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self-reliant, competitive on the global stage, and capable of inclusive and sustainable growth. Let your ideas not just build things, but change lives. Remember, every innovation starts with a question, so keep asking, keep exploring, and keep working to take this great land of Bharat further on the path of progress," the Lieutenant Governor told the students.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the advancements in machine learning, generative AI and autonomous systems will impact every sphere of life in the near future and will be a major driver of economic growth, offering significant opportunities for young technology professionals.

"Today India is the global epicenter for Global Capability Centers (GCC) and 90% of them are operating as multi-functional units and contributing to technology operations, product engineering, and engineering research and development worldwide. By 2030 the numbers of GCC will increase significantly and they will be a powerhouse of innovation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor gave Five Mantras or Five Guiding Principles to students for a brighter future.

"First, adopt lifelong learning and continuously update your skills to keep pace with rapidly evolving technology. Second, focus on problem solving and whether you are working with some company or an entrepreneur, your focus should be on building solutions that bring meaningful change in people's lives. The third mantra is - Think Big, Think Innovatively - I want you to have the courage to think out-of-the-box and do not be afraid of failures but learn from them and find creative approaches for further success. Fourth, follow the spirit of teamwork because behind every great success in life lies the spirit of collaboration. Fifth, always be prepared for change. I have talked about the rapid pace of change, and so I want you to be resilient to changing technologies, constantly evolving industries, and workplaces," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Highlights...

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Campaigning ends for...

2024 -- while the NC secured victories twice in 1996 and 2014.

Devender Singh Rana had twice represented Nagrota -- in 2014 and 2024 -- winning the last election with a record margin of 30,472 votes against his NC rival Joginder Singh after switching to the BJP from the NC in 2021.

In Budgam, the ruling National Conference and the opposition Peoples Democratic Party made last-ditch efforts to woo voters.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his advisor Nasir Aslam Wani joined party candidate Aga Syed Mehmood for a roadshow, which passed through the urban areas of Budgam assembly segment.

Former chief minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti also embarked on a roadshow in support of her party candidate Aga Syed Muntazir.

There are 17 candidates in fray for the Budgam bypoll, where voting will be held on Tuesday.

Besides Mehmood and Muntazir, other key candidates include Bharatiya Janata Party's Syed Mohsin, Awami Ittehad Party's Nazir Ahmad Khan, Aam Aadmi Party's Deeba Khan, and independent candidate Muntazir Mohiuddin.

A bypoll was necessitated in Budgam as Omar Abdullah vacated the seat, retaining Ganderbal after winning both the constituencies in the 2024 assembly elections. Budgam has been a bastion of National Conference, with Aga Rihullah Mehdi winning the seat in the 2002, 2008 and 2014 assembly polls before Abdullah won it in 2024.

Mehdi, who is now a Lok Sabha member after winning from Srinagar on the National Conference ticket, has since fallen out with the party leadership over several issues, including the current reservation policy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mehdi did not campaign for the party candidate for the upcoming by-election. On the last day of campaigning, Abdullah, who has addressed several election rallies in the last three days, focused on Budgam's development.

At a roadside meeting in Ompora, which connects Budgam town to Srinagar, Abdullah said, "I have heard Ompora's voice. The electricity issues are being fixed and the road to Ompora is now declared NH-44A. Together, we're bringing a real change, not just promises."

The PDP also made a last-minute pitch, saying that Budgam's problems have never been addressed in the last 50 years.

The BJP also put up an intensive campaign with senior leaders, including the Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Sunil Sharma, canvassing for party candidate Syed Mohsin.

Other leaders who campaigned for Mohsin included Rajya Sabha member Ghulam Ali Khatana and party general secretary Ashok Koul.

Meanwhile, the Budgam District Magistrate has imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita across the district from 6 pm on November 9 to 6 pm on November 11, marking the start of the election silence period.

All unlawful assemblies, public meetings, rallies, and election-related gatherings are banned under Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Section 189 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita to ensure peaceful polling, the order read.

SSP Jammu reviews...

disruptive elements while instilling confidence among the public and encouraging greater participation in the democratic process.

He emphasised on officers -- Territorial officers-SPs, SDPOs, SHOs/Zonal officers/Sector officers and other in charges - that all personnel deployed under their command must be briefed on instructions and directed to visit polling stations, liaise with election staff, etc.

The SPP Jammu directed for enhanced coordinated teamwork and inter-agency coordination among the security forces, ensuring a free, fair, and transparent electoral environment in keeping with the democratic ethos of the nation.

It is pertinent to mention here that campaigning for the Nagrota AC bye-poll ended on Sunday at 6:00 PM and polls will be held on November 11, 2025.

CIK nabs 9...

safeguarding public order and the internal security of the region by rooting out digital threats at their source," he said, adding the crackdown is just the beginning of an intensified fight against online terrorism and unlawful digital activity.

He said more raids and detentions are imminent as authorities remain steadfast in upholding peace in the Valley and protecting Kashmir's youth from the influence of Pakistan-backed terrorist handlers and violent extremism.



SIM vendor inspection...

He also advised mobile phone sellers and repair technicians to maintain accurate

transaction records, including customer identification details, to ensure accountability and public safety.

Police will continue to monitor vendor activities and conduct similar inspections in the future to strengthen compliance and reinforce telecom-related security measures across the district, the officer said.

A similar drive was also conducted in the Udhampur district a few days ago, the spokesman said, adding that another comprehensive drive targeting SIM card vendor outlets was conducted across the Kathua district over the last two days.

"This initiative aims to strengthen the verification process for new SIM registrations and curb the potential misuse of mobile connectivity," he said.

Anti-terror ops...

efforts to strengthen the security grid and maintain peace and conducted massive cordon and search operations at multiple locations in Banihal and Gool areas in Ramban district, a police spokesperson said.

The operations were carried out in a well-coordinated manner under the close supervision of Ramban Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta and were aimed at tracing out the suspicious activities of the relatives of the Jammu and Kashmir natives operating from Pakistan and verifying antecedents of suspected individuals, and tightening security around vulnerable areas, the spokesperson said.

During the operations, he said houses of relatives and known associates of active J-K-based terrorists operating from Pakistan and OGWs were put under search.

The police teams thoroughly inspected multiple premises to ensure no anti-national or unlawful activities were being carried out or supported, the spokesman said.

He said the drives were conducted by joint teams of the police, Army, CRPF, and SOG units along with duty magistrates covering various sensitive localities across the district.

The operations were carried out in an organised manner without causing any inconvenience to the general public, the spokesperson said.

He said such operations are a part of ongoing preventive and intelligence-based measures to ensure that peace and stability in the region remain undisturbed.

Police remain committed to neutralising any anti-national network and ensuring the safety of all citizens, the spokesperson said, requesting the public at large to cooperate with law enforcement agencies and share any valuable information regarding suspicious movements or persons in their areas.

He assured that the identity of the informants would be kept confidential.

In Kishtwar, the spokesperson said the raids were conducted at multiple locations in the subdivisions of Kishtwar, Chatroo and Marwah.

He said security forces carried out raids at 25 houses across Doda, each belonging to families having at least one member presently camping in PoK.

During the searches, police teams seized several mobile phones and other materials to trace the evidence of any anti-national activities.

Shah charges oppn...

the EBCs. It was aimed at protecting infiltrators," Shah alleged.

The former BJP president said that "the opposition's vote bank politics has led them to make attempts for building a ghospaithiya (infiltrator) corridor, unlike Narendra Modi, who is setting up an industrial corridor".

Shah also bristled at Gandhi's charge that votes were being stolen in the country, and asked, "If he thinks there is 'vote chori', why does he not lodge a formal complaint with the Election Commission?".

"When the government at the Centre was helmed by Manmohan Singh, Sonia Gandhi and Lalu, terrorists struck at will on our soil. In contrast, now we are beating up the terrorists inside their homes," Shah asserted.

"In future, if terrorists from Pakistan dare to carry out an attack again, bullets fired by them will be retaliated with mortar shells. Do you know where these mortar shells will be manufactured? In Bihar, in Sasaram, as Modi is trying to build a defence corridor here," said the home minister.

The BJP leader also lambasted the Congress and the RJD for "having tried to stall" the construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya, where an ancient Hindu shrine was allegedly razed by "Mughal emperor Babur 550 years ago".

"Today, with Modi in power, a sky-high temple has been built at the spot," Shah said.

The former BJP president said, "I can tell you, in advance, the outcome of the ongoing elections. This is my 37th rally in the state, and I can say that Lalu ji and his allies are going to be wiped out in the first phase itself."

He urged all the people to "be on guard and not get complacent".

"You must remember that the opposition may have come in a new garb, but their poll symbols remain the same lantern and 'panjaa' (hand) and so does their character," Shah alleged.

Referring to the CPI(ML) Liberation, which has aligned with the INDIA bloc, the home minister said, "Under Modi's leadership, we have been able to weed out the menace of naxalism. But if even a little chance is given to these red flag wallahs, the state will again be in throes of the Left insurgency that Bihar had suffered in the past".

"Press the EVM button, in favour of NDA candidates, with such force that it sends shock waves as far as Italy", added the BJP leader, in a tongue-in-cheek reference to Gandhi's maternal roots in the European country.

He also drew a contrast between Prasad, who has been convicted in fodder scam cases and named in many other corruption scandals, and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the JD(U) president and NDA ally, who had "no taint of corruption despite being in power for 20 years".

BSF DG leads...

India initiative will truly be fulfilled when every citizen adopts a healthy lifestyle," the DG BSF told reporters.

Highlighting the BSF's vital role in Operation Sindoor, he said the operation was widely hailed and had strengthened public trust in the force.

"Many young people are joining the BSF, and this successful marathon is a small yet meaningful example of how the force remains connected with the public in its mission to make the nation drug-free," he said.

The BSF chief said the growing interest in joining the force reflects the increasing faith citizens have in the force. "We will continue to safeguard the country with even greater dedication and zeal."

Thanking the people for joining the marathon, Chawdhary said they have come from far off places and also lauded the cooperation of the J-K government and local administration. Several runners from Kenya also joined the marathon and lauded the BSF for providing them an opportunity to visit the place.

"I am excited because it is a good initiative by the BSF... it is my first visit to Jammu and the weather is good, the atmosphere peaceful and everything is okay," a participant said.

RSS recognised as...

were not there, whom did they ban," the RSS chief asked.

Bhagwat added there are many things, which are not registered. "Even Hindu Dharma is not registered," he remarked.

On the issue of RSS respecting only the saffron flags and not recognising the Indian tri-colour, Bhagwat said while saffron is treated as a Guru in RSS it has high respect for the Indian tri-colour.

"We always respect, offer tribute and protect our tricolour," the RSS chief said.

Bhagwat's remarks came as Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge recently said RSS should be banned.

His son and Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge demanded ban on RSS activities in government institutions and public places. He even questioned the registration number of RSS and their source of funding.

Bhagwat clarified that RSS does not support any political party.

"We do not participate in vote politics, current politics, election politics, etc. Sangh's work is uniting the society and politics, by nature, is divisive, so we keep out of politics," he stated.

The RSS chief said the organisation supports policies.

"We support policies. We will exert our force to support the right policy, not an individual, not a party, but policy," he explained.

Citing example of movement to build Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, Bhagwat said the Sangh volunteers supported it, the organisation stood by its construction.

"So BJP was there (to support it). If Congress or any other party had supported we would have supported them as well," he explained.

"We don't have special affinity towards one party. There is no Sangh party. No party is ours and all parties are ours because they are Bharatiya parties," he stated. Bhagwat said RSS wants to organise entire society without keeping anybody out and believes in "Sabka saath, sabka vikas" without giving a slogan".

On India's relationship with Pakistan he said Sangh always wants peace with Pakistan.

"It is Pakistan which doesn't want peace with us, and as long as Pakistan gets some satisfaction of causing harm to Bharat, it will keep on doing it.

So way to peace with Pakistan is that we don't breach from our side the peace. But if Pakistan wants to breach that peace, it will never be successful," he asserted.

Reminding Pakistan of the consequences it had faced in 1971 war, which led to the formation of Bangladesh, Bhagwat said, if the neighbouring country do not mend its ways Pakistan will learn a lesson one day.

Kesri demands reservation for Hindus in Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board's Medical College

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiv Sena Hindustan, Jammu Kashmir, held a meeting under the chairmanship of Pt Rajesh Kesri, expressing concern over the alleged disparity in admission policies at the



SSH President Rajesh Kesri briefing media.

Medical College, Katra, run by Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. The meeting highlighted that despite the Shrine Board being a Hindu institution, a disproportionate 80% of seats have been allocated to Muslim students.

Addressing media persons, Kesri has demanded that the Shrine Board reserves 80% of seats for Hindus, particularly those belonging to the Shrine's traditional families, citing the principle of prioritizing the community that contributes to the institution. Shiv Sena Hindustan also pointed out the inconsistency in reservation policies, noting that other communities have implemented quotas in their institutions, and it is only fair that Hindus receive similar consideration.

Kesri has appealed to Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Chairman, Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha, to address this issue and ensure that Hindus receive their rightful share in the institution. They also demand that 80% of posts, including Professors, Principals, and Medical Superintendents, be reserved for Hindus. Shiv Sena Hindustan's representatives, including Balveer Kumar, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajkumar and others emphasized the need for fairness and equity in the Shrine Board's policies, ensuring that the institution serves the interests of its primary constituents - the Hindu community.

Kesri speaking on the occasion advocated that Shrine Board could consider implementing a reservation policy that prioritizes Hindus, given the institution's primary constituency. A possible approach could be to reserve a significant percentage of seats for Hindus, while ensuring that the policy is fair and equitable for all communities. Engaging in a transparent and inclusive dialogue with stakeholders, including Shiv Sena Hindustan and other community representatives, could help address concerns and find a mutually acceptable solution, added Kesri.

German Technique Physiotherapy Treatment Camp held in Sunderbani

STATE TIMES NEWS

SUNDERBANI: Former Chairman of the Municipal Committee, Rajinder Sharma (alias Pappu Shah), inaugurated a German Technique Physiotherapy Treatment Camp in Sunderbani. The unique and highly successful treatment camp for knee and back pain is being organized under the aegis of Guru Gaddi hri Shri 1008 Sadguru Baba Kashi Das Ji Maharaj, "Tirtha Sthan Baan Ganga Wale."

During the inauguration, it was informed that various ailments such as neck pain, cervical spondylitis, back pain, knee pain, joint sounds, diabetes, and stomach-related diseases are being treated through natural therapy using the German technique.

A large number of people are availing the benefits of this camp. Due to public demand and the request of former Chairman Rajinder Sharma, the doctors have decided to extend the camp from November 9 to November 16.

KVK Reasi organises exposure visit for INM trainees

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: In continuation of 15 days certificate course on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organized one day exposure visit for trainees of 15 days certificate course here at progressive farmer fields in Bhabber village of Reasi distt. of J&K. The visit was organised under the guidance of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Tripathiand Director Extension, Prof.Amrish Vaidof SKUAST-J.

Dr. Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi showcased the various technologies used by the progressive farmer, Jatinder Singh of Bhabber village. He apprised the participants about the efforts of KVK Reasi on organic and natural farming in the area. The trainees were taken to showcase the organic strawberry field, vermicompost unit, organic vegetables field, horti-poultry model, oilseed field, organic spices field etc. of progressive farmer of the area. Jatinder Singh shared his experiences on organic and natural farming with the trainees and discussed on organic inputs such as Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, Neemastra, Farm Yard Manures (FYM), cow urine, vermicompost, Panchgavya etc. utilized by him in his fields. He highlighted his farm activities, economic returns and constraints faced while doing the organic and natural farming. He also showcased his horti-poultry model to the trainees and discussed on how it is beneficial for the farmers. Dr. Banarsi said that KVK Reasi is upgrading the knowledge of the organic and natural farmers of the area through awareness/ training programmes, Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs)/Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs), On Farmers Trials (OFTs) etc. He narrated that KVK is endeavouring to promote the eco-friendly agriculture in the area so that the safe and healthy food can be produced.

Police arrests absconder after 13 years

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Continuing its special drive against absconders, Police in Ganderbal achieved another success by arresting one more absconder who had been evading arrest for 13 years.

The arrested individual has been identified as Zafar Iqbal son of Mohd Israyel Gojar resident of Loor, Rajouri, who was wanted in Case FIR No. 17/2012, U/S 279, 338 IPC of Police Station Gund.

Acting on specific information, a police team from Police Station Gund after strenuous efforts arrested the said absconder, and after completing all legal formalities, the accused was produced before the Court JMJC Kangan, wherefrom he has been sent to Subsidiary Jail Dignibal.

Police is committed to bringing all absconders and offenders to justice and ensuring that no one evades the law.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A missing woman was traced and was reunited with her family at R S Pura.

That on 09.11.2025 a missing report of one lady (name withheld) R/o District Jammu was lodged vide DDR No. 008 Dated : 08-10-2025 on the written complaint of her husband. Accordingly a special team was constituted for tracing out the missing lady.

Acting swiftly upon this, a Police team led by SHO P/S R.S Pura, inspector Ravi Singh Parihar did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance, the said missing lady was got traced out by police team and after completing all the legal formalities the said missing lady now been reunited with her family and handed over to legal heirs.

Fraudulent appointment & Salary Drawal Case: CBK files chargesheet against Retd headmaster

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing of the Crime Branch Kashmir (CBK) has filed a chargesheet in FIR No. 95/2022, registered under Sections 419, 420, 409, 468, 471 read with 120-B of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC), before the Court of the Sub Judge, Chadoora.

The chargesheet has been filed against Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Gazi (Retired Headmaster), son of Ghulam Mohammad Gazi, resident of Zaindar Mohalla, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, along with Mubeena Kawsar and Ifra Nissar.

According to a CBK spokesperson, the case originated from a communication received from the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir, which pointed out irregularities in appointments and manipulation of service records made under SRO-43. Acting on the report, a formal case was registered at the Police Station, Economic Offences Wing (Crime Branch Kashmir).

During investigation, it was found that the original appointee, Ifra Nissar, had resigned from government service. However, the then Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) allegedly concealed her resignation and fraudulently replaced her with another individual, continuing to draw salary against the same post.

The investigation, supported by both documentary and oral evidence, established a criminal conspiracy and misappropriation of government funds. Consequently, offences under the relevant provisions of the Ranbir Penal Code were substantiated, and a chargesheet was produced before the Court for judicial determination.