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Don't view every Kashmiri Muslim with suspicion: Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday advocated stringent punishment for all those involved in the "white collar" terror module and Delhi blast case, but urged that innocent civilians should not be harmed.

"I raised the issue yesterday at the North Zone Chief Minister's conference as well. Union Home Minister was there, Union Home Secretary, CMs of north zone, Governors, LGs, were there.

"I appealed to them to not see every citizen of J-K, especially every Kashmiri Muslim, with suspicion," the CM told reporters after visiting a hospital here to inquire about those injured in the accidental blast in the Nowgam police station on Friday.

Omar said while those involved in the module, especially in the Delhi blast, be arrested and given stringent punishment, "innocent people, who have no connection with it and have always raised their voice against violence, should not be brought into this ambit".

The Chief Minister expressed hope that the Centre will pay heed to what



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah talking to reporters at Srinagar on Tuesday.

CM visits families of blast victims; meets injured in hospital

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday visited the families of those who lost their lives in the recent accidental explosion at the Nowgam Police Station. He visited the families of Late Ajaz Afzal Mir at HMT Zainakote, Late Mohammad Amin Mir at Bemina, Late Showkat Ahmad Bhat at Qamarwari, Late Suhail Ahmad Rather at Natipora, and Late Mohd. Shafi Paray at Wanabal.

The Chief Minister expressed his deep sorrow over the irreparable loss and prayed for the departed souls to rest in peace in heaven. He also prayed for strength and forbearance for the families to bear the loss. Expressing profound grief, the Chief Minister said, "This tragic

he said. Referring to the Nowgam blast, the CM said it is unfortunate that many people lost their precious lives and several others were injured.

"The investigations are on to ascertain the cause and why it happened. I hope people will get answers, because it should not happen. Such a huge quantity of explosives was brought here, in which conditions was it transported and stored, and how was it being dealt with, we will gradually get answers to all these questions, but I express my sympathies and condolences to all those families who lost their kin," he said.

Omar Abdullah said he is grateful to the hospital for reaching out to the injured immediately after the blast.

"They did not wait for a phone call... saw the blast through their window, took out their ambulances, and reached the spot before anyone else, and took the injured from there. Many of the injured are in their hospital, four are in ICU, I hope all of them get well and go home," he added.

Asked about providing compensation to the families of the victims, the chief minister

Security tightened at Vaishno Devi; SMVDSB orders additional deployment, verification drive

Fire safety mock drills held on Shrine route

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As security was beefed up following the Delhi blast, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board authorities asked security agencies to ensure the deployment of additional personnel to provide foolproof security within the shrine area and its adjoining zones.

The authorities also called upon the agencies to expedite the verification process of individuals employed in local shops operating along the track and within Katra town.

Police have beefed up security, set up checkpoints, intensified frisking and checking in Katra town, the base camp of the temple, and carried out area domination of the Trikuta hills housing the shrine, the officials said.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, urged the security agencies to ensure the deployment of additional personnel within



the shrine area and its adjoining zones to maintain a secure environment throughout the pilgrimage route.

He conveyed this during a comprehensive review of disaster management preparedness and security measures for the pilgrimage.

The security agencies were requested to undertake a thorough review of the functionality and operational readiness of the security equipment currently in use, he said.

The CEO stressed that regular assessments are essential to ensure optimal performance of all devices. He also directed the immediate procurement of any critical or urgently required security equipment.

Highlighting the central role of the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), the CEO emphasised its full-scale utilisation for effective disaster management and

Authorities check lockers at GMC, SMGS hospitals in Jammu



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Authorities on Tuesday checked the lockers belonging to staff, students and doctors at the Government Medical College and Sri Maharaja Gulab

'Zero tolerance', 'no whitewashing': Jaishankar on terrorism at SCO meeting

STATE TIMES NEWS
MOSCOW: India on Tuesday said that the world must display "zero tolerance" towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, asserting that there can be no justification, no looking away and "no whitewashing".

"As India has demonstrated, we have the right to defend our people against terrorism, and will exercise it," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in his address at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government meeting here.

Jaishankar said India



believes that the SCO must "adapt to the changing global landscape, develop an expanded agenda, and reform its working methods".

"We will contribute positively and fully to these objectives," he said.

The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic,

Govt doctor, wife detained for misusing positions for unlawful activities

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The counter intelligence wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday detained a government doctor and his wife for allegedly misusing their positions to mask unlawful activities including radicalizing local women, officials said.

The Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) conducted coordinated searches at four locations across the districts of Srinagar, Kulgam and Anantnag on Tuesday.

The searches were part of an ongoing crackdown against social media abusers operating in connivance with handlers across the border,

who have been deliberately engaged in furthering terrorist, secessionist, and separatist agendas, the officials said.

By leveraging their professional status and societal standing, the involved individuals were allegedly using social media platforms to spread disinformation, radicalize youth, incite violence and disturb public order, posing a serious threat to the peace and sovereignty of the Union of India, they added.

The officials made it clear that the searches were not linked to the "white collar" terror module or the

Job fair for ESMs in Jammu on Dec 5

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a landmark initiative to empower and support the reintegration of ex-servicemen (ESMs) into the civilian workforce, the Ministry of Defence is organising a job fair at Satwari cantonment here on December 5, an official said on Tuesday.

This job fair, being organised by Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, would serve as a dedicated platform to connect former soldiers of the Army, Navy and Air Force with leading employers from corporate and industry from diverse sectors, including security, IT, administration, logistics, healthcare, administration and engineering, a defence spokesman said.

He said the initiative reflects continued commitment towards resettlement and welfare of ex-servicemen, ensuring they are recognised for their discipline, leadership and technical expertise - skills

Anyone who takes 'pride in Bharat' is Hindu: Bhagwat

STATE TIMES NEWS
GUWAHATI: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday said anyone who takes "pride in Bharat" is a Hindu.

Interacting with noted persons in Guwahati, Bhagwat claimed that 'Hindu' is not merely a religious term but a civilisational identity rooted in thousands of years of cultural continuity.

"Bharat and Hindu are synonymous. India does not need an official declaration to be a 'Hindu rashtra'. Its

civilisational ethos already reflects it," he said.

Bhagwat said RSS is not created to oppose or harm anyone but to focus on character-building and contribute to making India a global leader.

"The methodology to unite Bharat amidst diversity is called the RSS," he said.

Addressing concerns about "demographic changes" in Assam, Bhagwat called for confidence, vigilance, and firm attachment to one's land and identity.

He spoke about issues such as illegal infiltration, the need for a balanced population policy including a three-child norm for Hindus, and the importance of resisting divisive religious conversions. He also advocated for responsible

Three convicted in 2016 Doda murder case

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DODA: A local court in Doda has convicted three people in connection the murder of a woman in 2016.

Shakuntala Devi was killed and her husband Nehal Chand and son Chain Singh were injured in an attack by a rival group following a land dispute in Bhaderwah area of Doda district over a decade ago.

Police have successfully secured the conviction and imprisonment of three accused persons -- Sanjay Kumar, Ram Kumar and Mukesh Kumar -- involved in the murder case registered at Police

Growth in environmental law largely attributable to PILs: Justice N Kotiswar Singh

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Supreme Court Judge Justice N Kotiswar Singh has said that the development of environmental law in India can be largely attributed to the growth of the public interest litigation (PIL).

Justice Singh made the remarks while addressing the UN Climate Change Conference 2025 in Brazil's Belem on November 13.

The conference, also called COP30 or the Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is being

held from November 10 to 21. Speaking about a period of transition marked by judicial activism, Justice Singh said, "This phase of environmental awareness also coincided with the path breaking legal development taking place, initiated by the Supreme Court, the rise of the Public Interest Litigation in India."

"The growth in environmental law can be attributed to a large extent to the growth of the PIL in the late 1970s and 1980s," he added.

He said that the apex court provided for a procedural innovation by giving an expansive meaning to the concept of locus standi, and allowed any public-spirited citizen or organisation to approach the court on issues affecting the public at large.

Justice Singh underlined that the top court moved beyond the

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 25.1°C Min: 11.5°C

Humidity
Max: 79 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.5°C Min: -1.8°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 66

Sunset : 17:28 Hours
Sunrise : 07:03 Hours

Police bust major two-wheeler theft racket in Jammu; 40 stolen vehicles recovered under Operation AVTAR

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a major breakthrough, Jammu Police on Tuesday announced the busting of a well-organized two-wheeler theft racket operating across multiple areas of the city.

Addressing a press conference, SSP Jammu Joginder Singh said that the operation was carried out under Operation AVTAR, following a series of complaints from the public regarding frequent vehicle thefts in Gandhi Nagar, Trikuta Nagar and adjoining areas.

The SSP said that multiple FIRs - FIR No. 22/2025, 242/2025, 215/2025 and 220/2025, all under Section 303(2) BNS - were registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar, after which a comprehensive investigation was launched.

"Based on the gravity of the theft pattern, a dedicated team led by SP South Dr Ajay Sharma was constituted, comprising PSI Mohd Ilyas,



SSP Jammu Joginder Singh along with SP South Dr Ajay Sharma briefing media on Tuesday. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

PSI Nadeem Akram and ASI Pintoo Kumar, under the close supervision of the SHO Gandhi Nagar and overall supervision of SDPO City South," he said.

SSP Joginder Singh informed that technical surveillance, sustained field efforts and analysis of CCTV footage from several locations led to the arrest of three accused individuals-

Harpreet Singh, son of Makhn Singh, resident of Khanpur, Tehsil Ramgarh, District Samba, Gurdarshan Singh, son of Shanakh Singh, resident of Pakhri, Tehsil Ramgarh, District Samba, and Himanshu Nanda, son of Tilak Raj Nanda, resident of Jindet Khurd, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu.

"During sustained questioning, all three confessed to their involvement in numerous theft cases. Acting on their disclosures, police recovered 40 stolen motorcycles and scooters, worth approximately Rs 35 lakh," he added.

He stressed that the recovery includes high-demand models such as Splendor, Passion, Activa, Pulsar, Royal Enfield, TVS and Yamaha R15. "This is one of the biggest recoveries in recent years, and it has brought major relief to citizens who were repeatedly falling prey to these thefts," the

Terror conspiracy case: J&K Counter Intelligence Wing carries out raids

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Counter Intelligence wing of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday carried out raids at multiple locations in the valley in a terror conspiracy case involving a doctor, officials said.

However, the officials said the searches are not linked to the "white collar" terror module or the Delhi blast

