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J&K Police need...

personnel lives on and their supreme sacrifices are inspiring future generations to serve and uphold the values of our great country. J&K Police need to be always be ready to eliminate terrorist threats," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the five pillars of the criminal justice system-police, prosecution, judiciary, forensics, and prison to actively support development and ensure justice for all.

He also stressed the need to adopt innovation and smart technology to strengthen policing, and enable an effective response to new crime trends, drug smuggling, and false narratives in Jammu Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed his commitment to the welfare of police personnel and their families. He highlighted that J&K Police is implementing numerous programs to ensure that the families of brave martyrs of J&K Police live a life of comfort and dignity.

Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K Police read the names of bravehearts of Police who made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. The arms were reversed and a two-minute silence was observed in the honour of the Martyrs. The Lieutenant Governor also visited the Blood Donation Camp organized to mark the occasion.

CM pays tribute...

offered floral tributes at the memorial in honor of the courage and supreme sacrifice of the martyrs.

The commemoration ceremony was also attended by several Members of the Legislative Assembly, who joined in laying wreaths as a mark of respect to the fallen heroes.

Senior government functionaries and police officers were also present, including Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Director General of Police J&K Nalin Prabhat, Additional DGP (Armed) Anand Jain, and Principal Secretary, Home Department.

Following the wreath-laying ceremony, the Chief Minister, who was also Guest of Honour, visited a blood donation camp organized as part of the commemoration. He interacted with volunteers and appreciated their humanitarian spirit, commending their selfless service towards community welfare.

Rajnath warns of...

there is instability on the borders, new types of crimes, terrorism and ideological wars are emerging within society, as he detailed the complex nature of modern internal threats.

"Crime has become more organised, invisible, and complex, and its purpose is to create chaos in society, undermine trust and challenge the stability of the nation," Singh said.

He commended the police for their dual role: carrying out their official duty of crime prevention while fulfilling the moral duty of maintaining societal trust.

"If people are sleeping peacefully today, it is due to their confidence in our vigilant armed forces and alert police," he added.

Exuding confidence, the Minister asserted that the Naxal menace is "on the verge of becoming history," echoing the commitment of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who has declared that the threat will end by March 2026.

"Several top Naxalites have been eliminated this year... Areas that were once Naxalite hubs are now becoming educational hubs. Areas that were once known as the red corridor have now transformed into growth corridors," Singh said and acknowledged the significant contribution of security forces to this success.

A joint parade of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Delhi Police was held on the occasion.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, chief ministers and governors paid tributes to the police personnel for their role in thwarting internal security challenges and assured support to their families.

Efforts underway to...

Chinese troops at Hot Springs, Ladakh, at an altitude of 4681 metres.

"For the past two years, foreign terrorists have been a major challenge (in Jammu). But we are strengthening our counter-terrorism and border protection grid. I hope that soon we will be able to deal with the foreign terrorists hiding in forest areas and neutralise them," the Jammu police chief said.

He said around 120 counter-terrorist operations are launched in the Jammu zone every day. "This is our daily duty, whether it is a speculative operation or a precise information-based operation, it is ongoing," he said, adding that fighting terrorism is an important part of their duties.

"The number of people who have been martyred fighting terrorism in the Jammu zone is just one part of our duty. Apart from this, we also perform other duties. For example, we should not forget those comrades who have been martyred after being run over while performing traffic duties or fighting criminals. Fighting terrorism is a prime duty, but there is a wide spectrum of duties. We salute all our brave comrades who have been martyred," Tuti said.

Paying his tributes to all police personnel who laid down their lives for the country, the IGP said the force is always grateful to their families.

"Strategy and tactics cannot be discussed in public but I want to assure the people that J-K Police is aware of its duty and responsibility, and will not leave any stone unturned to ensure their safety and security," the IGP said.

Asked about the use of technology like drones by terrorists, he said they also do not lag behind in adopting modern gadgets.

"The terrorists and criminals are changing tactics in their bid to break the security grid but we are taking counter measures and our effort is to remain two steps ahead of them," the police officer said.

GoC assesses security...

Control in the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch on Wednesday to review the operational preparedness and security situation in the sector.

He also interacted with troops, appreciating their professionalism, composure, and steadfast commitment under challenging conditions.

"GoC White Knight Corps, together with GoC Ace of Spades division, visited forward posts in the Krishna Ghati (Poonch) and Naushera (Rajouri) sectors to review the operational preparedness and assess the security dynamics along the LoC," the White Knight Corps said on X.

The GoC exhorted all ranks to maintain peak operational efficiency and a resolute offensive orientation in safeguarding the nation's frontiers.

On Guru Charan...

witness this historic occasion and seek blessings by having Darshan of the holy Joda Sahib wherever the Yatra passes through.

Chugh described the day as deeply emotional and spiritually uplifting, saying, "There are rare moments in life when time seems to pause, and we become witnesses to a divine experience. Today is one such moment that will be remembered for generations."

He urged the Sikh community and devotees to connect with this Guru Charan Yatra, which carries the sacred sandals of Dashmesh Pita Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and Khalsa Mata Sahib Kaur Ji.

He said that this historic Yatra will begin tomorrow morning from Gurdwara Moti Bagh Sahib, Delhi, and travel through various cities, culminating at Takht Sri Harmandir Ji, Patna Sahib.

Chugh said that for the past 300 years, the family of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has had the honour of serving the sacred Joda Sahib, a service that connects them with the eternal light of the Gurus that has guided generations.

Chugh also extended his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that in the past 11 years, PM Modi has done unprecedented work for the Sikh Punjabi community-from honouring the four Sahibzade to recognizing and supporting the significance of the Joda Sahib.

Nine-day autumn...

for IAS and IPS officers.

The Reorganisation Act also led to the dismantling of the Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) and Kashmir Police Service (KPS), replacing them with new structures under the central government's control.

EC reviews mapping...

hold SIR in phases, beginning with the states going for assembly elections next year. More states may be included in the first phase.

At the same time, it will not hold the electoral roll cleanup exercise in states where local body elections are taking place or are due, as the grassroots poll machinery is busy with it and may not be able to focus on SIR, officials said.

Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are due in 2026.

Besides these five states, SIR could be held in a few other states in the first phase.

A voter list cleanup exercise has concluded in Bihar, where the final list with nearly 7.42 crore names was published on September 30.

The CEC had earlier this month said work is in progress to launch the SIR of electoral rolls in all states, and a final decision on its rollout will be taken by the Election Commission.

Earlier, responding to a question at a press conference to announce the Bihar assembly polls, the CEC said that a pan-India SIR was announced on June 24, while a roll-out of the Bihar SIR was still underway.

The work is on, and the three commissioners will meet to decide on dates for the states to launch their SIRs, he said.

According to officials, the EC last month asked the state chief electoral officers (CEOs) at a conference here to be ready for SIR rollout in the next 10 to 15 days. But for the sake of greater clarity, a September 30 deadline was set for the comprehensive cleanup exercise.

The CEOs have been told to keep ready the electoral rolls of their states published after the last SIR.

Several CEOs have already put the voter list published after their last SIR on their websites.

The website of the Delhi CEO has the voter list from 2008, when the last intensive revision took place in the national capital.

In Uttarakhand, the last SIR took place in 2006, and that year's electoral roll is now on the state CEO website.

The last SIR in states will serve as the cut-off date, just as the 2003 voter list of Bihar was used by the EC for intensive revision.

Most states had the last SIR of the voter list between 2002 and 2004.

Most of the states have nearly completed mapping of current electors with the voters according to the last SIR in the state or Union Territory (UT).

The primary aim of the SIR is to weed out foreign illegal migrants by checking their place of birth.

The move assumes significance in the wake of a crackdown in several states on illegal foreign migrants, mainly from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Nagrota bypoll: BJP's...

Joginder Singh, another lawyer, is contesting as the AAP candidate. Apart from this, five Independents are contesting the elections.

Despite being a debutant in politics, Devyani enjoys strong public sentiment and a broad support base across communities, aided by her father's legacy as a bridge between Hindus and Muslims.

"I am fortunate to have the blessings and support of the people of Nagrota. They stood by Rana Sahib, and I am confident they will bless me too on November 11 and make me victorious with a record margin," she said.

An economics graduate from the University of California, Devyani manages her family's media and automobile businesses. She said she intends to bring a "fresh, professional approach" to politics while upholding the BJP's principles of service and integrity.

"I believe in a 360-degree view of development -- inclusive, participatory, and empowering. My focus will be on strengthening villages, panchayats, and the entire constituency to ensure growth that benefits every section of society," she asserted.

In her election affidavit, Devyani declared movable assets worth Rs 91.23 lakh, no immovable property, and reported annual incomes of Rs 29.54 lakh (2024-25) and Rs 33.26 lakh (2023-24).

Her late father, Devender Singh Rana, had twice represented Nagrota -- in 2014 and 2024 -- winning the last election with a record margin of 30,472 votes against his NC rival Joginder Singh. He was known for advocating a Dogra chief minister for Jammu and Kashmir.

Devyani is the niece of Union Minister Jitendra Singh and the granddaughter of former bureaucrat Rajinder Singh Rana.

As the November 11 polling date draws closer, Devyani says her campaign is not merely about contesting an election but continuing a "bond of trust" built over decades.

9 crorepatis, 1...

Tax Return filed for the year 2024-25.

Apni Party's Mukhtar Ahmad has declared total assets of Rs 9 crore and liabilities of Rs 6.59 crore.

Other crorepati candidates in the fray, who have declared assets of over Rs 1 crore, are independents Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat, Muntazir Mohi-ud-Din, Nazir Khan, and Aditi Sharma, and BJP candidate Aga Syed Mohsin, National Panthers Party (Bhim) candidate Farooq Ahmad, and Pervez Ahmad of the Republican Party of India.

PDP candidate Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi has declared assets of Rs 2.37 lakh only in the form of bank deposits.

With no immovable property, Mehdi emerged as one of the least wealthy candidates in the fray.

Two candidates have assets lower than Rs 1 lakh -- Jibran Dar, who declared Rs 60,000 in cash and Rs 5.19 lakh in liabilities, and Manzoor Ahmad of Rashtriya Lok Dal, who declared Rs 30,000 in cash and Rs 22,400 in liabilities.

Five candidates have done a Master's or more, with one candidate, Maqbool Bhat, an independent, having a PhD in astrophysics.

Two candidates have engineering degrees, one has an MBA, and one LLM.

Three candidates have studied up to class 12, two till class 10, and two till class 8.

A majority of the candidates declared having no criminal record.

Three candidates have pending cases.

Apni Party's Ahmad has a cheating case against him, BJP's Mohsin has a case of assault and preventing a public servant from discharging his duty, while independent candidate Jibran Dar has a case under Section 132 of the Representation of the People's Act.

A bypoll in Budgam was necessitated after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who won the last election from two places, vacated the seat.

Abdullah decided to represent Ganderbal, a family bastion.

A scrutiny of the nomination papers took place on Wednesday. Friday is the last day for the withdrawal of nomination.

Govt proposes tweaks...

2021, it said, adding that the move aims to strengthen due diligence obligations for intermediaries, particularly social media intermediaries (platforms with 50 lakh or more users like Meta) and significant social media intermediaries (SSMIs), as well as for platforms that enable the creation or modification of synthetically generated content.

It requires significant social media () to obtain a user declaration on whether uploaded information is synthetically generated, deploy reasonable and proportionate technical measures to verify such declarations, and ensure that synthetically generated information is clearly labelled or accompanied by a notice indicating the same.

The proposed amendments, as outlined in the draft notification, introduce a clear definition of 'synthetically generated information', as well as labelling and metadata embedding requirements for such information to ensure users can distinguish synthetic from authentic content, according to the draft.

The draft introduces a new clause defining synthetically generated content as information that is artificially or algorithmically created, generated, modified or altered using a computer resource, in a manner that appears reasonably authentic or true.

These amendments are intended to promote user awareness, enhance traceability, and ensure accountability while maintaining an enabling environment for innovation in AI-driven technologies, the IT Ministry said.

It has sought feedback/comments on the draft amendment to the IT rules till November 6, 2025.

"Recent incidents of deepfake audio, videos and synthetic media going viral on social platforms have demonstrated the potential of generative AI to create convincing falsehoods - depicting individuals in acts or statements they never made. Such content can be weaponised to spread misinformation, damage reputations, manipulate or influence elections, or commit financial fraud," said the accompanying explanatory note on the IT Ministry website.

Globally and domestically, policymakers are increasingly concerned about fabricated or synthetic images, videos, and audio clips (deepfakes) that are indistinguishable from real content, and are being blatantly used to produce non-consensual intimate or obscene imagery; mislead the public with fabricated political or news content; commit fraud or impersonation for financial gain.

The IT Rule changes seek to provide statutory protection to intermediaries, removing or disabling access to synthetically generated information based on reasonable efforts or user grievances.

It mandates that intermediaries offering computer resources enabling creation or modification of synthetically generated information must ensure that such information is labelled or embedded with a permanent unique metadata or identifier; stipulates that such label or identifier must be visibly displayed or made audible in a prominent manner on or within the synthetic content, covering at least 10 per cent of the surface area of a visual display or, in the case of audio content, during the initial 10 per cent of its duration.

The label or identifier must enable immediate identification of the content as synthetically-generated information.

The rule further prohibits intermediaries from modifying, suppressing, or removing such labels or identifiers.

Big python captured in Nowshera

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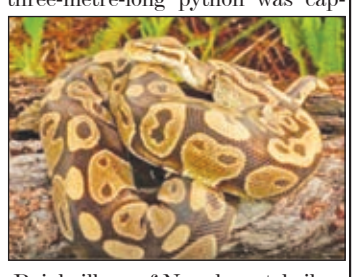
RAJOURI/JAMMU: A three-metre-long python was captured in a village in Nowshera tehsil in Rajouri district after an operation that lasted for hours, officials said on Wednesday.



On Tuesday, locals informed the wildlife department about the presence of a large python in a cattle shed in Rajal village of Nowshera tehsil.

A team from the department rushed to the spot and found the python snug inside a haystack. It took the team a few hours before it could extricate the reptile and capture it.

This was the second such capture in Nowshera tehsil since last month.

Automatic ticket vending machines installed at 5 railway stations in Jammu division

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JAMMU: Automatic ticket vending machines (ATVMs) have been installed at five major railway stations in the Jammu division to enhance passenger convenience during the festive season, officials said on Wednesday.

The machines have been set up at Pathankot Cantonment, Pathankot City, Jammu, Shahid Captain Tushar Mahajan (Udhampur), and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra stations, they said.

These ATVMs allow passengers to purchase tickets easily without standing in long queues. The machines feature a user-friendly touchscreen interface that enables quick booking of tickets at passengers' convenience, the railway officials said.

Digital payment options, including UPI and other cashless methods, are supported by the machines. "Passengers can make cashless payments, making transactions faster and safer. Those using Railway Smart Cards also receive 3 per cent additional value on every recharge," an official said.

The ATVMs can be used 24x7 to purchase unreserved and platform tickets and offer multi-language options for ease of use. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal said the initiative will help reduce crowding at railway stations. "By promoting the use of ATVMs, unnecessary crowding at stations can be controlled, creating a safe environment for all passengers," he said. Indian Railways has urged passengers to make use of the facility and enjoy a more comfortable and hassle-free travel experience.

CS, NITI Aayog discusses modalities for establishing Tele-ICU network across J&K

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday held a detailed discussion with Member, NITI Aayog, Dr. V.K. Paul, to deliberate on the establishment of Tele-ICU facilities across the newly established Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) in the districts of J&K. The meeting marked a significant step towards defining the modalities for rolling out a robust, technology-driven critical care network aimed at strengthening peripheral healthcare institutions across the UT. During the interaction, Dr. Paul shared valuable insights and highlighted successful Tele-ICU models being implemented by leading health technology providers such as Apollo TeleHealth, Medanta, Cloudphysician, and HealthNet. He emphasized the importance of studying these models to identify best-fit strategies for J&K's healthcare ecosystem, considering its unique geography and institutional diversity.

Dr. Paul advised that the specific needs and infrastructure of each hospital must be carefully assessed prior to implementation. He underlined the necessity of capacity building, continuous medical education, and hands-on staff training, noting that these are pivotal to ensuring the success and sustainability of the Tele-ICU framework in J&K.

TRAVEL TIME!

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Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
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Arrival : 11:15 at New Delhi

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Departure : 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival : 05:55 at New Delhi

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Intermediate Stop : Banihal at 9:58 AM
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Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320
Booking: Available on IRCTC

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Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270
Booking: Available on IRCTC

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