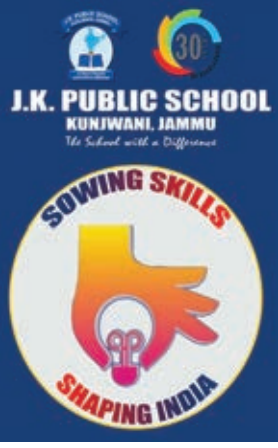




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Lays foundation stone of widening, four-laning of Boulevard Road Development of Srinagar, Jammu cities top priority, says CM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday laid the foundation stone for the Widening and Four Laning of Boulevard Road from Nehru Park to Kral Sangri (RD 2000 Mtrs to RD 7000 Mtrs), marking a major milestone in the government's ongoing efforts to strengthen Srinagar's scenic and tourism infrastructure.

The prestigious project, being executed by the Public Works (R&B) Department at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.94 crore, aims to improve road connectivity along the Kashmir's most iconic lake-front stretch.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Khanyar Ali Mohammad Sagar, MLA Hazratbhai Salmaan Ali Sagar, MLA Zaidal Tanveer Sadiq, MLA Chanapora Mushtaq Guroo, Chief Engineer R&B,



CM Omar Abdullah addressing gathering after laying foundation stone of widening & four-laning of Boulevard Road on Saturday.

and other senior officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the widening of the Boulevard stretch will not only decongest traffic but also enhance the aesthetic and tourism value of the Dal Lake precincts.

"Travelling on Boulevard Road has become tortuous-it takes hours to reach one's destination," the Chief Minister said, adding that his

government is planning a series of projects to decongest Srinagar's road network and provide much-needed relief to residents and tourists alike.

The Chief Minister said that for over a decade, Srinagar has not been given due attention, but that "all wrongs will now be corrected and undone under our government."

He emphasized that this was not limited to Srinagar alone, adding:

"Even Jammu city has not its due. The neglect faced by both cities in the past ten years will be set right by my government. We do not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, or region."

He cited the restoration of the Darbar Move tradition, originally introduced by the Dogra rulers of Jammu, as evidence of his government's commitment to unity and equality across regions. Touching upon urban

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Police nabs key handler of narco-terror module linked to LeT

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday arrested an alleged key handler in a narco-terror case linked to the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, an official said.

He said the accused, Basharat Ali, a resident of Tad Karnah area of north Kashmir's Kupwara, was apprehended by a special team of SIA Kashmir from Bemina in Srinagar city after evading arrest for the last three years.

Giving details, the official said the case pertains to a Pakistan-sponsored narco-terror module of LeT, involved in smuggling of narcotics and weapons from the border into the Karnah sector.

"The proceeds from the sale of narcotics were pumped in for sustaining terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. Ali is the fourth proclaimed

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LG calls for public-private collaboration to ensure access to quality healthcare for all



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating 200-Bedded Hospital, Amandeep BR Medicity, in collaboration with Ujala Cygnus Healthcare at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called for a strong collaboration between the public and private sectors to improve health outcomes and ensure access to quality healthcare for all. He was speaking at the inauguration of 200-Bedded Hospital, Amandeep BR Medicity, in collaboration with Ujala Cygnus Healthcare, at Tengpora-Bemina Bypass, Srinagar.

The hospital, equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and advanced medical technology, will provide quality healthcare.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that in a very short span of time since 2020 modern healthcare facilities were developed including well-equipped hospitals, increased record number of MBBS, Nursing seats for adequate number of qualified healthcare professionals and strengthened healthcare in

remote areas through thousands of health and wellness centres.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we built new medical colleges, thousands of health and wellness centres, launched universal health insurance and created a high-quality and accessible healthcare for people of J&K UT. Around 90 percent of the population in Jammu Kashmir is covered

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DM issues strictures to prevent misuse of courier services for drug trafficking

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant step towards eradicating the menace of drugs and preventing the misuse of courier and parcel services for the transportation of contraband substances, District Magistrate Jammu, Dr Rakesh Minhas, on Saturday issued an order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, read with the relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 and NDPS Rules, 1985.

The order was issued following reports that courier

and parcel services are being misused for transporting narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances disguised as ordinary consignments. Such acts constitute grave offences under the NDPS Act, punishable under Sections 8, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 29, among others.

The order states that no courier company, parcel service or logistics operator functioning within District Jammu shall accept, book or transport any narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or other contraband items unless it holds a valid transport permit under

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'Blackmailer Reporter' of "The Daily Truth News" portal earlier booked under Sec 382 IPC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The self-styled reporter of "The Daily Truth News" portal, Shubham Manswalia alias Shivam, son of Kasturi Lal, resident of House No. 284, Ustad Mohalla, Jammu, and presently residing at House No. 422, Bahu Fort, Jammu, who demanded Rs 20,000 for erasing a fabricated video from his unregistered portal, has been found to be already facing criminal charges under Section 382 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Police sources confirmed that Shubham was booked under FIR 91/2023 registered at Police Station Channi Himmat, Jammu, under Section 382 IPC (Punishment for theft after preparation made for causing death, hurt, or restraint in order to commit the theft).

It's very strange that Shubham Manswalia who was booked by Channi Himmat police in 2023 and charge-sheeted in court of law for such heinous crime turned a self styled media



FOLLOW-UP



person to indulge in blackmailing.

This case is still under judicial consideration before the court. In our next edition, Shubham's involvement will be exposed in detail in the

heinous case registered at Channi Himmat Police Station.

Now, the voice recording of his demand for Rs 20,000-where he can be clearly heard negotiating payment in exchange for deleting the video-has been shared publicly for readers and handed over to the police as evidence.

The Daily Truth News has come under police investigation after its reporter was caught blackmailing the management of a reputed hotel in Jammu City.

As per the complaint filed with the police,

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Anti-insurgency ops unit in north Kashmir; Maj Gen Sharma takes charge

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SRINAGAR: Major General



Tushar Sharma on Saturday took over the command of the Army's counter-insurgency unit, Kilo Force, responsible for anti-terror operations in north Kashmir. Maj. Gen. Sharma took charge of the unit in north Kashmir as its 21st general officer commanding, succeeding Maj. Gen. Vivek Narang, a defence spokesperson said.

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Maj. Gen. Sharma was given various staff and command appointments in varied terrain and

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Day not far when India will be free from Maoist terror: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAIPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the number of districts affected by Maoist terror has dwindled from 125 to just three in the last 11 years, and the day is not far when the country will be freed from the Naxal menace.

Speaking at various events in Chhattisgarh, Modi also said India has always come forward as a first responder during any global crisis, adding the nation has always stepped forward as a reliable partner to provide help.

In his address at the 'Chhattisgarh Rajat Mahotsav' in Nava Raipur to



mark the 25th anniversary celebration of the formation of Chhattisgarh, Modi hailed the state's growth journey

and said the seed sown 25 years ago has grown into a "vat vriksh" (banyan tree) of development.

Modi said he was deeply satisfied that Chhattisgarh was breaking free from the clutches of Naxal violence which had caused immense suffering to the state for over five decades.

"For 50 years, the people here suffered unbearable pain (because of Naxalism). Those who show off the Constitution and shed

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30 films from 14 nations to light up TIFFS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thirty films from 14 countries have been shortlisted for screening at the three-day International Film Festival of Srinagar (TIFFS), set to open on November 12, organisers said here on Saturday.

The festival, now in its fourth edition, aims to turn the J-K's summer capital into a vibrant hub of global cinema, bringing together filmmakers, artists, and cinephiles.

A statement from festival Directors Rohit Bhat and Rakesh Roshan Bhat said that the opening ceremony will be held on the

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9 people killed at Kasibugga temple stampede in Andhra

PM Modi, CM express grief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KASIBUGGA (ANDHRA PRADESH): At least nine people-eight women and a boy-were killed and many others injured at a stampede which occurred at Venkateswara Swamy temple here in Srikakulam district on Saturday.

Earlier, Srikakulam District Collector Swapnil Dinkar Pundkar put the toll at 10.

State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha said the temple, a private one and not under the Endowments Department, usually witnesses a turnout of 1,500 to

2,000 devotees here every Saturday.

The tragedy was worsened by the Ekadasi observance coinciding with 'Karthika Masam', drawing large crowds.

At least seven of the dead are in the age group of 35-40.

According to the minister, the temple is located at an elevation on the first floor, and when the devotees were climbing, the railing broke, resulting in the people standing at a corner falling on one another. Srikakulam district superintendent of

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Over 11,000 penalised for ticketless travel in Jammu, Rs 67 lakh collected in fines

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major drive against ticketless travel, the Northern Railways Jammu Division penalised over 11,000 passengers across various sections last month, realising a revenue of Rs 67 lakh in fines, an official said.

He added that intensified checking drives and surprise inspections were carried out to curb revenue loss and ensure compliance with travel regulations.

"In order to provide comfortable travel and better services to all genuine rail users, the ticket-checking staff of the Jammu

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Press Club Kashmir endorses, welcomes guidelines to check impersonation of 'self-styled' journalists

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The President of Press Club of Kashmir, Mohammad Saleem Pandit on Saturday appreciated and endorsed the guidelines issued by the Jammu & Kashmir Information and Public Relations Department, directing all the concerned to keep vigil on the impersonation of the fake uneducated "journalists" to check the blackmail, extortion, coercion of officials, and circulation of unverified and defamatory material against public institutions and officers and also private individuals.

Importantly, the Press Club of Kashmir has already moved the Jammu and Kashmir High Court in a writ of mandamus and sought the direction to the Jammu and Kashmir government to fix graduation as the minimum qualification for journalists and photojournalists and preferably a graduation or PG in Mass Communication.

Govt warns against impersonating mediapersons indulging in blackmailing, extortion

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Kashmir have called for heightened vigilance in view of repeated complaints of blackmail or extortion by some individuals posing as journalists.

In a communication to district information officers in the Valley, Joint Director Information (Kashmir) Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari said that there have been repeated complaints from field officers of different departments, public representatives and media houses that certain individuals are posing as journalists of various media organisations.

He said that in several instances, such persons have been found misusing the name of media for "blackmail, extortion, coercion of officials and circulation of unverified and defamatory material against public institutions and officers".

"In some cases, such individuals were apprehended and booked for extortion and misuse of media identity, which highlights the seriousness of this matter," Bukhari added.

He directed all the district information officers to be vigilant, and take certain measures such as maintaining and regularly updating a verified list of accredited, authorised and bona fide mediapersons operating within the district, in consultation with the Directorate

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The Court has admitted the writ and issued notice to the UT govern-

ment to formalise modalities for fixing qualification for the journalists in

Army conducts drone, counter-drone exercise in desert sector



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Indian Army has conducted a drone and counter-drone exercise, focused on developing and testing doctrinal precepts for their operations strengthening the force's response capability against evolving aerial threats, officials said on Saturday.

The exercise, 'Vayu

Sananvay-II', was held on October 28-29 in the forward areas of the desert sector under the Pune-based Southern Command.

"The exercise was designed to validate the Indian Army's preparedness for next-generation warfare by integrating various aerial and ground assets, and fusion of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.4°C Min: 15.7°C

Humidity
Max: 82 Min: 70

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 22.8°C Min: 3.6°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 59

Sunset : 17:40 Hours
Sunrise : 06:48 Hours