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## **Addresses Valedictory Session of NEP Conclave-2025** Omar calls for quality, innovation in higher education

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#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said that Jammu and Kashmir's education system must continue to evolve with the changing times, emphasising that quality and innovation should remain the central pillars of higher education in the region.

He was addressing the valedictory session of the two-day National Education Policy (NEP) Conclave-2025 organised by the Higher Department Education (HED) at Amar Singh College, Srinagar.

The event was attended by Higher Education Sakina Itoo. Advisor to the Chief Minister Aslam Wani. Additional Chief Secretary Shatmanu, Higher J&KChairman Education Council Prof. Singh, Vice



CM Omar Abdullah addressing valedictory session of NEP Conclave-2025 at Amar Singh College, Srinagar on Saturday.

"There has been a change

in the ways of providing edu-

cation. Earlier, books were

given to students, they mem-

orised lessons, wrote exams,

received marks and degrees,

and were sent into the world

- but with little practical

readiness. Companies would

often say that we get educat-

ed children but must first

make them 'unlearn' before

retraining them for the work-

versities, Director Colleges Prof. Aijaz Bashir, Principal Amar Singh College Ajaz Ahmed Hakak, principals, educationists and students from across Jammu and

In his address, the Chief Minister reflected on the transformation of India's education landscape, observing that the traditional system of rote learning has given way to a more dynamic,

place," he said. He noted that the National

Education Policy has enabled students to design their own degrees, combining subjects and practical exposure in wavs that make them employable and confident.

"In our time, we had to between choose fixed streams-medical, non-medical, commerce or arts. Today's students can design their degrees to suit their future aspirations. Alongside theoretical learning,

#### J&K BOSE extends 3 days to apply for class 11, 12 Annual Exams

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (J&K BOSE), has issued extension- notification for online submission of Annual examination Forms for class 11th and 12th, Regular, 2025 for a period of 3 days beginning on October 27.

As per the notification(s) the Secretary, Examinations JD/ KD, the on-roll eligible students Kashmir Division including winter zone areas of Jammu Division besides district Kargil can submit their examination forms in online mode from October 27 to 29 on payment of applicable fee of Rs 4230 excluding practi-

The Board has directed all concerned institutions to ensure timely submission of forms, advising students to carefully verify their particulars during punching of information on the designated portal in observance

## This election will decide if 'Jungle Raj' returns to Bihar or dev prevails: Shah

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KHAGARIA/ NALANDA: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said this assembly election in Bihar will decide whether 'jungle raj' will return or the state remains on the path of devel-

Addressing back-to-back election rallies in Khagaria, Munger and Nalanda, he slammed the INDIA bloc for opposing the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, asserting that every infiltrator would be detected, deleted from the voters' list and deported to their countries.

"Rahul 'baba' says that let the infiltrators stay in Bihar. You tell me, should we let the infiltrators stay here? I want to clearly tell Rahul 'baba' that no matter how many rallies you lead for the infiltrators, you can not protect them," Shah said, dubbing the 'Voter Adhikari Yatra' as 'ghuspetiya bachao yatra'.

His allusion was to the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Claiming that the NDA will

return to power in Bihar, Shah said, "Our government will handpick and throw out every single infiltrator from India... They will be detected and deported to their coun-

He also said this electoral battle is "not about making someone a legislator, minister, or chief minister"

"This election will decide whether 'jungle raj' will return to Bihar or the state remains on the path of development. If the government of Lalu-Rabri is formed, only 'jungle raj' will come, and if the NDA comes to power, a developed Bihar will make its mark in the entire country,

Shah claimed. Asserting that the BJP-led government at the Centre was focusing on development as well as preserving

### **Police conducts route marches in** poll-bound Nagrota constituency

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two route marches were conducted as part of security measures ahead of the bypolls in Nagrota assembly constituency near here next month, police said.

The marches-cum-briefings of police and paramilitary personnel deployed for election duties in the rural zone of Jammu district were conducted within the jurisdiction of Jhajjar Kotli and Nagrota police stations under the close supervision Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Joginder Singh, a police spokesman said.

He said the jawans and

#### Srinagar-Katra Vande Bharat to halt at Reasi from October 29 STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Northern Railways will provide an additional stoppage for the Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express at the Reasi station from October 29, on an experimental basis, officials said on Friday.

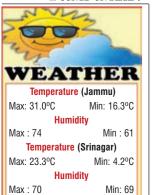
At present, the semi-high speed train has only one stop at Banihal between Katra and Srinagar.

"The locals said that the train has only one stoppage between Katra and Srinagar, and more stoppages should be given for the convenience of regional passengers. The railways decided to give one more stoppage at Reasi on an experimental basis," an official said.

According to an official order, the Vande Bharat Express will stop at Reasi for two minutes in both direc-

"The commercial department is requested to keep a close watch on the sale of tickets at the stations and a report is to be sent to this office within five months

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Sunset: 17:47 Hours

Sunrise: 06:42 Hours

officers of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) participated in these marches along with the local police.

The route marches are part of the standard security measures undertaken to ensure safety and order during elections, the spokesman said, adding that these exercises help security personnel familiarise themselves with the area and enhance their preparedness to handle any potential law and order situations during the electoral process. They also contribute to effective intelligence gathering. The visible presence of security forces during

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# 78 DySPs adjusted, 117 transferred

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Nalin Prabhat adjusted appointed 78 Superintendents of Police (DySPs) and transferred 117 DySPs. "Consequent upon completion of their

Basic/District Practical Training, the adjustment of the 59 Deputy Superintendents of Police of 2023 Batch is ordered with immediate effect,' reads an order. As per order, Yawar Nissar Khan has

been adjusted as DySP SOG Dooru Anantnag; Raghav Choudhary as DySP SOG Magam Handwara; Afeer Jalal Khan as DySP SOG Kunzer Baramulla; Geetanjli as DySP PCR Jammu: Awantika Wazir as DvSP SOG Jammu; Mayank Khajuria as DySP SOG Kakapora Pulwama; Manjot

Geetanjli DySP PCR Jammu; Goldy DySP EoW, Nadiya PCR Jammu; Muskan DySP Rly Vijaypur; Shwetambari DySP EoW; Sachit SDPO East Jammu; Kuljeet SDPO Basohli; Surinder SDPO Banihal; Sunniya Wani DySP Traffic South Jammu; Tilak Raj DySP Traffic City Jammu; Faisal DySP EoW Jammu; Ashwani DySP Traffic City Jammu; Naveed SDPO Bhadarwah; Mahesh DySP IR 1 (Incharge Bhawan); Deepak DySP SCW

Sangam/Srigufwara; Sonika Verma as DySP PCR Srinagar; Danish Amin Bhat as DySP Security Kashmir; Sufi Immad Ud-Din as DySP SOG Srinagar; Monika Thakur as DySP CICE Jammu; Ahtesham Ahmad Khan as DvSP SOG Srinagar; Shivek Sharma as DySP SOG Kupwara; Aeshal Nisar as DySP SOG Kreeri Baramulla; Azer-Ali- Shah as DySP SOG Mahore Reasi; Zarqa Naquib as DySP PCR Srinagar; Manvi Gupta as SDPO Railways Udhampur; Syed

Aabid Shah as DySP SOG Uri Baramulla; Atti-Ur-Rehman as DySP TMG CID HQ; Ishaan Aziz as DySP Chadoora Budgam; Amit Khajuria as DySP SOG Hajin Bandipora; Syed Nazeef-Ul-Hassnain as DySP SOG Sopore; Farhan Ahmed as DySP SOG Mirbazar Kulgam; Rupali Singh as DySP Finger Print Bureau; Ishwer Dev as DySP SOG Mougla Rajouri; Sameer Ibrahim Chowdhary as DySP SOG Jammu; Sohail Ahmad Wani as DySP SOG Anantnag; ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Jammu Rly Div recovers Rs 32 lakh from ticketless passengers in 10 days

#### STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Jammu

Railway Division has fined at least 2500 passengers for travelling without tickets in the past 10 days during the festive season, collecting Rs 32 lakh, a senior official said Saturday. Divisional Commercial

Manager Uchit Singhal said ticket checking drives were conducted daily in the division during the festive season to provide better passenger convenience and prevent illegal travel. On October 24 alone, penalties amounting to more than Rs 7 lakh were collected from 1200 people for travelling without tickets, he

Data from the last ten days show that under the intensive ticket checking drive during the festive season, more than Rs 32 lakh were collected from 2,500 passengers for travelling without tickets, the official added. "Our efforts to strengthen

ticket checking during the festivals have yielded positive results. This has led to increased revenue and significantly improved travel experience for valid passengers," he said. Singhal said the newly formed Jammu Division. despite facing shortage of ticketing staff, has performed

## EC may roll out first phase of all-India SIR next week, beginning with 10-15 states

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission is likely to roll out the first of pan-India Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voters' list next week beginning with "10 to 15 states", including those going to polls next year, officials said Saturday.

Assam, Tamil Puducherry, Kerala and West Bengal will to polls in 2026and they are amongst the states where the voters' list cleanup exercise will begin

The poll authority is likely to announce the first phase of SIR middle of next week, in which as many as "10 to 15 states" would be included, officials said.

The EC 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, they said

The SIR in such states will be held in later phases.

The voters' list cleanup exercise has concluded in Bihar where the final list with nearly 7.42 crore names was published on September

Biahr will go to polls in two

phases, on November 6 and November 11, and the counting will take place on November 14.

The Commission has already held two conferences with state chief electoral officers (CEOs) to firm up the SIR rollout roadmap.

Several CEOs have already put the voter lists published after their last SIR on their

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

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister

Omar Abdullah on Saturday

inaugurated Bagh-e-Gul-e-

Dawood (Chrysanthemum

Theme Garden) at the pic-

turesque Botanical Garden

in Srinagar, marking a new

milestone in the Valley's

tourism and floriculture

Developed at a cost of Rs

crore,

Garden spans over 100 kanals and is envisioned as a

major autumn attraction in

Kashmir. With its vibrant

blooms in shades of yellow,

red, pink, and purple, the

garden promises to infuse

new color and charm into the

Valley's tourism calendar

during the autumn months.

The Chief Minister cut the

the

Theme

landscape

Chrysanthemum

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# Jammu Rly Station

ble was grievously injured after his service rifle went off accidentally in the

Selection to an accidental discharge of his rifle around 8.30 am, he said.

The injured was immedishifted College (GMC) hospital by his colleagues, he added.

declared the garden open to

the public, describing it as "a

floral celebration that adds a

new chapter to Kashmir's

Speaking on the occasion,

the efforts of the

the Chief Minister commend-

Department of Floriculture,

Parks and Gardens for its

tourism story."

## Cong leaders from Tarn Taran join BJP in presence of Tarun Chugh

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI/CHANDIGARH: In a major political shift, senior Congress leaders Ranjit Singh Dhillon (Rana Gandiwind), Chairman Block Samiti & Coordinator PPCC, and Advocate Jagmeet Dhillon Gandiwind, Spokesperson Punjab Congress and President Block Congress Committee Gandiwind, Halka Tarn Taran, on Saturday joined the Bharatiya Janata Party. The joining took place in

the presence of BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh.

Welcoming the leaders into

role in establishing the theme

He noted that the initiative

would "address the off-sea-

son gap in tourism and

Dawood in November last

ence for visitors.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at Bagh-e-Gul-e-Dawood at

picturesque Botanical Garden in Srinagar.



Senior Congress leaders Ranjit Singh Dhillon & Advocate Jagmeet Dhillon Gandiwind being welcomed in partyfold by BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh.

the party fold, Tarun Chugh

reflects the growing trust

## Veteran actor Satish Shah passes away

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** MUMBAI: Bollywood actor

Satish Shah, whose very presence in films such as "Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron" and "Main Hoon Na" and sitcom

"Sarabhai vs Sarabhai' elicited smiles and many a laugh, died on Saturday. He was 74.

amiable Shah passed away at residence

in Bandra East in the afternoon, Ramesh Kadatala, his trusted aide and personal assistant for over 30 years,

"He died due to kidney failure. His health suddenly deteriorated at his home and he was taken to Hinduja hospital, where he passed away... It is a huge loss for our

industry. He was a jovial person," close friend and industry colleague Ashoke Pandit told PTI. In a statement, P D

Hinduja Hospital & Medical



Research Centre said it received an emergency call regarding Shah's health earlier in the day.

"An ambulance with a medical team was immediately sent to his residence. where he was found to be unresponsive. CPR was started in the

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## accidental firing near JAMMU: A police consta-

Jammu railway station area on Saturday, an official said. Constable Showkat Ahmad was on duty at the station when he received a bullet injury in his abdomen due

ately Medical Government

## CM inaugurates Bagh-e-Gul-e-Dawood-Kashmir's first Chrysanthemum Theme Garden

Garden. "Just as the Tulip Garden transformed the spring tourist season, the Chrysanthemum Garden will redefine autumn tourism in Kashmir," he remarked.

year, drawing parallels with

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated an exhibition featuring a wide range of ornamental, lavender, and other floral varieties cultivated by local growers with departmental support. He interacted with the floriculturists and appreciated the dedication and craftsmanship of the gardeners and field staff whose efforts

enhance the autumn experibrought the blooms to life. Omar Abdullah recalled The event was attended by that he had laid the founda-MLA Zadibal Tanveer Sadiq, tion stone of Bagh-e-Gul-e-Additional Chief

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#### Woman among 6 drug peddlers held in Doda, Reasi districts STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Six drug peddlers, including a woman, were arrested along with narcotic substance in two separate incidents in Doda and Reasi districts, police said on Saturday.

Five drug peddlers were arrested at a checkpoint near Thanala Bhaderwah after 282 grams of charas was seized from their car late Friday, Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Sandeep Mehta said. He said the vehicle was

coming from Himachal Pradesh when it was intercepted by police.

In another operation, police said a woman drug peddler was arrested along with 6.360 grams of heroin and Rs 7,900 in cash

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