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Attends Nagar Kirtan to commemorate 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

LG lauds J&K Police for unearthing, dismantling pan-India terror module

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended the Nagar Kirtan, organised to commemorate 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. He paid obeisance at Gurdwara Sant Mela Singh Dastkari Ashram, Digiana, Jammu.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor recalled the life-long campaigns and supreme sacrifice made by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the ninth Guru of Sikhism, to uphold the principles of moral values, righteousness, dignity, and religious freedom.

"Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was the embodiment of sacrifice and universal brotherhood and on this occasion, we must reaffirm to follow his ideals of peace and harmony," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that Guru Tegh



LG Manoj Sinha paying obeisance at Gurdwara Sant Mela Singh Dastkari Ashram, Digiana, Jammu on Sunday.

Bahadur Ji brought a new revolution to society, igniting a new ray of hope.

"Guru Ji's ideals are our holy pilgrimage. Guru Ji has awakened the spirit of selfless service and instilled a new willpower in the nation," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor

observed that the sacrifices of great Sikh Gurus have ensured that India's culture and dignity remain uncompromising.

"Our revered Sikh Gurus ensured India's glory through significant contributions and selfless sacrifices. India still stands with full

strength and pride despite centuries of external invasions and economic drain. We must stand firm in our determination to build a new India of our dreams," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor praised the dedication and professionalism of the

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J&K terror handlers now prefer recruits with no separatist links, criminal past: Officials

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Youths with no past criminal record or separatist affiliation are now preferred for recruitment by terror handlers in Jammu and Kashmir to stay under the radar of security forces, officials in the know say.

"This fresh strategy is completely different from the modus operandi adopted by them two decades ago, according to officials, which favoured those with established links to terror outfits.

The investigators probing the "white collar terror module" have found a distinct pattern and a common denominator among the

accused persons who have been arrested or questioned so far.

"The accused persons like Dr Adeel Rather, his brother Dr Muzaffar Rather, and Dr Muzammil Ganaie do not have any past criminal record or involvement in anti-national activities," an official said.

The official said even the family members of these radicalised youths have no past affiliation with any separatist or terror outfit.

"Even Dr Umar Nabi, who was driving the car that blew up outside the Red Fort metro station in Delhi

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Anti-submarine warfare shallow-water craft 'Mahe' to be commissioned on Nov 24

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Anti-submarine warfare shallow-water craft 'Mahe', equipped with torpedoes, multi-functional anti-submarine rockets and advanced radars and sonars, is set to be commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 24, officials said on Sunday.

The first of the eight Anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC) being built by the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) is named after Mahe, the historic port town in Puducherry, and symbolises India's rich maritime heritage.

"With her blend of firepower, stealth and mobility, the ship is designed to hunt submarines, conduct coastal patrols, and secure India's vital maritime approaches," a Navy spokesperson said.

Equipped with torpedoes and anti-submarine rockets, the first of the

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RSS runs on conviction, commitment of its volunteers: Bhagwat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAIPUR: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said the organisation derives its strength from the "emotional and life force" of its volunteers, asserting that every swayamsevak, by mindset, naturally becomes a pracharak.

Speaking at the release of the book "Aur Yah Jeevan Samarpit" at the Pathay Kan Sansthan here, Bhagwat said the volume chronicles the life journeys of 24 late

RSS pracharaks from Rajasthan.

"The Sangh runs on the



emotional strength and life-force of its volunteers. By their mindset alone, every

swayamsevak becomes a pracharak. That is the Sangh's life energy," he said.

Bhagwat cautioned that despite the organisation's expansion and improved working conditions, its foundational spirit must remain unchanged.

"Today, the Sangh has grown, and facilities have increased, but that brings its own challenges. We must remain as we were during the

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Bihar cabinet meeting today, to pave way for formation of new Govt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PATNA: Decks were being cleared on Sunday for the formation of a new government in Bihar with the scheduling of the last meeting of the outgoing cabinet, which would, understandably, authorise Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to take necessary action.

According to a notification of the cabinet secretariat department, the council of ministers will meet on Monday, when, according to a senior JD(U) leader, a resolution will be passed to "authorise" Kumar to meet the governor with the proposal to dissolve the outgoing assembly.

The development came on a

day Chief Electoral Officer Vinod Singh Gunjyal met Governor Arif Mohammed Khan with a list of the members elected in the recently held assembly polls, results of which were announced on Friday.

The NDA won a brute majority, bagging more than 200 seats of the 243-strong assembly, with BJP winning the maximum of 89 seats, followed by the JD(U)'s tally of 85, while Union minister Chirag Paswan's LJP(RV) bagged 19, and another nine were won by smaller partners HAM and RLM.

Meanwhile, JD(U) working president Sanjay Kumar Jha, who was back

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DGP reviews operational readiness, anti-terror measures in Kupwara

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir DGP Nalin Prabhat on Sunday conducted a comprehensive review of kinetic and non-kinetic operations, as well as the overall security scenario in Kupwara district.

"During the meeting with senior officers, the DGP assessed operational readiness, intelligence coordination, anti-terror measures, and community-oriented initiatives aimed at strengthening peace and stability in the region," a police spokesman said.

Prabhat stressed maintaining high vigilance along the border, enhancing synergy



NIA arrests Kashmiri man who 'conspired' with 'suicide bomber' Dr Umar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a major breakthrough in the Red Fort area car bomb blast case, the National Investigation Agency has arrested a Kashmir resident who had allegedly conspired with "suicide bomber" Dr Umar Un Nabi to carry out the terror attack, which claimed 13 lives.

Amir Rashid Ali, in whose name the car involved in the blast was registered, has been arrested from Delhi by the NIA, the federal probe agency said in a release.

The NIA has launched a massive search operation after taking over the case from the Delhi Police.

Investigations by the probe agency had revealed that the accused, a resident of Samboora in Jammu and Kashmir's Pampore, had conspired with the "suicide bomber", Umar, to unleash the terror attack.

Amir had come to Delhi to allegedly facilitate the purchase of the car, which was eventually used as a "vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive



Central agencies collect samples from Nowgam blast site to analyse nature of explosives

SRINAGAR: Teams of NSG, NIA and Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) on Sunday visited the Nowgam police station blast site in Jammu and Kashmir, where nine persons died and 32 others sustained injuries in an accidental blast, officials said.

The central agencies visited the site to collect samples from the scene of the blast, which occurred on Friday night, officials added.

They further informed that the samples will be analysed to check the nature of explosives seized from the 'white collar terror' module, which was stored at the Nowgam police station.

An accidental explosion ripped

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Device (IED)" to trigger the blast, the NIA said.

This was the first time the probe agency has described Dr

Umar Un Nabi, who was behind the wheel when the car exploded near the Red Fort on November 10, as a "suicide

Forensic error, not terror, blamed for Nowgam tragedy: Officials

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: Preliminary investigations into the accidental explosion that ripped through the Nowgam police station late Friday night, killing nine people, suggest that the use of excessive lighting by the forensic team may have triggered the massive blast, officials said Sunday.

The explosion, which authorities maintain was an accident and not a terror attack, occurred around 11:20 pm while a team was extracting samples from the final boxes of seized explosive material transported from Al-Falah University in

Faridabad, Haryana.

The area has been visited by teams from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory and experts from the elite National Security Guards for collecting samples.

The officials believe the last few boxes contained a liquid substance -- likely a mixture of Acetophenone, Hydrogen Peroxide, and Sulphuric Acid -- and in order to examine the liquid substance closely, the lighting arrangement was sealed up, leading to the massive explosion.

While Acetophenone itself is a common industrial chemical, it is a crucial

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Terror module case: CIK raids doctor's home in Anantnag

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Counter Intelligence Kashmir on Sunday conducted searches at the residence of a doctor in Anantnag district in connection with the 'white collar terror module' case, officials said.

The raid was carried out by the CIK sleuths at Malaknag in the Anantnag area during the night, the officials said.

They said that during the searches, the CIK personnel found that a female doctor hailing from Haryana was residing in the house as a tenant.

The CIK seized a mobile



phone from the house and took it for forensic analysis, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Bilal Ahmad Wani, a dry fruit seller who, along with his son Jasir

Bilal, was picked up by police for questioning in connection with the terror module case, tried to set himself on fire in the Qazigund area,

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GMC Jammu logs 9,427 cancer cases in 5 years; most reported in advanced stages

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The State Cancer Institute at the Government Medical College Jammu has documented 9,427 cancer cases over a five-year period, with the majority of the patients reporting to the hospital only after the disease had advanced to Stage III or Stage IV.

According to the latest Hospital-Based Cancer Registry data from 2020 to 2024, 5,351 patients were men and 4,076 women, placing the male-to-female ratio at 1.31:1, and suggesting a higher cancer burden among males in the region.

Lung cancer emerged as the most common malignancy with 1,338 cases, followed

by head and neck cancers (1,005), breast (704), hepatobiliary (681), genito-urinary (654), hematological cancers (653), esophageal (519), oral cancers (519), and cervical cancer (494).

Other major cancers included intestinal (456), cancers of unknown primary or CUPs (410), ovarian (354), lymphoma (305), stomach (279), brain (263), prostate (233) and bone and soft-tissue cancers (210), in addition to 186 other women's cancers, 111 skin cancers, and 53 classified as other types, the data shows.

Jammu district accounted for the highest number of cases at 3,671, followed

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.8°C Min: 9.8°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 66

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 16.8°C Min: -1.6°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 46

Sunset : 17:29 Hours
Sunrise : 07:01 Hours