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not the pursuit of marks, certificates or accolades, but the responsibility of building the nation's future," the Lieutenant Governor said

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the young generation to chart their own path and make conscious choices to achieve new goals.

"In an unpredictable world, innovation can't be achieved by following the beaten track. Young generation should be more entrepreneurial, adventurous, creative and follow the outside-of-the- box approach," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his addresses, also called for collective efforts to transform school campuses as hubs of curiosity and innovation. He said education should be a medium for independent research and ideas, with classrooms must serve as launchpads for dreams and aspirations.

Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Shri Loh Mun Sung, Founder, ALOHA International; Kiran Motwani, Director, ALOHA International; Mubashir Aslam Wafai, Director ALOHA J&K; senior officials from Police and Civil Administration, heads of educational institutions, teachers and students attended the felicitation ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS...

We will ensure that youth have right environment to become most talented scholars, scientists, innovators

Arithmetic operations are not merely numerical calculations. They are foundations to skills like problem solving, critical thinking and reasoning. It has far- reaching implications and drive young mind towards innovation, science, and technology.

Indian Navy to...

Built by Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Androth has over 80 per cent indige-nous content, reflecting India's growing maritime self-reliance and commitment to innovative home-grown technologies.

The ship's induction is expected to significantly bolster the Navy's ASW capabilities, particularly in countering threats in littoral waters, the release added.

Together with recent inductions -- Arnala, Nistar, Udaygiri, Nilgiri, and now Androth-- the Navy continues to strengthen its operational spectrum while embodying the spirit of Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) through indigenous design and construction, it added.

CB books 16...

of Mendhar, who alleged that false and forged affidavits were prepared and used in connection with an SRO-43 employment case. The accused in this case include Usman Afzal, son of Late Mohammad Afzal of Gohlad Mendhar, a woman from Mendhar, and Advocate Mohammad Wasim, practising at Court Mendhar.

Confirming the development, Senior Superintendent of Police (Crime) Jammu, Benam Tosh, said, "Five cases - FIR Nos. 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63 of 2025 - have been registered at Police Station Crime Branch EOW Jammu against multiple accused involved in job scams, visa frauds, and misuse of government funds. Detailed investigations are underway to identify more persons involved and to ensure that all those responsible are brought to justice."

He further added that the Crime Branch remains committed to cracking down on white-collar crimes and urged citizens to remain cautious of fraudsters offering fake jobs, visas, or financial benefits through deceitful means.

OGW nabbed for...

terrorists involved in the Pahalgam massacre, in the foothills of the Zabarwan Range on the outskirts of Srinagar.

Police zeroed in on Katari after examining a partially destroyed Android mobile phone charger, one of the several items recovered during the operation.

The Srinagar police at length tracked down the original owner of the charger, who confirmed selling the phone to a dealer, a piece of information that, by and by, led police to Katari.

Officials said that Katari, who reportedly taught nomadic students in the higher reaches, had been a key resource for the terror group. His assistance is believed to have included providing the charger and guiding the attackers through the difficult terrain. The terrorists Sulieman alias Asif (mastermind of the Pahalgam attack), Jibran (linked to the October 2024 Sonamarg Tunnel attack), and Hamza Afghani were killed on July 29 in an encounter under Operation Mahadev.

While officials declined to give further details, citing the ongoing investigation, the arrest is seen as a significant step in dismantling the terror support network functioning in the Kashmir valley.

They indicated that the case may ultimately be transferred to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is already probing the larger conspiracy of the Pahalgam attack.

The NIA has so far arrested two people in connection with the April 22 terror attack for allegedly providing logistical support and shelter to terrorists.

Trade deal with...

Enclave. "In addition, there is a second tariff which we have publicly said we regard as very unfair, which has picked on us for sourcing energy from Russia when there are other countries that have done so, including countries that right now have a far more antagonistic relationship with Russia than we do," he said.

The relations between New Delhi and Washington have been reeling under severe stress after Trump doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a whopping 50 per cent including a 25 per cent additional duties for India's purchase of Russian crude oil. India described the US action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable".

"Whatever happens at the end of the day, there has got to be a trade understanding with the US...because it is the world's largest market but also because much of the world has reached those understandings," Jaishankar said.

"But it has to be an understanding where our bottom lines, our red lines are respected. In any agreement, there are things you can negotiate and there are things you can't," he said.

Jaishankar said India is pretty clear about its approach. "I think we are pretty clear about that. We have to find that landing ground and that's been the conversation which has been going on since March," he said.

India and the US have recently resumed negotiations for the proposed trade deal after a brief hiatus of a few weeks.

The external affairs minister also suggested that the strain in the relations has not been impacting every dimension of the engagement.

"There are problems, there are issues, nobody is in denial of it. Those issues need to be negotiated and discussed and resolved, which is exactly what we are trying to do," he said.

At the same time, he added: "I would really hesitate to read very much more into it than the issues themselves. I think I also want to say a large part of the relationship is actually continuing either as business as usual or in fact in some

cases even doing more than it was doing before."

Farooq Abdullah discharged...

had developed abdominal infection and needed to be hospitalised. The former chief minister underwent a kidney trans-plant in December 2014.

Women's World Cup...

Pakistan, who elected to bowl first.

Pacer Kranti Gaud (3/20) dismantled Pakistan's top order while the spinners cleaned up the middle-order and tail, bundling them out for 159, despite a valiant effort from Sidra Amin (81 off 106 balls).

With this win, India extended their perfect head to head record to 12-0 in ODIs.

The match moved on familiar lines and the expected hos-tilities were conspicuous by its absence, but the day was not entirely bereft of drama.

India continued their "no-handshake" policy at the toss or after the match, sticking to the precedent set during the men's Asia Cup in the UAE.

The gaffe during the toss added to the list of amusements which later swelled through a bizarre run out and the 15-minute delay due to bugs invading the field.

Cutting back to cricketing matters, Pakistan's chase of 248 began in chaos when opener Muneeba Ali (2) was sensation-ally run out.

Facing Gaud, she survived an initial leg-before appeal which was ruled not out, but as she momentarily wandered out of the crease with the ball still in play.

An alert Deepti Sharma swooped in with a direct hit to break the stumps with Muneeba's bat still in the air; much to the disappointment of skipper Fatima Sana who argued with the umpire.

Gaud then struck twice in quick succession, first dismiss-ing Sadaf Shamas (6), caught off her own bowling, and then removing Aliya Riaz (2), leaving Pakistan reeling at 26/3.

As the Indian bowlers tightened their grip, Sidra and Natalia Pervaiz (33) offered resistance with a 69-run stand, briefly steadying the innings before the inevitable collapse followed.

Earlier, Indian batters struggled to get going on a slow track but Deol's knock provided some stability in the middle overs, during Richa's cameo, pushing India near the 250-run mark.

Opener Pratika Rawal (31) gave India a brisk start, smashing Diana Baig for three consecutive fours, but star batter Smriti Mandhana (23) once again fell inside the power play, putting the top-order under early pressure.

After surviving an unsuccessful leg-before appeal off Baig, Mandhana was trapped in front of the wicket by Pakistan skipper Fatima.

The disciplined Pakistan bowlers kept the batters on a leash with tight lines and clever variations in pace, denying them any rhythm and chipping away at regular intervals.

Pacers Baig (4/69) and Sana (2/38) did the maximum damage, sharing six wickets between them.

Rawal was next to go, her attempted cut shot brushing the top of the off stump.

Deol showed composure, stitching together a 39-run stand with Harmanpreet (19) and then added 45 with Jenimah Rodrigues (32).

However, Harmanpreet fell to an inside edge just when she looked set, while Deol, after doing the hard work by playing herself in, squandered the chance to push on in an attempt to hit a boundary.

Jenimah, who had an early reprieve on two after being caught off a no-ball, was the next to depart for 32 as Pakistan maintained relentless pressure.

Thereafter, the experienced pair of Deepti) and Sneh Rana (20) steadied the innings with a 42-run partnership.

But just as India looked poised for a late flourish, Sana and Baig returned in the death overs to dismiss both.

Just when Pakistan seemed to have choked India's momen-tum with five late wickets, Richa unleashed a blistering lit-tle innings, hitting three fours and two sixes, including an audacious sweep to push India to an adequate total.

Made-in-India...

resolve to strengthen indigenous research and innovation, close gaps in early detection and treatment, and ultimately help the country to move closer to eliminating tuberculosis as a public health challenge," Dr Nivedita Gupta, Head, Communicable Diseases Division, ICMR, said.

These new tools follow upgrades in existing tools, Truenat and PathoDetect, that help decentralise high-precision Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT).

This expansion can reduce delays in TB diagnosis and ensure effective treatment of both drug-sensitive TB patients and those resistant to anti-TB drugs, she added.

The validation of these innovations - encompassing lab sys-tems, decentralised testing, and non-sputum-based point-of-care diagnostics - reflects the government's commitment towards nurturing a thriving domestic scientific ecosystem.

Should these technologies be deployed at scale, they hold the promise of being gamechangers - making TB testing faster, cheaper, and much more accessible to those who need it most.

India, Australia to...

of India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP)," the defence ministry said.

Singh is travelling to the country at the invitation of Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles.

"The visit will provide an important opportunity for both sides to explore new and meaningful initiatives to further strengthen the bilateral relationship and the defence part-nership," the ministry said in a statement.

A key highlight of Singh's visit will be the bilateral discus-sions with his Australian counterpart.

He will also chair a business roundtable in Sydney, which will be attended by industry leaders from both sides. Singh will also call on other national leaders of Australia.

The India-Australia defence engagements have expanded in the last few year, including in areas of capacity-building, training, ship visits and bilateral exercises.

India and Australia elevated their bilateral relationship from a strategic partnership to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) in 2020.

The two nations share a deep bond rooted in common val-ues - pluralistic, Westminster-style democracies, Commonwealth traditions, growing economic engagement and increasing high-level interactions, the ministry said.

Annual Congregation of Kanatlia Biradari on October 7

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JAMMU: The annual congregation of Kanathia Biradari is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at Village Garah, Satoora Chappar, Hiranagar. The pro-gram will commence with a Hawan ceremony at 10:00 AM, followed by Preeti Bhoj at 1:00 PM.

The Management Committee has extended a cordial invitation to all members of the Biradari to attend the congregation along with their families, pay obeisance, and seek the blessings of Bua Datti.

Pregnant bear rescued in 48-hour long operation in Chatroo

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADERWAI/JAMMU: A pregnant black bear, weighing over 300 kgs, was rescued from a fast flowing mountain stream in Chatroo area of Kishtwar district early Sunday, officials said.

The rescue operation by the officials of the wildlife protec-tion department lasted 48 hours and the bear was later released in its natural habitat, the officials said.

"The huge bear was spotted by the villagers trapped in the fast currents of Dangar Nullah on Friday and accordingly a rescue team was mobilized on getting the information," Range Officer Wildlife Protection Department, Shafer Iqbal told PTL.

Iqbal, who supervised the rescue operation, said the local unit of the Army and locals actively participated in the rescue operation.

"The trapped bear was huge and weighed over 300 kgs. The animal turned out to be pregnant, prompting the rescuers to complete the mission without using the tranquillisers to avoid any harm to it," he said.

In another rescue operation, the official said a bear along with two cubs were noticed at Halyan forest in Bhaderwah area of Doda district and were safely driven back into the forest.

The department called for greater awareness and coopera-tion from the public to ensure the safety of both humans and animals, emphasising the need for continued efforts to protect forests and wildlife corridors.

Helpline numbers issued amid inclement weather in Poonch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: In light of ongoing inclement weather conditions and their potential impact on public safety, the Poonch Police have issued dedicated 24x7 helpline numbers to assist the public. This step is aimed at ensuring swift emergency response and maintaining public safety during the adverse weather situation.

The helpline numbers are intended to Report weather-related emergencies; Notify authorities of road blockages or land-slides; Seek guidance or assistance in emergencies.

The Poonch Police have also advised the public to follow pre-cautionary measures, Avoid unnecessary travel, particularly in landslide-prone or remote areas; Stay updated with official weather forecasts and advisories; Maintain communication with family and neighbors, especially in isolated regions; Cooperate with traffic regulations and emergency teams.

SSP Poonch reiterated that public safety remains the top priority and requested citizens to remain calm, vigilant, and cooperative during this period.

24x7 Helpline Numbers: SSP Poonch: +91 9596580785; ASP Poonch: +91 9622492727; DySP HQRS Poonch: +91 9419606250; DySP OPS Poonch: +91 9419138714.

Sub-Divisional Police Officers: SDPO Surankote: +91 9596955000; SDPO Mendhar: +91 9622554383.

Other Key Officials: DySP DAR Poonch: +91 9419111876; SHO PS Poonch: +91 9419102900; SHO PS Mendhar: +91 7006647582; SHO PS Surankote: +91 7006619494; SHO PS Gursai: +91 9419111807; SHO PS Mandi: +91 7006313075; SHO PS Loran: +91 9596992910.

In-Charge Police Posts: IC PP Sawjian: +91 7006573002; IC PP Jhullas: +91 9906880714; IC PP Ajote: +91 7006840122; IC PP Behramgala: +91 7006457381; IC PP Mankote: +91 9622278378; IC PP Balakote: +91 9018058855.

Police Control Room (PCR) Poonch: Mobile: +91 9086253188 and Landline: 01965-220258.

The Poonch Police urge residents to use the helpline num-bers responsibly, remain prepared, and follow safety guide-lines to minimize risks during the ongoing weather distur-bances.

Udhampur police solves theft case, accused arrested, stolen electronic gadgets recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its efforts to curb theft-related crimes, Udhampur Police has successfully solved one more theft case reported from Government Middle School Khudan Neela (Zone Tikri).

An FIR No. 155/2025 U/S 305(a), 331(4) BNS was regis-tered at Police Station Rehambal on 04.10.2025 on the writ-en complaint of one Sham Lal Sharma (School Teacher) S/O Hem Raj R/O Manamu, Sunari regarding theft of electronic items from the school by unknown persons.

During the course of investigation, Police team of PS Rehambal arrested two accused persons namelySiat Mohd @ Sajad Mohd S/O Gulzar Mohd R/O Sunari, Hartaryan, Udhampur and Asquer Ali S/O Manzoor Ahmed R/O Chal Rakhwal, Udhampur:

On sustained questioning, both accused confessed their involvement in the theft and disclosed that they had stolen a laptop, speakers, and an extension board from the said school during the midnight of 28th September 2025.

On their disclosure, the stolen electronic items worth approx-imately ₹70,000 were recovered by the police team.

Missing person traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police have successfully traced a missing person and reunited him with his family, whose missing report had been lodged at Police Post Khellani Doda under the jurisdic-tion of Police Station Doda.

On 02.10.2025, a missing report regarding Manzoor Ahmed S/o Nika Bakerwal R/o Kumal Baggar was entered at Police Post Khellani of PS Doda.

Soon after registration of the missing report, search of the said missing person was started, on the directions of SSP Doda a special team was constituted from PS Doda led by IC PP Khellani, under the supervision of SHO PS Doda and DySP Headquarters Doda. The team utilized all possible means, including technical assistance, and after developing certain leads, successfully traced the missing person on 05.10.2025. After completion of all necessary legal formalities, the missing person was handed over to his family. Accordingly, the missing report has been closed at PP Khellani of PS Doda.

Doda Police remain committed to serving the public and ensuring the safety and well being of all citizens.

Drug peddler arrested, heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against the drug menace, Police party of PP Tikri during routine naka checking at Tikri apprehended one person who was moving on foot from Manthal side towards Udhampur. On seeing the naka party, the said person tried to turn back but was swiftly intercepted by the police party.

The accused was identified as Waseem Akram S/o Mohd. Saleem R/o Rahi Mohalla, Kawa, Tehsil & District Udhampur. During his personal search, 5.17 grams of heroin was recov-ered from his possession.

In this regard, Case FIR No. 157/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Rehambal and the investigation has been taken up.

Drug peddler evading arrest in NDPS case nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Under the Supervision of SSP Jammu and the direct guidance of SP City South, SDPO City East and SHO PS Bahu Fort, Jammu Police, South Zone achieved a break-through with the arrest of an absconding drug peddler who was involved in Case FIR No 273/25 U/s 8/21/22/27A/29 NDPS Act & 111 BNS in which 31 grams Heroin-like sub-stance, Cash ₹ 21,270 and one electronic weighing scale was recovered.

Acting on specific information police team from Police Post Narwal , led by IC Police Post Narwal and assisted by other officials, arrested absconding drug peddler of Rajiv Nagar (Boot Polish Mohalla).

The individual was identified as Bablu S/o Jony R/o Rajiv Nagar Narwal Distt Jammu.

Jammu Police reiterates its commitment to eradicating drug menace from the society and urges citizens to come forward with any information regarding drug-related activities.

Army man dies in tragic road accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SUNDERBANI: In a tragic road accident that occurred last evening, a young Army personnel lost his life after his bike collided with a truck in the Rasalyot area of Sunderbani.

The deceased has been identified as Romi Sharma, son of Ramesh Chander, a resident of Rasalyot. According to police sources, Romi was currently on leave from his posting in Rajouri and was heading home from Bhambla on his personal motorcycle. The accident took place around 9:30 PM, when his bike, reportedly without a registration number, col-lided head-on with a truck bearing registration number JK12C 5661, which was coming from the opposite direction.

Eyewitnesses say the impact was severe, and Romi Sharma died on the spot.

He was rushed to Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sunderbani, where doctors declared him brought dead. Following legal formalities, the body was handed over to the family.

This tragic incident occurred at the same location where a grandfather and grandson had died in a car accident just a few days ago, raising serious concerns about road safety in the Rasalyot area.

Police have taken cognizance of the matter and further investigation is underway.

Body of missing woman found in Chenab

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Body of a woman was fished out from Chenab river in Kishtwar district on Saturday, officials said.

Shareefa Begum, a mother of two children, had been missing from her Kwar-Nagsini village since September 18, the officials said.

They said her body was noticed in the water body at Bhaderkote and was subsequently recovered by State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel.

Police has started its investigations to ascertain the cause of her death, the officials said.

Meanwhile, authorities ordered closure of all govern-ment and private schools across Jammu on October 6 and 7 in view of the weather advisory issued by the Indian Meteorological Department, predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall in various parts of the division.

Director of School Education, Jammu Naseem Javaid Chowdhary said the decision to keep all the schools shut for two days was taken to ensure the safety and security of students and staff.

The pilgrimage to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district and Machil Mata shrine in Kishtwar district remained suspended on Sunday in view of the inclement weather prediction.

Both the pilgrimages will be resumed on October 8, offi-cials said.

School staff in Baramulla asked to 'refrain from criticising Govt policies' on social media

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Chief Education Officer (CEO) of Baramulla in Jammu and Kashmir directed teaching and non-teaching staff employed under the department to refrain from criticising government policies on social media, warning them of punitive action, including dismissal from service.

In a circular on Saturday, he directed all the employees of School Education Department of the district to strictly adhere to the guidelines and refrain from "indulging in unwarranted debates and discussions and avoid sharing commenting or post-ing inappropriate content on social media platforms".

Pulwama MLA and PDP leader Waheed Para slammed the order, saying it stops people from "raising their voices".

The Baramulla CEO said various instances of misuse of social media platforms by teaching and non-teaching staff were dis-cussed at a meeting chaired by the education department administrative secretary on Friday. He said such acts as inter-ference in the policy matters of the department. "The activities are purely violation of circular instructions issued by the gov-ernment" in 2023, the CEO said. The CEO said the adminis-trative secretary directed all chief education officers to bring to the notice of the administration any such violation without fail in order to fix responsibly. The circular on social media posts

allows for punishments for violations, including censure, fine not exceeding one month's pay, withholding increments and/or promotion, demotion, recovery from pay of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to government by negligence or breach of orders, premature retirement and removal from the services of the state. The circular, however, mentioned that the employees are not barred from using social media and they can use these platforms for "positive and constructive purposes".

PDP leader Waheed Para has hit out at the government for issuing the order, and said it should be revoked.

"In an already numb Jammu and Kashmir, this order by the J-K gov't's education dept warning teachers and govt staff against raising their voices, is deeply concerning. A govt that came to power on the promise of giving people a voice is now contributing to silencing the few remaining ones in Jammu and Kashmir," Para said in a post on X. He also posted a copy of the circular on his handle. He said the J-K government had earlier informed the Assembly that it is drafting a new media policy aimed at regulating digital plat-forms, including social media and news websites, "following the much-criticised 2020 New Media Policy formulated by the BJP". It was approved under by the administration of the Lt Governor; a central government nominee.