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Asked about the PDP supporting the NC in the Rajya Sabha polls in lieu of support to the bill, the chief minister said he is not ready to "sell" Jammu and Kashmir for a seat in the Upper House of Parliament.

"What does that mean, should I sell Jammu and Kashmir? I am not ready to sell Jammu and Kashmir's land for a Rajya Sabha seat. I have said, bring a bill that benefits the people of Jammu and Kashmir: If you get a bill to help the land mafia, then, at least, it will not be passed through our hands," he added.

The PDP had supported the NC in the recent Rajya Sabha polls on the condition of the government supporting the private member's bills submitted by the opposition party on granting land rights and regularisation of daily wagers.

Earlier, the Assembly rejected the private member's bill seeking to recognise the proprietary rights of houses constructed on government land illegally, with the chief minister saying such a legislation would open the floodgates for land grab.

"A bill to provide special provisions for residents of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for recognising the proprietary rights of houses constructed on State land, Kacharia land, Common land and Shamilait land (section 4 of Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976), by securing the rights of ownership or transfer in favour of the residents of such residential house owners, who are in possession of such land, in the interest of right to shelter as guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution of India and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto," the bill said.

However, the government opposed the bill and requested Para to withdraw it.

"On the surface, it looks easy. If someone has constructed a house on government land, give the land to him. Last time also, the government made a scheme to convert leasehold into freehold which was known as (the) Roshni (scheme). The aim was to grant freehold to those who had leasehold before militancy. The revenue generated would have been used for power generation," Abdullah said.

He said the then PDP-Congress coalition government removed the pre-militancy clause.

"There was a controversy and there was talk of land jihad and what not. It went to court and we could not defend it there. This proposal of the MLA is beyond the Roshni scheme. The bill does not put a cut-off timeline. We cannot do this. There is a provision of granting land to the landless people under the PMAY. So I request the member to withdraw the bill," the chief minister said.

However, Para questioned that while state land is being allotted, if "you are willing to give land to landless and house to houseless under the PMAY, will you render homeless those who are already living on the state land"?

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Responding to these remarks, the chief minister said the PDP never owned the NC's legacy "but today, he is remembering it".

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India. She has headed major government panels in the past, including the Delimitation Commission for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, and the expert committee on drafting of Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code (UCC). This will be her fourth major assignment after retiring as a Supreme Court judge.

On the date of implementation of the pay panel award, Vaishnav said, "The specific date will be decided once the interim report comes in... But mostly it should be January 1, 2026."

Usually, recommendations of the pay commissions are implemented after a gap of every 10 years. Going by this trend, the effect of the 8th Central Pay Commission recommendations would normally be expected from January 1, 2026, the government said in a statement.

The 7th Pay Commission was constituted in February 2014. Its recommendations were implemented from January 1, 2016.

To compensate central government employees for erosion in the real value of their salaries on account of inflation, dearness allowance (DA) is paid to them, and the rate of DA is revised periodically every six months on the basis of the rate of inflation.

J&K recorded over...

Shopian district in south Kashmir reported the lowest number of dog bite cases - 1,357 -- in the past three years, the government said.

A comprehensive drive for the sterilisation and immunisation of stray dogs has been launched, it said.

From June 2023 to September 2025, 48,998 stray dogs were sterilised and vaccinated, Abdullah said. The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) tops the list with 27,237 sterilisations and vaccinations, followed by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) at 13,730.

The municipal committees in the other districts of Jammu region carried out 7,870 sterilisations and vaccinations, the government said.

The chief minister said while Srinagar has two Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres and is establishing a third, the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, is in the process of setting up such centres in the remaining nine districts of the Kashmir Division, for which identification of land has been taken up with the deputy commissioners. In the first phase, land/building has already been identified for three clusters at Baramulla, Kulgam and Sumbal for establishing these centres, the government said.

LA rejects bill...

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Threatening witnesses to...

under section 195A is a cognisable offence and pertains to inducing a person to give false evidence by intimidating him with the threat of injury either to his person or reputation or property or to the person or reputation of anyone in whom that person is interested," the court said.

The bench said the threat to a witness may be given long before he comes to the court, though the giving of false evidence under such a threat is in connection with a proceeding before that court.

"That is, perhaps, the reason why this offence was made cognisable so that the threatened witness or other person may take immediate steps by either giving oral information of the commission of this cognisable offence to the concerned police officer under section 154, CrPC, or by making a complaint to a jurisdictional magistrate under section 195A, CrPC, so as to set the process of criminal law in motion," the bench said.

Govt committed to...

Police, and the civil administration. There must be something truly special about this institution that so many of its alumni hold such prestigious positions," the Chief Minister said.

Highlighting the government's commitment to promoting quality education, Omar Abdullah, who is also the Chairman of the Governing Body of Sainik School

Manasbal, said that in an era of growing competition - whether in colleges, civil services, or other examinations - it was imperative to provide the best possible facilities and infrastructure to students.

"We are committed to ensuring that schools like Sainik School Manasbal are equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure so that students can compete at the highest levels. We want to introduce new initiatives that will benefit the school and its students," he said.

The Chief Minister announced that the school's sports ground will be modernized with the installation of synthetic turf for football and athletic activities, adding that the government will continue to support the institution in all possible ways.

Praising the school's academic environment, Omar Abdullah said that Sainik School Manasbal embodies the spirit of discipline, dedication, and holistic education. "Here, teachers inspire students, and education extends beyond classrooms to shape responsible, confident citizens. This institution stands as a beacon of excellence and integrity," he said.

Calling upon students to prepare themselves for greater responsibilities, the Chief Minister said, "Let Sainik School Manasbal continue to be a symbol of excellence, discipline, and integrity - a place where the future of Jammu and Kashmir is shaped with courage and conviction."

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Education Sakina Itoo said that education has the power to change the world and transform societies. Remembering Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah, the founder of Sainik School Manasbal, she said, "If we do not pay our tributes to him today, we do a great disservice to this nation. Institutions like Sainik School Manasbal must continue to provide quality education to children from all backgrounds, especially those from underprivileged sections."

Earlier, the Chief Minister took the salute at the March Past presented by the school cadets and witnessed an impressive cultural programme by the students. He also inaugurated an Art and Science Exhibition showcasing the creativity and innovation of young learners.

The event was attended by MLA Uri Dr. Sajjad Shafi, Secretary School Education Ram Niwas, Director General School Education Kashmir Dr. G. N. Itoo, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Jatin Kishore, SSP Ganderbal Khalil Poswal, Principal Sainik School Manasbal Manzoor Ahmed Najar, besides other officers, students, staff members and parents of the students.

Over one lakh...

lasting 25 to 40 days, between November and January, during which they will inform people about and discuss 'panch parivartan', civic duty, family life and social issues, said Ambekar.

Special programmes will be organised for the youth to encourage them to work for the country, Ambekar said, adding, "A large number of youth are joining the RSS ideology. We believe that discipline guides youth on the right path."

RSS chief Bhagwat will participate conferences of intellectuals in Kolkata, Mumbai and Bengaluru, he said.

The Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal will discuss the current situation in the country, provide guidance to the organisation and make necessary decisions, Ambekar said.

Asked whether Kashi-Mathura temple issues will be discussed, he said all social issues and current circumstances will be discussed.

The 350th martyrdom day of Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur and birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda would be celebrated in November, the RSS leader noted, adding that both sacrificed their lives for the country and stood against foreign aggression.

"Statements will be made in their honour at the meeting, and programs will be organised across the country," he said.

LA witnesses uproar...

not referred to the recruitment agencies.

She said, "1500 posts were frozen by them. The education department was on the verge of being defunct. I am thankful to chief minister (Omar Abdullah) for defreezing 50 per cent posts".

"They should tell us where they have brought the education department," Itoo said, pointing to the BJP. The House then returned to normal business.

Judicial commission probing...

relating to matters as specified in the notification," Mohan Singh Parihar, retired district and sessions judge and judicial secretary to the inquiry commission said in his public notice.

He said every statement furnished to the inquiry commission should be accompanied by an affidavit in support of the facts set out in the statement and sworn by the person furnishing the statement.

"Every person furnishing a statement shall also furnish to the inquiry commission along with the statement a list of the documents, if any, on which he/she proposes to rely and forward to the inquiry commission, wherever practicable, the originals or the true copies of such documents as may be in his/her possession or control and shall state the name and address of the person from whom the remaining documents may be obtained," Parihar said.

He said the statements should reach the office of the inquiry commission, ADR Centre New Court Complex Melongthang, Leh within a period of four weeks on or before November 28.

On Monday, Justice Chauhan said the commission will examine the collected material from December 10 onwards and is open to meet anyone coming forward.

All citizens and parties concerned are requested to extend their cooperation to ensure a transparent and comprehensive inquiry, the commission said.

Integrity Pledge Ceremony held at ZPHQ Jammu

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JAMMU: The Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ) Jammu observed the commencement of Vigilance Awareness Week-2025 with the organization of an Integrity Pledge Ceremony, reaffirming the Jammu and Kashmir Police's steadfast commitment to integrity, transparency, and accountability in public service. During the ceremony, all officers and officials of ZPHQ Jammu took a solemn pledge to uphold ethical values in both professional and personal conduct. They resolved to perform their duties with honesty, impartiality, and fairness while rejecting and reporting any form of corruption to foster a transparent and corruption-free work culture. Bhim Sen Tuti, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, administered the Integrity Pledge to all participants. The IGP emphasized that vigilance is not confined to a week-long observance but is a continuous process requiring personal integrity and institutional transparency. He urged all officers and officials to remain alert against corruption, exercise fairness in decision-making, and contribute towards building a corruption-free system. The Vigilance Awareness Week, observed annually under the aegis of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), seeks to sensitize citizens and public servants alike about the adverse impact of corruption and to inspire proactive participation in eradicating it.



CM unveils Kashmir Marathon merchandise

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today unveiled the official merchandise of Kashmir Marathon-2025 at the Royal Springs Golf Course. The merchandise - cap, medal, and racing kit specially designed for the participants of the event was displayed at a brief function with media and officers of tourism department present. On the occasion, the Chief Minister extended an open invitation to all fitness enthusiasts to test their endurance and participate in the 2nd edition of the Kashmir Marathon-2025, scheduled to be held on November 2.

Speaking after the launch, the Chief Minister said that an encouraging number of registrations have already been received for the event, including a significant increase in foreign athlete participation, particularly for the full marathon category. Highlighting Kashmir's unique appeal for hosting such sporting events, the Chief Minister said, "Kashmir is the only place in the country that offers such scenic beauty and ideal weather conditions for a marathon." He added that runners will traverse some of the most iconic landmarks of Srinagar including Jhelum riverfront, Lal Chowk, Dalgate, and the scenic Dal Lake shore in the half marathon category, while full marathon participants will run further towards Hazratbal and Kashmir University. The Chief Minister noted that runners will compete in temperatures ranging between 6-8°C, a rare advantage compared to other marathon destinations across the country in warm weather. He expressed confidence that the Kashmir Marathon is fast evolving into a premier sporting event and will soon stand alongside renowned marathons like the Delhi Marathon, which has been held for over two decades. Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Additional Chief Secretary Tourism Ashish Chandra Verma, Director Tourism Kashmir Raja Yaqoob Farooq, MD JKTDC Shreya Singhal, Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course, Haris Ahmed Handoo, Joint Director Tourism Waseem Raja, Additional Secretary Tourism Owais Mushtaq and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

SSP Doda administers integrity pledge to police officers/officials

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DODA: Continuing its campaign against corruption and to mark the observance of "Vigilance Awareness Week", Doda Police today organized a series of awareness programmes across all its units in the district.

The main function was held at District Police Lines (DPL) Doda, where SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, JKPS, administered the integrity pledge to all officers and officials. The event witnessed participation from senior officers, including Addl. SP Headquarters Doda Mohd Aslam, ASP Operations Doda Davinder Bandral, DySP DAR Doda Adil Rishu, SHO PS Doda Shri Parvaiz Khanday, and other officers and officials posted at the District Headquarters.

During the programme, a general awareness session was conducted highlighting the prevailing corruption in society, its root causes, and its devastating impact on social and economic development.

On this occasion, SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta delivered an inspiring lecture emphasizing the harmful effects of corruption and the importance of transparency, accountability, and integrity at both the individual and community levels. He explained how the menace of corruption is eating into the very vitals of society and holding the nation back in terms of human development and progress.

The event concluded with a firm collective resolve to fight against corruption and to eradicate this social evil from society. All participants pledged to uphold the values of integrity, honesty, transparency, and self-accountability in their professional and personal conduct, reaffirming their commitment to making the nation corruption-free and truly great.



Pipping ceremony for newly promoted officials held at District Police Headquarters Jammu

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JAMMU: Pipping ceremony of Constables who were promoted to the rank of Selection Grade Constables on the eve of Diwali was held during an impressive ceremonial function at District Police Headquarters, Jammu.

The promoted officials were decorated with their new ranks by Joginder Singh, SSP Jammu, Farha Nishat-JKPS, Dy. SP Hqrs., Jammu and Inspector M.K Choudhary, PA to SSP Jammu on the occasion. The promoted officials were Sgt. Suraj Kumar, Sgt. Sarveen Singh, Sgt. Arjun Singh Saini, Sgt. Rajan Sharma and Sgt. Sumet Kotwal.

On the occasion, SSP Jammu congratulated the promoted officials. He said that each elevation comes with more responsibility and challenges to the working assignments and hoped that the officials would continue to work with zeal and zest in the future as well. He wished them good luck for the future.

SSP Udhampur pins ranks to newly promoted cops

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UDHAMPUR: SSP Udhampur Amod Nagpure- IPS along with Addl. SP Udhampur Sandeep Bhat pinned new ranks on 05 newly promoted Head Constables and 07 Selection Grade Constables (SgCt) of J&K Police Udhampur during a pipping ceremony held at District Police Headquarters, Udhampur.

The officials promoted from the rank of Constable to Selection Grade Constable include 07 personnel, while 05 officials were promoted from the rank of Selection Grade Constable to the rank of Head Constable.

The pipping ceremony was attended by senior officers and officials of District Police Udhampur. SSP Udhampur congratulated the promoted officials and their families and expressed hope that they will continue to perform their duties with the same zeal, dedication, and professionalism in the future as well.

Pipping ceremony held at DPO Ramban

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RAMBAN: A pipping ceremony was held today at the District Police Office Ramban to honor and officially induct newly promoted ASI,HCs and SgCts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police. The ceremony marked a significant milestone in the professional journeys of the officers.

Senior Superintendent of Police Ramban, Arun Gupta presided over the event and personally decorated the promotees with their new ranks.

Addl.SP R a m b a n , D y S P Headquarters Ramban and other officers were also present in the ceremony, who congratulated and extended best wishes to the newly promoted officers. In his address, SSP Ramban highlighted the enhanced responsibility and accountability that comes with promotion. He urged the officers and Jawans to serve with utmost dedication, uphold professionalism, and adopt a public-centric approach in all their duties.



Doda police organises volleyball tournament under CAP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: On the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Shri Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), Doda Police today organised a Volleyball Tournament under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) at Bulandpur in the jurisdiction of Police Station Assar. A total of seven teams participated in the tournament and exhibited exemplary sportsmanship and team spirit.

The final match was played between the Bulandpur Team and the Baari Team, in which the Bulandpur Team emerged victorious after an exciting contest. The tournament not only provided a vibrant platform for local athletes to showcase their skills but also aimed to strengthen community bonds and enhance cooperation between the police and Public. Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), highlighted the significance of youth engagement through sports, stating that such initiatives play a crucial role in developing a sense of responsibility and teamwork among young individuals. Each team displayed remarkable talent and competitiveness throughout the event, which drew a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators cheering for their local heroes. The Bulandpur Team's victory was celebrated with loud cheers, and both teams were commended for their sportsmanship and fair play.

