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## CM receives grand reception at Jammu Civil Secretariat

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CM Omar Abdullah receiving grand reception on his arrival at Civil Secretariat Jammu on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah received a rousing welcome at the Civil Secretariat in Jammu upon his arrival to assume office in the winter capital on Monday.

This marked his first official visit to the Jammu Secretariat since taking office as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir on October 16 in Srinagar. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was warmly greet-

ed by his Council of ministers, including Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary and cabinet members Sakeem Masood Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana, Javid Ahmad Dar, and Satish Sharma.

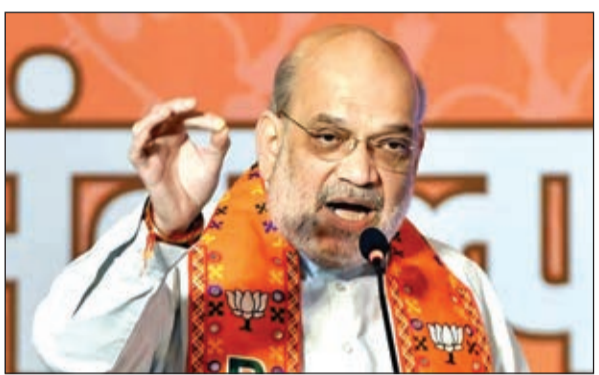
### Visibility poor at Jammu airport, CM reaches city by road to attend office

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah shared glimpses of his road trip from Srinagar to attend his office in the Civil Secretariat here on Monday, a day after his flight to the winter capital got cancelled due to poor visibility at the Jammu airport. Eleven flights were cancelled on Sunday due to low visibility and another was called off due to technical reasons, airport officials said here. "Poor visibility in Jammu meant a sudden, last minute, road trip. Nothing flew in to or out from Jammu yesterday (Sunday) so I had to saddle up and take the road to the winter capital," Abdullah said in a post on X. He also shared three videos of his cavalcade moving on Sunday from the summer capital Srinagar towards Jammu - a drive that usually takes around five hours. Airport officials, however, said flight operations resumed on Monday morning as per schedule. **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta and other senior officials, and staff of the Civil Secretariat were also present to receive him. In a gesture of camaraderie, the Chief Minister visited the chambers of his ministers to formally welcome them, reflecting his commitment to fostering **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Four generations of Rahul can't restore Art 370: Shah

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SERAIKELA: Attacking the Congress, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that even "four generations of Rahul Gandhi" cannot restore Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. The Union Home Minister while addressing election rally at Seraikeela said that if the BJP is voted to power in Jharkhand, it will set up a committee to identify illegal immigrants and drive them out, besides reclaiming the land "grabbed" by them. Shah said a law would be enacted to prevent the transfer of land to infiltrators on their marriage with tribal women. "Tribal population is declining in Jharkhand. Infiltrators are grabbing land by marrying our daughters. We will bring legislation to prevent the transfer of land to infiltrators if they marry tribal women. We will



also form a committee to identify infiltrators to drive them out and reclaim land grabbed by them," he said. Shah claimed that Champai Soren was insulted when he raised the issue of illegal immigration and was forced to resign from the CM's post by Hemant Soren. Accusing the leaders of the JMM, Congress and RJD of working for personal growth, he said, "Corrupt leaders of the JMM-led coalition will be sent behind bars if the BJP forms government in Jharkhand." Shah alleged that the JMM-led dispensation "devoured" Rs 3.90 lakh crore sent by the Centre. He promised that once the BJP is voted to power, it will ensure that if the Centre sends one rupee, 25 more paise is added to it by the state so that Rs 1.25 reaches the people. Addressing another election rally in Tamar in Ranchi district, he called the Congress a "sinking ship" and said that it could **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

### Woman, her two children killed as fire breaks out in house in Kishtwar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A woman and two minor children were burnt alive when a fire broke out in their house in Kishtwar district in the early hours of Monday, police said. Nazia Begum, her daughter Amina and son Rizwan were fast asleep at the time of the incident, they said. The incident triggered protests by Nazia's family members who alleged that the three had been murdered. The fire broke out in the house of Khurshed Ahmad in Badhat-Jashar village of Drabshalla around 4.30 am. While Khurshed managed

to get out in time, his wife and children did not, police said. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. An investigation is underway, they said. Nazia's family members, including her parents, staged a protest outside the Kishtwar district hospital, where the bodies have been kept for post-mortem, claiming that she and her children were murdered and it was not an accident. Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Ishan Gupta rushed to the spot and assured the protesters **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Chugh welcomes Vietnamese delegation to BJP Headquarters in New Delhi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: A high-level delegation from the Communist Party of Vietnam, led by Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Member of the 15th National Assembly, visited the headquarters of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in New Delhi. Prof. Dr. Thang and his colleagues were warmly welcomed by BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh. In his interaction, Tarun Chugh spoke to the



Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics meeting BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh.

Vietnamese delegates about the deep history and legacy of the BJP, noting that "every brick of this party is filled with our ancestors' patience, faith, and extreme hard work, making this office akin to a temple for us." **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

### Responsibility of law and order rests with Centre: Speaker

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Monday said the law and order machinery in the Union Territory is under the control of the Centre. "Law and order is not a state subject (as Jammu and Kashmir is a Union Territory), but it is under the control of the Centre," Rather told reporters on the sidelines of a folk music event. Rather was responding to a query on the rising incidents of violence in Jammu and Kashmir since the National Conference (NC) govern-



ment took charge in the middle of October. The NC leader also said that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has asked the law and order machinery to be vigilant in order to stop such incidents. **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

### J&K FSL announces first ever STR based genetic data publication

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Jammu and Kashmir, has announced the first ever genetic data publication based on hyper variable Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) on UT's human population which was published in International Journal of Legal Medicine (IJLM). Pertinently, the study was conducted on 694 unrelated individuals selected randomly from the large population to find out the genetic implications of demographic dynamics that has taken place in the region. The study confirmed considerable admixture and genetic relation of different districts of Kashmir with adjoining Central Asian/Arab countries which were connected through ancient silk route. Jammu districts, on the other hand, show an appreciable genetic similarities with adjoining states of Indian Union. Besides, Ramban, Reasi and Kishtwar though **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## NIA conducts searches in J&K, other states to probe terror conspiracy by Bangladesh-based Al-Qaida network

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday conducted extensive searches at multiple locations across the country in connection with the activities promoted by some Bangladeshi nationals as part of terror group Al-Qaida's conspiracy to destabilise India, according to an official statement. The crackdown at nine locations, linked with individuals suspected of supporting and funding the activities of the proscribed terrorist organisation Al-Qaida, started early in the morning in

Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, West Bengal, Bihar, Tripura and Assam, it said. The searches led to the recovery of incriminating documents showing detailed banking transactions, digital devices including mobile phones, and other evidence related to terror funding activities, the statement issued by the NIA said. As per NIA investigations, the suspects whose premises were raided are sympathisers of a Bangladesh-based Al-Qaida network. The searches were part of NIA's ongoing investigations

### Kashmir receives season's first snowfall

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Higher reaches of Kashmir on Monday received the season's first snowfall while plains were lashed by rains, ending a month-long dry spell in the valley, officials said. Affarwat in Gulmarg area and Sadhna Top in Kupwara district received light snowfall, they said. Reports of snowfall were received from uninhabited mountainous areas in Kashmir as well. Srinagar and other plain areas of the valley were lashed by rain late in the afternoon, they added. The snowfall and rain lowered the day temperature significantly, signalling the arrival of winter in Kashmir. **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Thousands queue up in Baramulla for Army recruitment camp

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Thousands of youth lined up at an Army recruitment rally in Baramulla district on Monday, officials said. The aspirants queued up



before day break at Ganthmulla in the hope of joining the Army, the officials said. The recruitment drive began on Monday and will continue till Sunday. While some aspirants said

they wanted to join the Army to serve the country, others said they just wanted to earn a decent livelihood. "We are thankful to the Army for conducting this recruitment rally here. This is the first rally in Baramulla after 2019," said Malik Nasir, one of the several thousand aspirants. Nasir, who hails from Boniyar area of Baramulla district, said he wanted to join the Army so that he could serve the country. Another aspirant, Shabir Ahmad, said he had come to the recruitment **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 26.4°C Min: 17.1°C

Humidity  
Max: 84 Min: 80

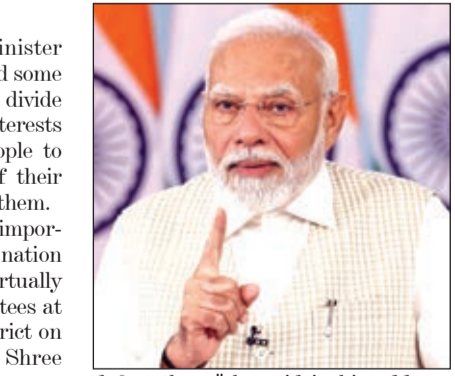
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 16.4°C Min: 3.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 91 Min: 71

Sunset: 17:32 Hours  
Sunrise: 06:56 Hours

## Some 'anti-nationals' trying to divide society: Modi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said some "anti-nationals" were trying to divide the society for their vested interests and stressed the need for people to understand the seriousness of their intentions and unite to defeat them. The unity and integrity were important to make India a developed nation by 2047, Modi said while virtually addressing a gathering of devotees at Vadtal in Gujarat's Kheda district on the 200th anniversary of Shree Swaminarayan Temple in the town. "Unity among citizens and integrity of the nation is important to make India a developed nation by 2047. But, unfortunately some people are trying to divide our society on caste, religious, linguistic, men-women, village-city lines due to their vested interests or due to their narrow-mindedness," the PM said. "We have to understand the seriousness of the intentions of these anti-nationals and will have to unite to



defeat them," he said in his address via video conferencing. Modi said the first key step to make India a developed nation is "atmanaribharta" (self-dependence). He requested all saints of the Swaminarayan sect to join each and every citizen of the country in the pledge to make India a developed nation. On the occasion, Modi informed the devotees that his association with the Vadtal Swaminarayan Temple dates

back to his days as the chief minister of Gujarat. The Centre recently issued a coin to commemorate 200 years of the Swaminarayan Temple in Vadtal, he said. "Lord Swaminarayan came before us at a time when our country was weakened due to slavery and people used to blame themselves for the situation. At such a time, Lord Swaminarayan and other saints awakened our self-respect, gave us a new spiritual energy and rejuvenated our original identity," Modi said. The prime minister also said the demand for skilled Indian youth will increase manifold in the future. "Today, majority of the world leaders whom I meet express a desire that Indian youth should come and work in their countries. Our youth are capable of fulfilling the needs of India as well as the world," he said. Stressing the need to preserve the cultural heritage of India, Modi said his government believes in the

mantra of "Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi" (development along with preservation of heritage). Referring to the Kumbh Mela declared as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by the UNESCO some years back, Modi urged the Swaminarayan sect to make the people of other countries understand the importance of the religious congregation and why it is celebrated. He said the upcoming Kumbh Mela, to be held between January and February next year in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh is "Purna Kumbh" as it will be celebrated after a gap of 12 years. "Your temples are situated across the world. I urge you to spread awareness about this Kumbh Mela through your temples. You should also make foreigners understand the importance of Kumbh Mela and why it is being celebrated. Each temple in the world should try to bring at least 100 foreigners to the Kumbh Mela. I know that you can do it," Modi said.

### Search ops underway in Kishtwar forests to flush out terrorists



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Security forces continued their search operation in the dense forests of Keshwan and adjoining areas in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Monday, a day after an Army officer martyred in a gunfight with terrorists holed up in the area. The security personnel have been scouring the forest area for over four days, looking for the terrorists who abducted and killed two Village Defence Guards (VDGs) last Thursday. Sunday's encounter broke out when joint search parties of the Army and police intercepted the terrorists around 11 am in the Keshwan forest area. The exchange of fire went on for more than four hours. A Junior Commissioned **CONTD ON PAGE 9**