. He added that allotments made to shopkeepers have been cancelled, and they are now being refunded with a meagre 6 per cent interest, while the government prepares to reap huge profits through resale of the land. Chugh stressed, "This isn't the first betrayal of Punjab's farmers - whether it is the fake promise of loan waivers, the unfulfilled MSP Top-Up, or the callous neglect in rehabilitating farmers devastated by the Mann-made floods, the AAP government has failed at every step."

Chugh warned that the Mann government is on a mission to sell Punjab acre by acre. He demanded immediate rollback of this decision, transparency in all land deals, and accountability from the Chief Minister and Arvind Kejriwal for pushing Punjab into economic disaster.

## LG Manoj Sinha...

Kalmykia, venerable monks & local devotees."

The Kalmyks, descendants of the Oirat Mongols who migrated from western Mongolia in the early 17th century, follow Mahayana Buddhism.

The sacred relics have been showcased at the Geden Sheddup Choikorling Monastery, also known as the Golden Abode of Shakyamuni Buddha, a major Tibetan Buddhist centre inaugurated in 1996.

Sinha expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for facilitating this sacred mission.

In an earlier post on X he said, "Leaving for Kalmykia, Russia, where I will lead the delegation to bring back holy relics of Lord Buddha after a week-long exposition. I sincerely thank the Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji for this sacred opportunity."

The exhibition was jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture, the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), the National Museum, and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

## Gold jumps Rs...

taxes), up from Thursday's close of Rs 1,31,000 per 10 grams. Traders said buying activity picked up sharply as stockists built fresh positions on expectations of higher sales during the festive season. Dhanteras, considered an auspicious day in Hindu tradition for buying precious metals, will be celebrated on Saturday, followed by Diwali on Monday.

In addition to seasonal demand, safe-haven buying by investors and central banks has lent further support to prices.

"Gold extended its winning streak with strong gains as the ongoing US government shutdown and a dollar index below 99 continued to support safe-haven flows into bullion.

"The sustained uncertainty in the US economy and delayed data releases have kept investors inclined toward gold as a defensive asset. With momentum staying firmly bullish, gold is likely to remain elevated as long as risk sentiment stays weak," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said.

## Major land fraud...

certain revenue officials who tampered with official records and bypassed legal procedures, thereby facilitating illegal occupation of the land," the spokesperson added.

Those chargesheeted include Nadeem Ahmad Mayer; son of Shafiq Ahmad Mayer; resident of Iqbal Colony, Shalteng, Srinagar; Irfan Ahmad Mayer; son of Shafiq Ahmad Mayer; resident of Iqbal Colony, Shalteng, Srinagar Abdul Hamid Kathu, son of Ali Mohammad Kathu, resident of Astanpora, Tailbal, Srinagar (the then Patwari, now retired) Ghulam Jeelani Rather; son of Late Abdul Salam Rather; resident of Dara, Harwan, Srinagar (the then Patwari) Ali Mohammad Dar; (the then Patwari, now retired) Nazir Ahmad Palla, son of Ghulam Ahmad Palla, resident of Chandpora, Harwan Bilal Ahmad Dar; son of Abdul Gani Dar; resident of Mufti Bagh, Harwan, A/P New Theed, Srinagar.

The accused have been booked under Sections 420, 447-A, 467, 468, 471, and 120-B of the RPC, read with Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The spokesperson said, "This case reflects our firm commitment to act against land encroachments, economic offences, and corruption involving government functionaries. The chargesheet has been filed after a thorough investigation, and further legal proceedings are in progress."

## Our aim is...

to 100 per cent as well," he said. Singh said India's defence export has reached a record Rs 25,000 crore which was less than Rs 1,000 crore few years ago. "We have now set a target to achieve Rs three lakh crore in domestic defence manufacturing and Rs 50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029," he said.

## Leh violence: MHA...

was charged under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) and shifted to Jodhpur jail two days after the incident.

The NSA empowers the Centre and states to detain individuals to prevent them from acting in a manner "prejudicial to the defence of India". The maximum detention period is 12 months, though it can be revoked earlier by the local administration and has to be ratified by a board headed by a former high court judge.

The groups also demanded an end to the alleged harassment, summoning, and pressure tactics being used by the local administration and police against the local youth and civil society members.

The fresh move for a judicial inquiry is likely to pave the way for the resumption of dialogue with the HPC.

In its statement, the home ministry reiterated its commitment to continuous dialogue.

"The government has always been open for dialogues at any time, and it would continue to welcome discussion with the Apex Body Leh (ABL) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) through the high-powered committee on Ladakh or any such platform," the statement said.

"We are confident that continuous dialogue will yield the desired results in the near future. The government stands committed to the aspiration of the people of Ladakh," it said.

The main issues that were on the agenda for discussions with the HPC remain the core demands of the ABL and KDA, seeking constitutional safeguards and greater political autonomy for the Union territory created in 2019. These demands include full statehood with its own legislative assembly to ensure greater political representation and self-governance, to protect the unique culture, fragile ecosystem, and land rights of the predominantly tribal population by granting Autonomous District Councils, two Lok Sabha seats, and the formation of a dedicated recruitment body to tackle high unemployment among the local youth, and ensure job reservations for Ladakh residents.

## Security, surveillance beefed...

inspected food stalls to check hygiene, quality, display of licenses, and adherence to prescribed rates. Vendors were instructed to wear uniforms and maintain cleanliness. "To control heavy rush and maintain uninterrupted train operations, necessary instructions have been issued to all railway employees," Singhal said. He also appealed to passengers not to carry firecrackers, matches, or any inflammable materials during travel and to immediately inform the Railway Protection Force (RPF) or call the 139 helpline in case of any suspicious activity.

## First freight train...

the Valley, reduce logistics costs and travel time, and lessen dependence on road transport - especially during adverse weather conditions when road connectivity is disrupted.

In recent months, the Valley has witnessed growing freight activity, including the transport of apples from Kashmir to Delhi and the movement of Maruti vehicles and other goods to the region. Singhal said the arrival of the salt consignment is expected to pave the way for more such freight movements, further strengthening trade links between Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir: "With such initiatives, Indian Railways continues to expand the logistics network in the Union Territory, ensuring efficient movement of essential and commercial goods for both people and industries," an official said.

## GRP arrests drug kingpin from Bihar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough in the fight against narcotics smuggling, the Government Railway Police (GRP) Jammu has arrested a drug kingpin from Bihar involved in an interstate smuggling racket. The arrest was made during the investigation of FIR 23/2025, registered under sections 08/20/29/27-A of the NDPS Act at Police Station GRP Jammu.

The accused, identified as Dinesh Kumar, son of Janak Raj Yadu, resident of Ward No. 5, Rampur, Shamechand, Vaishali, Bihar, was found to be the mastermind behind a conspiracy to smuggle ganja from Bihar to Jammu. During the course of investigation, it came to light that he had conspired with the primary accused in the case to transport the contraband substance across states.

According to GRP officials, all scientific and documentary evidence were meticulously collected, leading to the successful arrest of Dinesh Kumar. The police stated that his involvement was conclusively established through evidence gathered during the investigation.

It is pertinent to mention that FIR 231/2018 under section 08/20 NDPS Act of Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu, is also registered against the same accused. His bail applications were rejected thrice by the Court, indicating the gravity of the offences committed.

The GRP Jammu has been proactively pursuing cases under the NDPS Act, ensuring that strong cases are built through scientific evidence and systematic investigation. The arrest of Dinesh Kumar marks a major success for law enforcement agencies in curbing drug trafficking networks operating between Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir.

## NIA Court denies bail in Narco-Terror Case linked to Babbar Khalsa

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JAMMU: The Special Judge NIA Court, Jammu, Sandeep Gandotra rejected the bail plea of Gurpartap Singh, alleged kingpin of a cross-border narco-terror module, accused of attempting to smuggle large consignments of heroin and arms from Pakistan to fund the banned terror outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).

Singh, arrested in October 2020, has been in custody for nearly four years and sought bail citing prolonged incarceration, delay in trial, and lack of direct evidence. His counsel argued that several prosecution witnesses had not supported the case, making conviction unlikely, and that Singh was being falsely implicated.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), however, strongly opposed the plea, pointing to the bar under Section

43-D(5) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Section 37 of the NDPS Act, which restrict bail in cases involving terror funding and commercial quantities of narcotics.

The prosecution maintained that Singh was a key conspirator, coordinating with Pakistan-based handlers and financing heroin consignments for BKI's revival.

Citing inerminating evidence including witness testimonies, WhatsApp communication with a Pakistani handler, and recovery of heroin, opium, arms, and Rs 20 lakh cash routed through his associates, the court ruled that bail could not be granted at this stage.

Court observed that Singh's role was "central to the conspiracy" of smuggling narcotics and weapons across the International Border to raise funds for terrorism, and releasing him could jeopardize the trial and national security.

## Notorious criminal booked under PSA, detained in Jammu

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JAMMU: Police on Friday detained man allegedly involved in criminal activities, including cattle theft and drug-related offences under the NDPS Act, under the the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, officials said.

Shamma, a resident of Marh tehsil, was apprehended from the Kanachak area in Jammu district after being booked under the PSA, they said.

Police described him as a notorious criminal and said several FIRs have been registered against him in different police stations.

Police said four PSA warrants have been executed against cattle smugglers and one against a drug smuggler this year.

This is the fifth PSA warrant executed in the rural zone this year, officials added.

## Absconder wanted in NDPS case arrested

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SAMBA: In its ongoing drive against absconders and criminals, Samba Police apprehended an absconder wanted in a case registered under the NDPS Act at Police Station Vijaypur in 2019. The accused had been evading arrest for six years despite an arrest warrant issued by the Court Samba.

A police team of PS Vijaypur arrested Khaitam Hussain, son of Alam Hussain, resident of Smailpur Kothey, Bishnah District Jammu, wanted in FIR No. 02/2019 under Section 8/15/29 NDPS Act.

The accused was produced before the Court Samba and subsequently sent to District Jail Kathua. With this, the arrest warrant under Section 512 CrPc against him stands executed.

# CLUJ conducts shooting selection trials

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The select the team for the upcoming Inter-University competitions, the Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) today conducted selection trials, here on Friday.

The team, including men and women, selected in 10 Meter Air Rifle Shooting category at the Mission Olympics Shooting Academy, here. Selected Shooters: Men: Anirudh Sharma, SPMR College of Commerce; Himanshu Gupta, Government MAM College and Samarth Tuli, MAM College. Women: Shimani Choudhary and Aneesha Sharma, both Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar.

The selection process took place under the guidance of Director Physical Education and Sports, CLUJ, Dr.




Vinod Bakshi.

The Director highlighted the consistent achievements of the CLUJ shooters, especially Aneesha Sharma.

Sharing more details, Aneesha will soon be representing the CLUJ in Khelo India University Games scheduled to be held in Pune.

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Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
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