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and Nagrota seats.  
"We welcome the decision to hold bypolls as it is part of the democratic process," BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur said.  
Asked about the one-year delay in holding bypolls to these seats, Thakur said the Election Commission is an autonomous body and political parties cannot impose themselves on it.  
"Only the Election Commission knows why the polls were delayed. As political parties, we follow its decisions," he added.  
Asked if the party will contest both seats, Thakur said BJP leaders Sat Sharma and Ashok Koul have been called to Delhi. "BJP is always ready for elections. I think it will be clear in a day or two who will be our candidates," he said.  
PDP spokesman Mohit Bhan, while welcoming the decision, said the lack of representation in the Assembly had cost Budgam in terms of development.  
"Better late than never... It is the right of the people to have an elected representative who will speak for them on issues like development," he said.  
Bhan said the political affairs committee of the party will decide whether the party will contest both seats.  
"We have done well in the last elections in Budgam and we will be contesting from there. As for Nagrota seats, a decision will be taken in due course," he added.  
Budgam and Nagrota have been vacant since October 2024.  
Budgam fell vacant immediately after the 2024 assembly elections when Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chose to retain the Ganderbal constituency.  
The seat has been vacant since October 21, 2024.  
Nagrota, on the other hand, fell vacant on October 31, 2024, after the death of BJP MLA Devender Singh Rana.

## Budgam court sentences...

"After a thorough investigation by the police and subsequent trial, the court found the accused guilty and sentenced him to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 1,000 for the offence punishable under Section 4 of the POCSO Act," he said.

## CM throws open...

friendship. I am delighted to be here with you at the inauguration of the 69th National School Games. Unfortunately, the weather today does not permit me to deliver a long speech or keep you waiting in the rain. While the weather is beyond our control, it gives me immense pleasure-on behalf of myself, my colleagues, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir-to warmly welcome all of you to this prestigious tournament," the Chief Minister said.  
He assured participants of full support from the government and organisers, adding that every effort would be made to ensure their comfort and safety.  
"If any of you face any inconvenience-whether a shortage of warm clothing or any other requirement-please do not hesitate to approach us. We will do everything possible to make your stay and participation comfortable," he said.  
Expressing optimism about improving weather conditions, the Chief Minister encouraged the young athletes to enjoy the experience of competition and camaraderie.  
"As the saying goes, winning is not as important as taking part. I sincerely appreciate your spirit and enthusiasm in coming here to participate," he said, wishing the players memorable moments and success in the tournament.  
The march past by 30 participating teams drew appreciation from the Chief Minister and applause from a large gathering of school children and spectators at the venue. Players, coaches and team officials also took the oath of sportsmanship, pledging to uphold the values of fair play, discipline and teamwork.

## Two accused arrested...

2020 under various sections of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.  
An arrest warrant under Section 299 CrPC was issued by the Additional Sessions Court Udhampur in order to bring the absconder to justice, the spokesman said.  
Acting on the warrant, he said, a police team arrested the absconder and produced him before the court and the accused was subsequently lodged in district Jail Udhampur.  
A police party from post Khawas apprehended absconder Layaqat Ali, a resident of Gundha village from the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, and was accordingly brought to Rajouri, the spokesman said.  
He said Ali was on the run after a case under various sections of law, including rioting and voluntarily causing hurt was registered against him at police station Budhal in Rajouri in 2015.  
The accused has been produced before the court at Budhal for further legal proceedings, the spokesman said.  
Javed Iqbal, a resident of Panjgrain-Thanamandi, was arrested during patrolling at Bella bus stand in Rajouri along with six grams of heroin, he said, adding a case under NDPS was registered and further investigation is on.

## Lawyer tries to...

affect me," the CJI, who was sitting on the bench with Justice K Vinod Chandran, told lawyers and continued hearing the mentioning of cases.  
According to lawyers, the incident occurred when the CJI-led bench was hearing the mentioning of cases by lawyers.  
Kishore approached the dais on a raised platform, removed his shoe and tried to throw it towards the judges.  
Alert security personnel present inside the courtroom immediately intervened and foiled an apparent attack.  
The lawyer was swiftly escorted out of the court premises. As he was being taken away, the lawyer was heard shouting, "Sanatan ka apman nahi sahenge" (will not tolerate insults to Sanatan Dharma).  
Bar bodies SCBA and SCAORA and lawyers including Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and political parties strongly condemned the incident as "an attack on the Constitution and the institution as a whole".  
Kishore, a resident of Mayur Vihar here, was questioned for three hours by Delhi police officials inside the apex court premises and was later allowed to go at 2 PM as no formal complaint was lodged. Police also returned his shoes to him.  
Police sources said a note, containing the slogan 'Sanatan dharma ka apmaan nahi sahega Hindustan' (India will not tolerate insults to Sanatan Dharma), was recovered by the police from his possession.  
"We also found that he was carrying a card of the Supreme Court Bar Association, and the Shahdara Bar Association. While questioning Kishore, the team asked him about his motive for his act. The advocate has claimed that he was unhappy with the CJI's remarks during a recent hearing of a plea seeking the restoration of a Lord Vishnu idol in the Khajuraho Temple complex in Madhya Pradesh," the sources said.  
Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, in a statement, said it is not just an attack on the CJI but on our Constitution and no words are enough to condemn such an act.  
"No words are adequate to condemn the attack on the Honourable Chief Justice of India in the Supreme Court itself. It is an assault not just on him but on our Constitution as well. Chief Justice Gavai has been very gracious but the nation must stand in solidarity with him unitedly with a deep sense of anguish and outrage," she said.  
"An attempt to attack the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India in the Supreme Court today is unprecedented, shameful and abhorrent. It is an attack on the dignity of our Judiciary and the rule of law," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X.  
Solicitor General Tushar Mehta described the act as "unfortunate and condemnable", calling it a result of misinformation and an attempt at cheap publicity.  
"Today's incident in the chief justice's court is unfortunate and deserves condemnation. This is the result of misinformation in social media. It is really heartening that the chief justice of India reacted with magnanimity.... I only hope that this magnanimity is not treated by others as the weakness of the institution," the top law officer said.  
Senior advocate Indira Jaising termed the episode "an attack on the institution as a whole".  
The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) expressed its "profound shock, outrage, and unequivocal condemnation" over what it termed a "reprehensible act" committed by an advocate inside CJI's courtroom.  
In a strongly worded resolution passed unanimously, the SCBA described the advocate's conduct as "utterly unbecoming of an officer of the Court" and said it "strikes at the very foundation of mutual respect that underpins the relation-

ship between the Bench and the Bar."  
The Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association(SCAORA) called the incident as a "disrespectful and intemperate gesture" by an advocate.  
The Bar Council of India(BCI) swung into action and swiftly ordered immediate suspension of Rakesh Kishore.  
Issuing the interim suspension order, BCI chairperson and senior advocate Manan Kumar Mishra said the advocate's act was "prima facie inconsistent with the dignity of the court" and in clear violation of the professional conduct rules prescribed under the Advocates Act, 1961 and Bar Council of India Rules.  
"On the basis of prima facie material, it appears that at about 11.35 am on 6 October 2025, in Court No. 1 of the Supreme Court of India, you i.e. Advocate Rakesh Kishore, enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi vide enrolment nos..., removed your sports shoes and attempted to hurl them towards the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India during ongoing proceedings, whereupon you were detained by security," the BCI said.  
According to sources, the incident could be linked to the lawyer's unhappiness over the CJI's remarks during a hearing last month concerning the restoration of a Vishnu idol in Khajuraho.  
A bench headed by the CJI had dismissed the plea seeking directions to reconstruct and reinstall a seven-foot idol of Lord Vishnu at the Javari temple, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Khajuraho temple complex in Madhya Pradesh.  
Terming the plea a "publicity interest litigation", the CJI had said, "This is purely publicity interest litigation.... Go and ask the deity himself to do something. If you are saying that you are a strong devotee of Lord Vishnu, then you pray and do some meditation."  
Taking note of the online criticism of his comments, the CJI later said he respects "all religions".

## Gold price soars...

10 grams on December 31, 2024.  
Silver prices also witnessed robust gains. The white metal bounced by Rs 7,400 to hit a new peak of Rs 1,57,400 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes). It had ended at Rs 1,50,000 per kg on Friday, as per the association.  
Silver prices have soared by Rs 67,700 or 75.47 per cent in the current calendar year, rallying from Rs 89,700 per kg on December 31, 2024.  
In the international markets, spot gold rose nearly 2 per cent to touch an all-time high of USD 3,949.58 per ounce, while silver went up over 1 per cent to hit a high of USD 48.75 per ounce.  
"Spot gold extended gains and surged above USD 3,940 per ounce for the first time ever as the US government shutdown enters its sixth day, following the Senate's failure to pass funding bills on Friday," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research at Kotak Securities, said.  
Meanwhile, gold and silver futures also hit their fresh peaks in the domestic futures market on Monday.  
The yellow metal futures for December delivery jumped by Rs 1,962 or 1.66 per cent to hit a record high of Rs 1,20,075 per 10 grams on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX).  
The February 2026 contract for gold futures appreciated by Rs 2,047 or 1.71 per cent to touch a fresh peak of Rs 1,21,380 per 10 grams.

## Showers drench north...

Ambala, Rohtak, and Kurukshetra were lashed by rain.  
The local meteorological office said that due to a western disturbance affecting northwestern India, light to moderate rain is likely at most places in Punjab and Haryana on October 6 and 7.  
In Rajasthan, heavy rainfall was witnessed in parts of Bikaner, Kota, and Udaipur divisions due to the western disturbance, according to the Jaipur Meteorological Centre.  
Heavy rain and hailstorms are expected in isolated areas of Jaipur, Bikaner, Ajmer, and Bharatpur divisions.  
However, the rain activity is expected to subside in Jodhpur and Bikaner divisions on Tuesday, while it will continue in parts of Jaipur, Bharatpur, Ajmer, Kota, and Udaipur divisions, the MeT centre said.  
In West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee blamed the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) for triggering a "man-made disaster", while the BJP accused the TMC of orchestrating an attack on its MP Khagen Murmu and MLA Shankar Ghosh while visiting the disaster-hit Nagraakata region in Jalpaiguri.  
Rescue teams struggled to clear over 40 landslide points, as swollen rivers and broken bridges cut off remote settlements.

## Police register case...

meat could be sold in the market.  
The video surfaced as the valley was dealing with sensational revelations about rotten meat being sold in most eateries of Kashmir, the spokesperson said.  
Police investigation into the death of the horse revealed that the incident had occurred due to a dispute between two parties, he said.  
"However, on October 5, it came to notice that the said Facebook page had published false information alleging that the horse was killed for selling its meat in the market at Arizal, thereby creating unnecessary fear and panic among the local population," he added.  
Police have registered a case under Section 353-2 (circulating false statements) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at the Khansahib Police Station, and an investigation has been initiated.

## JKIDWS delegation meets Delhi CM to discuss One-Time Amnesty for Displaced KPs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
NEW DELHI: A delegation of the Jammu Kashmir Internally Displaced Welfare Society (JKIDWS), led by President Sushil Hashia, met Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to discuss the implementation of the government's one-



time amnesty scheme for displaced Kashmiri Pandit relief holders in the Delhi NCR region. The delegation included Vinod Koul (General Secretary), Deepak Handoo (Media Secretary), Vinod Saraf (Joint Secretary), and Executive Omesh Ganjoo.  
During the meeting, Sushil Hashia expressed gratitude to CM Rekha Gupta and her cabinet ministers for the historic decision, describing it as a significant relief for the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community in Delhi NCR. He also presented a vote of thanks and honoured the CM and her team for their support and commitment to the welfare of the community.  
The discussion focused on the implementation of the cabinet order regarding the one-time amnesty, with CM Rekha Gupta assuring the delegation that the scheme would be executed on the ground without further delay.  
Speaking on the occasion, Sushil Hashia acknowledged the steadfast support of the Kashmiri Pandit relief holders, praising their patience, courage, and solidarity over the past 15 months despite enduring hardships. He highlighted that the community's continuous faith in JKIDWS had been instrumental in pushing the amnesty initiative forward.  
Hashia also extended thanks to senior BJP leader and former MLA O.P. Babbar, KDD President Rajeev Pandita, and the broader Kashmiri Pandit community for their 18 months of remarkable support to JKIDWS. He emphasized that the community's resilience and unity had played a crucial role in advocating for their rights and ensuring that relief measures reach the intended beneficiaries.  
The meeting concluded on a positive note, with JKIDWS and CM Rekha Gupta agreeing to ensure timely implementation of the one-time amnesty, bringing hope and relief to displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Delhi NCR.

## Janipur police apprehends absconder in NDPS case

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JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough, the Janipur Police have apprehended an absconder involved in a case registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The accused identified as Pawan Kumar, son of Kasturi Lal, resident of H.No. 91, Khatikan Talab, Jammu wanted in FIR No.: 36/2017 - Sections: 8/21/22 NDPS Act.  
The accused was evading arrest since the registration of the case in 2017. The Janipur Police, determined to bring him to justice, conducted an extensive manhunt, which finally led to his apprehension.



## Theft case solved, 5 stolen animals recovered, lifter arrested

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JAMMU: Acting swiftly on a complaint regarding bovine theft, PP Bathindi has arrested one accused involved in lifting bovine animals and successfully recovered five stolen bovines.  
On October 3, 2025, a complaint was received at Police Post Bathindi regarding the theft of five bovine animals from the complainant's residence. Acting on the information, a case FIR No. 290/2025 under Section 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was registered at Police Station Bahu Fort.  
During the course of investigation, a police team from PP Bathindi intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK02DL 1094 during the intervening night of October 3 and 4, 2025, in the Nowabad Sunjwan area. The vehicle was found loaded with five bovine animals that had been mercilessly tied and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The driver was apprehended on the spot. Upon identification by the complainant, the recovered bovines were confirmed to be the same stolen animals. The animals were later handed over to the rightful owner on superdnama. Further investigation into the case is underway to ascertain the involvement of other persons in the theft and illegal transportation racket.

## Doda police foils bovine smuggling bid; rescues 9 bovines

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DODA: Continuing its drive against the menace of bovine smuggling, Doda Police foiled an illegal bovine smuggling attempt and rescued 09 bovine in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bhaderwah.  
On 05.10.2025, a police party led by ASI Tarseem Singh, In-charge Police Post Thanala, under the jurisdiction of PS Bhaderwah, along with other officials of PP Thanala, was on routine patrolling duty in the Khani Top-Paddri area. Around 07:00 PM, the team intercepted two persons namely Afzal S/o Mohd Akbar and Ghafoor Ahmed S/o Mohd Yaqoob Gujjar, both residents of Katyara Sherakki, Tehsil Bhaderwah, who were found illegally transporting 09 bovine from the Himachal Pradesh side towards Bhellasa, Gandoh (UT of J&K) in a cruel manner and without any valid permission from the competent authority.  
On this, a case FIR No. 135/2025 under sections 223 BNS and 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Bhaderwah, and the investigation has been set into motion. Search operations are also underway to nab the absconders.

## Crackdown on illegal mining, 12 vehicles including 7 dumpers seized

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SAMBHA: Continuing its crackdown on illegal mining, Samba Police has seized twelve vehicles including seven dumpers across the district which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.  
Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Vijaypur, Incharges Police Posts of Supwal & Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Utterbehani of PS Purmandal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized seven dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21G-9285, JK20A-4415, JK21-8772, JK02CK-0835, JK21J-8082, JK21J-6799, JK21J-5799, three tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK21A-6022, JK21G-7975, JK14H-7190 and two tractor trolleys without No. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

## Two bovine smuggling attempts foiled, 16 animals rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: In a continued drive against bovine smuggling, Udhampur Police has foiled two separate attempts of illegal transportation of bovine animals and rescued 16 animals in the jurisdiction of Police Station Chenani.  
A police party of PS Chenani while performing Naka checking duty at Naka Motor Shed NHW Chenani signalled a vehicle (Mahindra Bolero Pickup, Regd. No. JK19A-3191) to stop, which was on its way from Udhampur towards Srinagar. The driver stopped his vehicle a few meters ahead and fled from the spot. Upon checking, 07 bovine animals were found loaded in a cruel manner for illegal transportation towards Kashmir without DM permission.  
Accordingly a case FIR No. 98/2025 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act stands registered at PS Chenani and investigation has been initiated.  
In another similar incident, same police party intercepted an Auto Load Carrier bearing Regd. No. JK14H-2874 driven by Sadiq Ahmed Ludha S/o Bashir Ahmed Ludha R/o Omni Gujjar Basti, Verinag, A/P TRT Nagrota Jammu.  
On checking, 09 bovine animals were found being transported cruelly towards Kashmir without valid DM permission. In this regard, a case FIR No. 99/2025 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Chenani and the accused driver has been taken into custody.

## GOC 25 Infantry Division felicitates Sant Nirankari Mission

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In a grand ceremony held at the 150 General Hospital, Rajouri, on the occasion of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, Major General Kaushik Mukherjee, SM, General Officer Commanding, 25 Infantry Division, presented a prestigious trophy to the Sant Nirankari Mission in recognition of its outstanding humanitarian service and massive contribution to voluntary blood donation.



The award was received on behalf of the Mission by Anil Kumar Kapoor, Convenor, Sant Nirankari Mandal, Branch Rajouri, J&K. Speaking at the event, Major General Mukherjee lauded the Mission's unwavering dedication, noting that it has so far donated over 13 lakh

units of blood across India - a remarkable achievement reflecting its commitment to saving lives and serving humanity. He appreciated the Mission's volunteers for their tireless efforts and selfless service, calling them "true ambassadors of compassion and social responsibility" who inspire communi-

ties nationwide. Anil Kumar Kapoor, while receiving the trophy, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Major General Mukherjee and the Indian Army, reaffirming the Mission's commitment to continue serving society through regular blood donation drives and welfare initiatives.

## Army, civilians pay tribute to 1965 War Martyr Pritam Singh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SUNDERBANI: Army personnel, civil administration officials, and local residents gathered today at Rajowa Lam in Qila Darhal block, Rajouri district, to pay homage to Martyr Pritam Singh on his martyrdom day.  
The event was held at the memorial site of Pritam Singh, a resident of Rajowa, who laid down his life on October 6, 1965, during the Indo-Pak war. His younger brother and former Sarpanch Isher Singh recalled his heroic sacrifice while addressing media persons.  
Isher Singh said, "In 1964, my elder brother Pritam Singh took premature retirement from the Army. When war broke out with Pakistan in 1965, he, along with other ex-servicemen, was summoned by the local Army unit to assist in defending the region."  
Pritam Singh volunteered and joined B-Company of the 14 Kumaon Regiment, which moved toward OP Top Hill-captured by Pakistani forces-on the night of October 5, 1965. The final assault to recapture the strategic position and the nearby Lukhnow post, close to the Pakistan border, began on the morning of October 6.  
During the operation, Pakistani artillery fire claimed Pritam Singh's life. "He was hit by splinters and martyred while defending the integrity of the country," said Isher Singh.  
Following his martyrdom, a memorial was constructed at Rajowa where tributes are paid annually. On Monday, Army officials and the martyr's family laid floral tributes at the site.  
Isher Singh recalled that the then Commander of the 80 Brigade, Brigadier UBS Verma, had awarded a bravery certificate and Rs 1,000 as financial support to the family.  
He further stated that during the golden jubilee celebrations in Patiala on October 6, 2015, the Kumaon Regiment had invited the family. At the event, Maj Gen V Pandey had promised to recommend a petrol pump or LPG agency for the family-but no action has been taken to date. Among the prominent attendees who paid tribute were Major Harvir Singh (ret'd), Sukhdev Singh, Malwinder Singh, Bhagwan Singh, Rajinder Singh (Pappu), Satvir Singh, Kamaljeet Singh, Tajwinder Singh, Harbaksh Singh, and Zorawar Singh-all known social activists and community leaders of the area.