

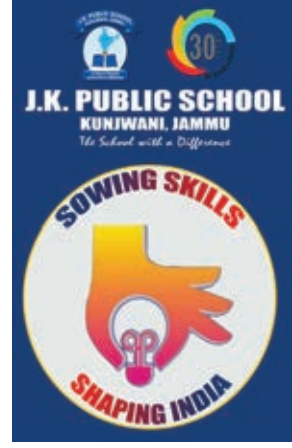


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Congress, its allies running Pakistan's agenda in J&K Assembly: Modi

"Cong loves Article 370, we love J&K"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NANDED: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Congress and its allies are running Pakistan's agenda in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly.

"Will any patriotic person forgive Congress for this sin? Will you punish Congress in the election," the Prime Minister asked, apparently referring to the passage of the resolution seeking restoration of Article 370 in the J&K assembly.

Speaking at a campaign rally here for the November 20 Maharashtra assembly elections and Nanded Lok Sabha by-poll, the Prime Minister said the Congress betrayed the Constitution by not implementing it in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Jammu and Kashmir Constitution was different, and (the state) had a separate flag. There were no



rights for Dalits. In Kashmir, Congress supported two Constitutions and in Maharashtra they talk of Ambedkar's Constitution," he said.

The barrier of Article 370 was broken by the BJP government, but Congress and its allies want to revive it, Modi alleged.

"Congress loves Article 370 while we love Jammu and Kashmir. Due to the abroga-

tion of Article 370, terrorism was crushed, Diwali was celebrated and the national flag was hoisted at the Lal Chowk," the prime minister said.

Democracy has been strengthened in Kashmir and Dalits have got their rights for the first time, he said, adding Pakistan and Congress have not liked it.

The Prime Minister claimed that Congress hates

OBCs as it cannot come to terms with the fact that a person from Backward Classes is at the helm of the country.

Division among Dalits, Adivasis and Backward Classes suits Congress' politics, but due to their unity it is losing its support base, he said.

"It suits the Congress' politics if Dalits, Adivasis and Backward Classes are divided. Its game plan is to divide you into different groups and communities," he said.

"Congress hates the OBCs because it cannot digest the fact that an OBC is the prime minister for ten years and working by taking everyone along," Modi said.

"They want to divide the OBC communities into small castes and snatch the power of their unity. If it happens, Congress will snatch

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India emerging as new economic world power under PM Modi: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said under the leadership of Prime Minister, India is not only emerging as the new economic power of the world but is also gaining the respect and glory, achieved by our ancestors thousands of years ago in the Vedic period.

Addressing the first Vedic Conference in Jammu on the theme "Vedon Mein Vigyan", at Shri Ranbir Campus, Central Sanskrit University, Kot Bhalwal, the Lieutenant Governor said: "India has been a powerhouse of science and spirituality for thousands of years. When the Vedas were composed, India was the centre of world's economy, education, culture and philosophy. It was the engine of world civilization and our country laid the foundation of socio-economic progress through science, mathematics, astronomy and



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Vedic Conference in Jammu on Saturday.

- ▶ Addresses 1st Vedic Conference, highlights significant scientific achievements of Vedic period
- ▶ Says our ancient past was glorious, we are poised for brighter future
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medicine."

In a keynote address, the

Lt Governor extended his felicitations to all the partici-

pants and commended the endeavour of the Vigyan Bharati, Central Sanskrit University and everyone associated with the conference.

Highlighting the significant scientific achievements of Vedic Period, the Lt Governor said, our Vedas are the first and a complete scientific knowledge system of mankind, which has been inspiring learning

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18 candidates in fray for JKHBAJ Election

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JAMMU: On the last date of filling of nominations for the election of Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu which is scheduled to be held on December 7, 2024, 18 candidates filed nomination for different posts.

According to the Returning Officer Vikram Sharma, for the post of President five Advocates filed nominations namely Abhinav Sharma, Bhavishya Sudan, Nirmal Kishore Kotwal, Pawan K. Kundal and Rohit Sharma.

For the post of Vice President four Advocates filed nominations namely

Ashwani Kumar Banotra, S. Baldev Singh, Daljeet Singh Manhas and Deepika Mahajan.

For the post of General Secretary four Advocates filed nominations namely Ahtsham Hussain Bhat, Arjun Singh Pathania, Himanshu Sharma and Pardeep Majotra.

For the post of Joint Secretary two Advocates filed nominations namely Anshu Mahajan and Rahul Sharma.

For the post of cashier three Advocates filed nominations namely Atul Sharma, Jameel

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SMVDSB's Medical College commences operations

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KATRA: A new medical college owned by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) on Saturday commenced its operations in Reasi district.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence-Medical College started its operations in the administrative block of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Kakryal after performing 'hawan' amidst chanting of Vedic mantras.

The operation of the Medical College commenced as per the directions of the Board at its 72nd Meeting held on April 3, 2024 under the Chairmanship of

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

This interim arrangement marked the beginning of SMVDIME - Medical College's academic journey to provide quality medical education and healthcare services in the region by setting the foundation for a fully equipped, modern medical college campus in the near future.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer; Alok Kumar Maurya, Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; Pawan K. Goswami, Dy. CEO; Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director, SMVDIME; Dr. Gopal K. Sharma, Asstt. CEO,

SMVDSB and other officers from Shrine Board, newly recruited faculty and staff members, SMVDIME - Medical College; faculty SMVDU, SMVDCoN and Medical Officer, SMVDNSH were present on the occasion.

While addressing the distinguished gathering, the Chief Executive Officer welcomed the newly appointed faculty members and shared an inspiring overview of the hospital journey since its inception in the year 2016 by the Prime Minister of India.

He highlighted the key milestones achieved, underscoring the hospitals unwavering dedication to delivering high quality health care

in the region. He exhorted of the Board's dedications not only to health care excellence but also to ensuring the availability of world class medical services accessible to all.

Chief Executive Officer also outlined the Board's core values and encouraged the new faculty to embody these principles in their daily work. He also shared the details about the cutting-edge infrastructure being developed to support the comprehensive student-centered learning environment designed to faster the highest standard of medical education.

The SMVDIME - Medical College

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Terrorist killed in ongoing encounter at Baramulla



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SRINAGAR: A terrorist was reportedly killed in an encounter that broke out between militants and security forces in the Rampur area of Sopore in North Kashmir's Baramulla dis-

trict on Saturday. The Kashmir Zone Police said in a post on X, "Acting on a specific input regarding the presence of terrorists in Rampura Sopore area of Baramulla, a joint

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CB files charge sheet in Ramban embezzlement case

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JAMMU: The Crime Branch of the Jammu and Kashmir Police has filed a charge sheet in connection with the alleged embezzlement of Rs 84 lakh by two filling station employees in Ramban district, a senior officer said on Saturday.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Crime, Jammu) Benam Tosh said the case against Mohd Ashraf Rather of Baramulla and Aftab Ahmad Bhat of Banihal was registered at Banihal police station in 2021.

The investigation has been completed and a charge sheet consisting of five parts filed in a local court in Banihal for judicial determination, he said.

The case was transferred to the Crime Branch, Jammu, by the police headquarters for in-depth investigation. In his complaint, filling station owner Javed Ahmad Wani had alleged criminal breach of trust, embezzlement, misappropriation and cheating against Bhat and filling station manager Rather; the Crime Branch said.

ACB books former Asstt Dir Employment for accepting bribe

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday registered an FIR against Shabnam Arif Mir, the former Assistant Director Employment, for allegedly demanding and accepting bribes in connection with the Mumkin scheme.

The investigations revealed serious allegations of corruption involving Shabnam Arif Mir and officials from Himalayan Motors Tenggpora Bypass, Srinagar.

The ACB launched a verification probe to investigate claims that Shabnam Arif

Mir, who served as the Nodal Officer for the Mumkin scheme in Bandipora and Kupwara districts during 2021-2022, solicited bribes from representatives of Himalayan Motors.

The Mumkin scheme, which aims to support youth by facilitating vehicle loans for self-employment, required Mir to recommend vehicle applications for eligible candidates to the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) after verifying their credentials.

However, the ACB probe found that Mir allegedly exploited her position by

demanding Rs 10,000 per vehicle as a bribe from Himalayan Motors officials for processing and prioritizing their vehicles under the scheme. The investigation revealed that officials of Himalayan Motors, with the approval of General Manager Sumeer Pandita and Managing Director Junaid Bashir Beigh, complied with these demands.

They reportedly paid the bribe to Mir in exchange for preferential treatment over other dealers, submitting proforma bills and making fixed payments to

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Drug peddler held with large quantity of contraband

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police's Anti-Narcotics Task Force arrested an alleged drug peddler here on Saturday and recovered nearly 5,000 banned capsules from his possession, an official said.

Vishal Sharma, a resident of old Janipur area, was apprehended along with the contraband near ISBT Narwal, he said.

The official said a case under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has been registered and further

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Army Chief reviews security situation in Kathua

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JAMMU: Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi reviewed the prevailing security situation in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Saturday, officials said.

The visit of the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) to Kathua, bordering Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, comes amid stepped up anti-terrorist operations across Jammu region where two village defence guards were shot dead by the militants after their abduction in a latest attack in Kishtwar district on Thursday.

"General Upendra Dwivedi,



Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi interacting with troops at Kathua on Saturday.

COAS, visited forward units of Rising Star Corps deployed in Kathua, Jammu

& Kashmir and was briefed on the existing security

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Corps Commander visits Kishtwar, reviews ongoing operations

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The commander of the Army's White Knight Corps visited Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Friday to review the ongoing operations to track down terrorists responsible for the killings of two Village Defence Guards.

The bodies of Nazir Ahmed and Kuldeep Kumar, the two Village Defence Guards (VDGs) killed by terrorists, were found near a rivulet during a massive search operation, officials said.

The officials said the two VDGs were executed on Thursday after being abducted in the higher reaches of Kishtwar.

On Friday, Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva -- the General

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Need to change our approach, reach out to people: CM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday emphasized the need for a proactive approach among officers to ensure swift and effective resolution of public concerns.

"Our contact with the public must increase. Following the elections, people's expectations have risen, and more will be visiting government offices", the Chief Minister said while chairing a comprehensive review meeting at the Mini Secretariat here to assess the status of various development activities, projects, and schemes in District Ganderbal.

"We need to change our approach, reach out to people, and address their concerns", the Chief Minister told the officers.

The meeting was attended



CM Omar Abdullah chairing meeting of officers at Ganderbal on Saturday.

by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, other Cabinet Ministers including Sakeena Masood Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana, Javid Ahmad Dar, and Satish Sharma; Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani and Member of Legislative Assembly Kangan Mehar Ali also participated in the meeting.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, other Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, senior police and civil officials, Heads of

Departments, and other concerned district officers were also present during the meeting.

As the representative of Ganderbal constituency in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the district's development efforts.

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 28.0°C Min: 16.6°C

Humidity
Max: 90 Min: 81

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.6°C Min: 4.3°C

Humidity
Max: 85 Min: 68

Sunset : 17:33 Hours
Sunrise : 06:55 Hours