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of thousands of Bhutanese at the Changlimethang stadium for the victims of the Delhi blast.

The Bhutanese leadership conveyed their heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of precious lives in the explosion in Delhi and offered special prayers for all those affected by the blasts, Indian officials said.

In Delhi, investigators were probing the blast as a possible terror attack and zeroed in on a Kashmir-based doctor, who was driving the car that exploded. Dr Umar Nabi is believed to have died in the blast. The Jammu and Kashmir police has already taken a DNA sample from his mother to establish the connection.

The Delhi Police last night said nine people were killed in the blast and several others sustained injuries. The death toll went up to 12 with three people succumbing to their injuries, it said on Tuesday.

In his address at the event in Thimphu, Modi conveyed warm wishes of the people of India to the former king and to the people of Bhutan.

The prime minister highlighted the fourth king's transformative tenure that saw the emergence of Bhutan as a "modern nation-state" and as a constitutional democratic monarchy. Under the fourth king's leadership, Bhutan introduced the unique concept of gross national happiness, blending economic growth with sustainability, Modi said.

The fourth king of Bhutan is a confluence of wisdom, simplicity, courage, and selfless service to the nation, Modi said. He played a decisive role in establishing democratic systems in Bhutan and establishing peace in border areas, Modi said.

74.82 pc polling in...

station in Budgam bye-election. There were 1,26,025 electors in 27-Budgam Assembly Constituency and 97,980 electors in 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituency. To facilitate these electors, 173 polling stations were set up in 27-Budgam and 150 polling stations were set up in 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituency, having all assured minimum facilities. As per directions of the Commission 100% Webcasting was done in these Polling Stations.

In addition to the above, 24 Special Polling Stations, i.e. 19 in Jammu, 01 at Udhampur and 04 in Delhi were also set up for Kashmiri Migrant Electors registered in 27-Budgam Assembly Constituency to facilitate their physical voting in terms of the scheme for voting by Kashmiri migrants.

The Polling time was 7 AM to 6 PM, at all polling stations. As per data received till 7:30 PM, 27-Budgam Assembly Constituency has recorded a turnout of 50.01 per cent and 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituency has recorded 74.82 per cent.

A total of 157 votes were polled at Special Polling Stations in Jammu. The lone special polling station at Udhampur recorded 11 votes and Delhi a total of 10 votes were recorded, by the Kashmiri Migrants.

Pertinent to mention here, for the first time, the Poll turnout data was recorded directly by the Presiding Officers through specially design 'Presiding Officer App', as part of Integrated ECTNet platform of Election Commission of India, decreasing thereby the delay as well as errors in the transmission/compilation of voter turnout data. The counting of votes shall take place on 14th November, 2025.

To ensure smooth conduct of election process, the Commission has deployed Observers (General, Police and Expenditure) for both the Assembly Constituencies. Additionally, the Commission has deputed its senior officers to observe the polling and counting at the Special Polling Stations at the three locations.

Those responsible for...

Monday evening. There is no official word yet on what caused the blast.

"I wish to assure my fellow citizens that the country's leading investigative agencies are conducting a swift and thorough inquiry into the incident," Singh said at a defence conclave. "The findings of the investigation will soon be made public. I want to firmly assure the nation that those responsible for this tragedy will be brought to justice and will not be spared under any circumstances," he said.

The defence minister also extended his condolences to the families of the deceased.

"I extend my heartfelt condolences to all those who lost their lives in the tragic accident. I pray to God to grant strength and solace to the bereaved families in this hour of deep grief," he said.

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Shah instructs security...

DG Sadanand Vasant Date. DGP of Jammu and Kashmir Nalin Prabhat also attend the meeting virtually.

During the meeting, top officials gave detailed presentations on the situation in the aftermath of the blast, sources said.

Almost the same set of officials attended the afternoon security review meeting.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has also handed over the probe into the blast to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

This is a clear indication that the blast, which so far claimed 12 lives, has been considered by the government as an act of terror as the NIA is mandated to probe into the terror cases only.

Shah has said that top investigating agencies were probing the blast, and will go in-depth into the incident.

The blast took place in a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near the Red Fort metro station on Monday evening, killing 12 people, injuring 20 and gutting several vehicles, officials said. The Union Home Minister also instructed the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to match the samples collected from the bodies in the car that exploded near Red Fort here, sources said. The directives were given following the second security review meeting chaired by Shah.

The meeting was attended by the director of the Forensic Science Services, and the chief director of the Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi, among others, sources said.

Security beefed at...

eight people and gutting several vehicles.

Twenty-four people were injured in the blast that occurred during peak evening hours when the area was crowded, officials said. "Security has been beefed up in vital areas of the Jammu region. Security measures have been immediately strengthened at the Vaishno Devi cave shrine and the base camp in Katra," a police officer told PTI.

Security has also been enhanced in and around Jammu city, he said, adding that vigilance has been increased along railway tracks and the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

A high alert has been sounded across the region.

Top police officers conducted security checks in Katra on Monday night.

DIG Jammu-Kathua Shiv Kumar Sharma carried out a security inspection at night in Jammu city.

Celebration of Vande Mataram 150 Anniversary: Series of vibrant activities organised across Ramban District



STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: The spirit of patriotism resonated across District Ramban today as the District Administration, under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, organized a series of vibrant activities to mark the 150th anniversary of India's National Song "Vande Mataram." The day witnessed a unique blend of art, culture, and civic responsibility as people from all walks of life united to celebrate the timeless message of national pride and unity.

In a colorful display of creativity, participants painted patriotic murals, while cleanliness and beautification drives were carried out in the Municipal Committees of Ramban, Banihal, Batote, and adjoining areas-symbolizing both the aesthetic and moral spirit of "Vande Mataram." Adding to the fervour, a mass rally by the students and staff of Government Polytechnic College Ramban spread the message of unity and integrity. The rally, which began at the college campus and culminated near the PDC office, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members alike. Various events and competitions echoed

throughout the district, with "Vande Mataram" programs held in several colleges and schools including GDC Ramban, Girls High School Ramban, Rajgarh, Government High School Jhatgalli, HS Gurwati and HSS Sanasar. The celebrations also featured a joint event organized by the PWD Division Banihal and Municipal Committee Banihal, as well as another by the Sub-Division and PWD Batote in collaboration with MC Batote. At Government Polytechnic College Ramban, an Essay Writing Competition and an Online Quiz Competition were held, drawing wide participation. Eleven candidates were shortlisted for the essay competition, with Mohammed Maneer, Rahat Sideeq and Akshay Kumar emerging as winners. In the online quiz, Kartikay Raj Manahas, Satish Singh Bali and Deepak Singh secured the top three positions. The ongoing celebrations have infused the district with patriotic zeal, reinforcing the eternal values of unity, sacrifice and love for the nation.

District-Level Programme held in Udhampur to commemorate 150 Years of Vande Mataram



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UDHAMPUR: To commemorate 150 years of Vande Mataram, the District Administration Udhampur organized a district-level programme here at Riwayat. The event also featured saturation under key financial inclusion schemes such as PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY. The programme witnessed the presence of PO Poshan Subash Dogra; Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash, district and sectoral officers, representatives of Beopar Mandals, prominent citizens and members of the general public. The sanitation workers and pensioners were enrolled for financial inclusion schemes. Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai was the chief

guest. The Agriculture, Horticulture, Health and ICDS departments had set up awareness stalls at the venue to disseminate information about welfare and flagship schemes of the Government. The Deputy Commissioner inspected the stalls, interacted with staff and beneficiaries and inquired about the on-ground impact of the schemes. She also took direct feedback from beneficiaries to assess the effectiveness of service delivery. Addressing the gathering, the DC highlighted that the Government has launched numerous welfare schemes aimed at improving the lives of common citizens. She urged the public to come forward and avail the maximum benefits of these initiatives. She further emphasized that the objective of organizing such programmes is to enhance awareness regarding government-sponsored schemes. The DC also sensitized participants about PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY. She elaborated on the benefits of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which offers attractive subsidies for installing rooftop solar panels. She encouraged citizens to enroll for the scheme to contribute towards clean energy and environmental sustainability. Adding to the patriotic spirit of the event, students of Bhartiya Vidya Mandir School recited the national song Vande Mataram, creating a vibrant and inspiring atmosphere.

White Knight Corps commander visits Ace of Spades division, briefed on operational situation



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JAMMU: White Knight Corps General Officer Commanding (GoC) Lieutenant General P K Mishra on Monday visited the Ace of Spades division and an Artillery brigade in the Rajouri-Poonch sector, where he was briefed on the operational situation in the region. The GoC commended the high standards of professionalism, operational readiness and steadfast commitment of

the troops. "GoC White Knight Corps visited the Ace of Spades Division and Artillery Brigade, where he interacted with commanders at various levels and troops," White Knight Corps said on X. He was briefed on the operational situation and ongoing training initiatives of the formation. The GoC appreciated the pivotal role of the troops in maintaining peace and security in the sensitive region.

District Doda resonates with patriotic fervour as educational institutions celebrate 150 glorious years of Vande Mataram

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DODA: The entire District Doda came alive with patriotic zeal as schools and colleges across the district celebrated the 150th anniversary of the iconic national song Vande Mataram - a timeless symbol of India's unity, strength and freedom. The educational institutions organized a series of vibrant activities, including Vande Mataram singing, painting and essay writing competitions, quiz contests, plantation drives and cleanliness campaigns, truly reflecting the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat." The students at Government Higher Secondary School Girls Bhaderwah participated in Vande Mataram singing,

painting and essay writing competitions and cleanliness drive. The celebration, held under the supervision of the School Principal Shafayat Ali, beautifully captured the essence of unity, creativity and national devotion, concluding with a group selfie at the "Vande Mataram 150 Selfie Point." Similarly, Government Higher Secondary School Boys Doda, under the guidance of Principal, Rishi Kumar, hosted Painting and Essay Writing Competitions. Students showcased their patriotism, artistic expression and understanding of India's cultural and historical heritage through their creative works. The Government Degree College Kastigarh, under

the leadership of Principal, Prof. Koshal Mangotra, organized two major events - a Quiz Competition and a Plantation Drive themed "Salute the Mother Earth". Students Chandanjeet Singh, Amir Hussain and Kavita Devi secured the top three positions in the quiz competition. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Arjun Singh, while the Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Anupam Lata. The Plantation Drive carried out on the College Campus aimed to promote environmental awareness and sustainability. Students actively participated by planting saplings and spreading the green message "Each One, Plant One" and "Save Tree, Save Life." GHSS Kandhote observed the celebration with a Cleanliness Drive symbolizing purity, unity, and

national pride. Students and staff took a pledge to contribute to a Clean and Green India while singing Vande Mataram in unison, echoing the spirit of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Government High School Seri celebrated the day with patriotic songs, speeches, and dances highlighting the historical and emotional significance of Vande Mataram. The event concluded with energetic slogans of unity and memorable pictures at the "Vande Mataram 150 Selfie Point." The Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Bhata Paryote organized Painting and Essay Writing Competitions where students expressed their love for the nation through art and writing. The event concluded with the collective singing of Vande Mataram, reflecting the true spirit of national pride and harmony.

National Education Day observed at GDC Darhal

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DARHAL: Government Degree College (GDC) Darhal celebrated National Education Day with great enthusiasm, intellectual vigor, and a profound commitment to promoting education as the foundation of national development and social progress. The event was organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister, a freedom fighter, and a visionary who laid the groundwork for the country's modern educational system. The program was held under the patronage of Prof. Zameer Ahmed Mirza, Principal of the college, who in his inaugural address highlighted Maulana Azad's monu-

mental contributions, including the establishment of premier institutions such as the IITs, UGC, and AICTE. Prof. Mirza urged the youth to uphold the ideals of unity, inclusiveness, and innovation as reflected in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, stressing that education must nurture both intellect and character. The highlight of the event was a comprehensive and thought-provoking keynote lecture delivered by Prof. Saleem Wani, Head of the Department of English, on the theme "Education for Empowerment: Vision, Values, and Challenges." Prof. Wani elaborated on the historical evolution of education in India-from the traditional Gurukul system to modern digital

learning-while reflecting on Maulana Azad's vision of education as a force for unity, secularism, and social justice. Prof. Ghulam Abbas, Head of the Department of Persian, spoke passionately on "Education and Moral Enlightenment," noting that education without ethics is incomplete and warning against the dangers of materialism in academia. Dr. Taseem Ahmed, Head of Geography, emphasized the role of education in achieving sustainable development and environmental awareness, while Dr. Mohd Akhlaq, Head of Mathematics, underlined the importance of rationality, logic, and analytical thinking as the cornerstones of human progress. Prof. Anzar Ahmed,

Head Department of Persian, discussed the spiritual and cultural dimensions of learning, stressing that education must cultivate humility, tolerance, and respect for cultural heritage while embracing modern advancements. The program also witnessed active participation from other faculty members, including Dr. Raja Shahid, Dr. Mohd Shakeel Kataria, Dr. Mohd Shakoor, Dr. Abdul Ghani, Dr. Atta Ul Rehman Malik, Prof. Beenish Mir, Prof. Nousheen Dar, Altaf Hussain, and Jameel Ahmed, who spoke on diverse aspects of the Indian education system, ranging from women's education and digital learning to inclusive pedagogy and research-based instruction.

ANTF Jammu recovers 500 grams heroin; interstate drug smuggler arrested

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JAMMU: Acting swiftly on a specific and reliable input, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Jammu achieved a major success by recovering approximately 500 grams of Heroin and arresting one interstate drug smuggler involved in the illicit narcotics trade. As per details, during the operation, a team of ANTF Jammu intercepted the suspect following sustained surveillance and credible intelligence regarding drug trafficking activity. The accused has been identified as Mohd. Parvez S/o Mohd. Shaheed, resident of Jaffarabad, North-East Delhi. Upon search, the team recovered around 500

grams of Heroin from his possession. In this connection, FIR No. 03/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station ANTF Jammu, and further investigation has been initiated to unearth the backward and forward linkages of this interstate drug trafficking network. Preliminary investigation indicates that the accused was part of a larger network involved in supplying narcotics from outside the Union Territory to local peddlers within Jammu & Kashmir. ANTF is working on identifying other members of the syndicate and tracing the source and destination of the contraband.

