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2024 dated October 10, 2024 and as recommended by the Selection Committee-I, sanction is accorded to the promotion of three officers in the Superintendent of Police Selection Grade (II) [Level 12 (78800-209200) of the Pay Matrix], with effect from the date(s) mentioned against each," read an order issued by Chandrakar Bharti, Principal Secretary, Home Department.

As per order, Mohd Yousuf (JKPS:2001) has been promoted notionally with effect from December 24, 2024 and regularly with immediate effect whereas Pardeep Singh (JKPS:2008) and Brijesh Kumar Sharma (JKPS: 2008) have been promoted with immediate effect.

Five of family...

Roovi Kumari - under the debris, the officials said.

However, they said the neighbours acted swiftly and pulled out the trapped persons who had suffered minor injuries.

Confirming the incident, Bhaderwah Superintendent of Police Vinod Sharma said a joint team of police and civil officers reached the scene to take stock of the situation. Preliminary investigations indicate that the roof logs of the mud house, weakened by recent heavy rains, gave way and caused the collapse, the SP said.

CM flags off...

ceremony by Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Bollywood actor Sunil Shetty, MLA Zadibal Tanveer Sadiq, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, ACS Tourism Ashish Verma, Director Tourism Kashmir Raja Yaqoob and other senior civil and police officers.

The dignitaries, along with enthusiastic locals, cheered the runners as they set off on their route through the heart of Srinagar.

In a display of personal commitment to fitness and public engagement, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also participated in the Half Marathon and successfully completed the 21-kilometre run in just over one hour and fifty minutes.

Later, sharing his experience on X (formerly Twitter), the Chief Minister posted: "Just completed the Kashmir Half Marathon. I didn't set a personal best but I did improve on my effort last year. Congratulations to all the runners who completed the full marathon & the half marathon. Well done."

It may be recalled that during the first edition of the Kashmir Marathon held on October 20 last year, the Chief Minister had also flagged off and completed the half marathon event.

Speaking at the event, Bollywood actor Sunil Shetty said, "People are running for Kashmir and for India. It's beautiful to witness the excitement among people of all ages. I am delighted to be here and will try to return every year to encourage greater participation."

Expressing gratitude, Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Satish Sharma said: "This marathon spreads the message of peace, love, prosperity, and brotherhood. Participants, including runners from different countries, are part of this celebration of unity and endurance. I thank Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, actor Sunil Shetty, and everyone who contributed to making this event a success."

95,000 candidates to...

the candidates while carrying out their duties. The Board has requested district administrations to impose restrictions under Section-163 BNSS to prevent any kind of outer interference with the sanctity of the exams. The candidates writing the exams have been urged to wear warm clothes in view of dip in temperature to ward off cold effects especially in far-off and hilly areas.

Jammu abuzz with...

On October 16, Abdullah fulfilled his election promise by restoring the 'Darbar Move', a decision which was warmly welcomed by the traders in Jammu who are mulling to shower flower petals on the employees on their arrival at the civil secretariat.

Jammu city received a major facelift ahead of 'Darbar Move' with authorities focusing on the repair of roads that were damaged in heavy rainfall in August-September and upkeep of government offices and quarters.

The officials said police and paramilitary forces will be deployed in strength in the sensitive areas to tackle any protest by daily wagers who are demanding regularisation of their services or any other group.

BJP spokesperson Tahir Chowdhary has sharply criticised the Abdullah-led administration, accusing it of carrying out "VIP-only" road repairs while ignoring the plight of ordinary citizens.

"In the days leading up to the move, repair and patchwork activity has picked up pace across key routes in Jammu city - particularly those used by ministers, senior bureaucrats, and official convoys," the BJP leader said in a statement.

He alleged that this 'selective approach' exposes the government's misplaced priorities and disregard for public welfare.

"When 'Darbar Move' happens, be it in Srinagar or Jammu, only VIP routes are repaired and decorated. The roads that lead to government offices or residences of ministers get fresh macadam, while the common man continues to drive on broken, waterlogged, and dangerous roads," he said.

He accused the administration of indulging in cosmetic governance meant for optics rather than addressing core civic issues.

Modi to inaugurate...

R&D ecosystem in the country, the prime minister will launch a Rs 1 lakh crore Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme Fund. The scheme aims to promote a private sector-driven research and development ecosystem in the country, the statement said.

Under the theme 'Imagine, Innovate, Inspire', the conclave will unite the entire Indian innovation ecosystem, including policymakers, top scientific minds, industry leaders, academia, startups, and researchers.

Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said ESTIC will serve as a platform to "identify gaps, forge partnerships, and co-create pathways that align science and technology with India's developmental priorities".

According to the statement, ESTIC will feature talks by leading scientists, panel discussions, presentations and technology showcases, providing a platform for collaboration among researchers, industry and young innovators to strengthen India's science and technology ecosystem.

Deliberations at the conclave will focus on 11 key thematic areas, including advanced materials and manufacturing, artificial intelligence, bio-manufacturing, blue economy, digital communications, electronics and semiconductor manufacturing, emerging agriculture technologies, energy, environment and climate, health and medical technologies, quantum science and technology, and space technologies.

Meanwhile, Science and Technology Minister Singh also reviewed the preparations for the India International Science Festival (IISF) scheduled to be held at Panjab University campus in Chandigarh from December 6-9.

Singh said the IISF-2025 will celebrate India's scientific and technological advancements across ministries, academia, industry, and startups, reflecting the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

ISRO scripts history...

in the desired Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).

It is also a replacement to the GSAT 7 series, launched in 2013.

ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said the launch vehicle successfully injected the communication satellite in the required orbit.

The "4410 kg satellite is precisely injected," he said. In his address from the Mission Control Center post launch, he described the LVM 3 satellite as 'Bahubali,' in an apparent reference to its heavylift capability.

He recalled that the rocket's previous launch was the "most prestigious Chandrayaan 3 which brought pride to nation."

It achieved "yet another pride" on Sunday after succeeding with the "heavier satellite."

All the eight LVM 3 launches, including its experimental mission, have been successful, showing a 100 per cent success rate.

The satellite was designed to provide communication services for at least 15 years and is "yet another shining example of Atmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India)," Narayanan, also Secretary, Department of Space, added.

The ISRO scientists had a tough time with the mission since the weather was not cooperative, but they worked hard and ensured success, he said.

Prior to Sunday's launch, the Indian space agency has been utilising the services of Kourou launch base in French Guiana by Ariane rockets offered by France-based Arianespace, for launching heavier satellites.

On December 5, 2018 ISRO had launched its heaviest communication satellite GSAT-11 weighing 5,854 kg, onboard an Ariane-5 VA-246 rocket from French Guiana.

LVM3-M5, a three stage launch vehicle with two solid motor strap-ons (S200), a liquid propellant core stage (L110) and a cryogenic stage (C25) gives ISRO full self-reliance in launching heavier communication satellites that weigh up to 4,000 kg in

GTO.

LVM3 is also termed by ISRO scientists as Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) MkIII.

Scientists at ISRO have classified launch vehicles depending upon the mission objectives, targeted orbit, altitude among others.

The launch vehicles or launchers used by ISRO include Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), GSLV) and LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-III). The space agency has been providing launch services for customer satellites since 1999 from Sriharikota.

PSLV has been ISRO's trusted workhorse for scientists due to its reliability in achieving mission success. PSLV has been a versatile launch vehicle and can carry payloads of about 1,750 kg.

For satellites weighing up to 500 kg and required to be placed in Low Earth Orbit at an altitude of about 500 km, ISRO banks on its Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).

The GSLV with cryogenic upper stage is used for carrying heavier satellites of about 2,200 kg while the LVM-3 rockets have enhanced the capability by carrying payloads of over 4,000 kg, ISRO said.

As regards Sunday's mission, LVM3 rocket holds significance as it has successfully launched heavier communication satellite from Indian soil. The LVM3-M5 is the fifth operational flight, ISRO said.

The LVM3 vehicle was developed with completely indigenous technology including the C25 cryogenic stage. It has a track record of all successful launches, from the first development flight LVM-3 Crew module Atmospheric Re-entry Experiment (CARE) launched in December 2014, ISRO said.

For the ambitious Gaganyaan Mission, ISRO had planned the Human rated LVM3 rocket as the launch vehicle, which is named as HRLV, ISRO said.

This LVM3 rocket is capable to carry payload to GTO weighing 4,000 kg and for Low Earth Orbit, payloads of 8,000 kg with its powerful cryogenic stage. The two S200 solid rocket boosters located on the sides of the rocket provide the thrust required for lift off. The S200 boosters are developed at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.

The third stage is L110 Liquid Stage and is powered by two Vikas engines designed and developed at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre.

The previous mission of LVM-3 rocket was the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 mission, wherein, India became the first country to land successfully near the lunar South pole in 2023. The satellite weighed 3841.4 kg.

PM, VP congratulate...

proud! Congratulations ISRO on the successful launch of India's heaviest communication satellite, CMS-03," Modi said in a post on X.

Besides placing the satellite in the desired orbit, ISRO scientists also demonstrated the re-ignition of the thrust chamber of the C-25 cryogenic engine after it placed the satellite in the orbit.

The experiment will help ISRO restart the cryogenic stage and give it the flexibility to place satellites in different orbits.

"Powered by our space scientists, it is commendable how our space sector has become synonymous with excellence and innovation. Their successes have furthered national progress and empowered countless lives," the prime minister said.

Hailing the satellite launch, the vice president said ISRO continues to script remarkable milestones in space exploration.

"Heartly congratulations to ISRO and the Indian Navy! India's mighty LVM3-M5 rocket roared to the skies once again with the successful launch of GSAT-7R (CMS-03) -- the heaviest and most advanced communication satellite for the Indian Navy -- placed into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit," Radhakrishnan said.

"This indigenously developed satellite will strengthen space-based communications, connectivity, and maritime domain awareness across the Indian Ocean Region, marking another proud milestone in Aatmanirbhar Bharat," the vice president added.

48 Bangladeshi infiltrators...

station, 15 others were nabbed on Saturday night, the officer said.

The arrested individuals used to work as maids and labourers in parts of West Bengal and other states and were trying to reach their country "fearing detention or deportation in the wake of the SIR announcement," a BSF officer said.

During the exercise, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) conduct house-to-house visits to verify details of voters.

In the last three days, 89 Bangladeshis illegally staying in India were apprehended by BSF along the same border stretch and handed over to the police.

Charas Trafficking Case...

trial, Special Judge NDPS Cases, Jammu, Y.P. Sharma, held the accused guilty under Sections 8 and 20 of the NDPS Act, 1985, and sentenced him to 12 years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of rS 1,00,000.

The Court observed that the recovery of commercial quantity and the evidence presented proved the prosecution's case beyond reasonable doubt.

An NCB Jammu spokesperson stated, "This conviction demonstrates the Bureau's professionalism and relentless efforts in executing a flawless operation and investigation. It also reflects our consistent vigilance against traffickers attempting to move cannabis resin consignments from Kashmir to other parts of the country."

Reiterating the Bureau's firm stance, the official added, "The NCB remains steadfast in its mission to strike at the roots of drug trafficking networks. Such convictions not only ensure justice but also serve as a powerful deterrent to those involved in the illicit trade."

Kashmir Marathon will...

Chief Secretary, Tourism, Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg; DIG Central Kashmir Range, Rajiv Pandey; SSP Srinagar, Dr GV Sundeeep Chakravarthi; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Akshay Labroo and senior officials of civil and police administration were present.

Film actor, Suniel Shetty; prominent citizens, sportspersons and youth in large number also attended the felicitation ceremony.

DM Samba imposes...

from Basanter tributaries in Durui, Multh, Shah Balode, Paith, Dhora, Nud, and upstream of Taloor Check Dam is also prohibited, along with sand and mineral extraction from Balole Nallah downstream of Kartholi/Birpur, and near culverts (150 meters upstream and 100 meters downstream).

The District Magistrate clarified that the ban does not apply to emergent works such as desilting or flood protection, provided these are authorised by competent authorities.

Officials, including the District Mineral Officer and Tehsildars, are tasked with

Five drug peddlers arrested with heroin in Kathua, Samba

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JAMMU: Five drug peddlers were arrested with hero-in in separate incidents in Kathua and Samba districts, police said.

Satish Kumar Khajuria and Babbu Singh were apprehended after 8.18 grams of the drug was recovered from their car during a check at Phinter in the Billawar area of Kathua district, a police spokesperson said. He said the duo tried to speed away when they were signalled to stop. Police chased them and checked the car, leading to the recovery of the narcotic substance, the spokesperson added.

Two mobile phones and the car were also seized from them, the spokesperson said. Mohd Anjum was arrested with 5.34 grams of heroin during frisking at Berrian-Pattan in Kathua, the police spokesperson said. He said a police party also intercepted a motorcycle at Bari Brahmana in Samba district and recovered 5.62 grams of heroin from the possession of motorcycleist Munish Kumar and pillion rider Aslam Choudhary.

Three separate cases were registered under the NDPS Act against the arrested persons, and further investigations are on, he said.

2 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

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Shopian: Police in Shopian have arrested two drug peddlers in separate operations and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party of Police Post Keegan at a checkpoint established at Marhenz Chowk, arrested a drug peddler identified as Zubair Ahmad Dar resident of

Sunsamil Pulwama. During search, 500 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession.

In a separate incident at Zainapora Nagard Axis, a police party intercepted a drug peddler identified as Suhail Ahmad Dar resident of Wadina Zainapora. During search, 480 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from his possession.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

Doda police solve theft case; stolen property recovered, accused arrested

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DODA: In its continuous drive against theft-related offences, Doda Police

have successfully solved a theft case within hours of its reporting and recovered stolen property worth approximately ₹1.5 lakh.

On 01.11.2025, a written complaint was received at Police Post DH Doda from Bashir Ahmed S/o Morad R/o Akramabad, stating that certain items were stolen from his residence on the night of 31.10.2025. Acting promptly, police took cognizance of the matter and registered a case FIR No. 249/2025 U/S 305/329 BNS at this Police Post. On the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), a special team was constituted, led by IC Police Post DH Doda, under the supervision of

submitting weekly reports on violations to the concerned SHO, while SDPOs/SHOs are required to report actions taken under Section 163, including suo-moto cases.

The DM emphasized, "This order aims to safeguard public safety, prevent ecological degradation, and ensure sustainable use of our riverine resources. Strict compliance will be ensured across the district."

Two absconders wanted...

he said. Following their arrest, the accused were lodged in district Jail Amphalla, Jammu under judicial custody on the orders of the court.

India's golden night: Harmanpreet's trailblazers lift game-changing ODI World title



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NAVI MUMBAI: From heartbreaks to history, Indian women's cricket completed its long, unfinished journey to glory as Harmanpreet Kaur's fearless team outlasted South Africa by 52 runs in a gripping final to lift their first-ever ICC Women's World Cup crown here on Sunday.

Indian women's cricket finally touched its Everest as years of toil and near-misses culminated in an evening of redemption and history for the hosts.

India's breakthrough in the 13th edition of the global showpiece made them only the fourth team to win the trophy, joining Australia (7), England (4) and New Zealand (1) in the pantheon of champions.

With the victory, Harmanpreet's team finally buried the ghosts of past heartbreaks - the 2005 and 2017 finals - and delivered India's much-awaited World title, a watershed moment for the game in the country.

After posting 298 for 7 - the second-highest total in tournament history - India held their nerve to bundle out South Africa for 246 in 45.3 overs.

The Proteas' charge revolved around captain Laura Wolvaardt's magnificent 98-ball 101, but the brilliance of Deepti Sharma (55 and 5/39) and Shafali Verma (87 and 2/36) ensured India's moment of destiny could not be denied.

Fittingly, India's triumph was shaped by two players with contrasting journeys.

Deepti, the ever-reliable workhorse, finished as the tournament's highest wicket-taker (21) and bowled with guile and grace on the grandest stage.

Shafali, on the other hand, was a story of second chances - drafted into the squad from outside the preferred group after Pratika Rawal's injury.

Confined to domestic cricket with Haryana weeks ago, the 21-year-old dynamo returned to the world stage with an innings of audacity and maturity - 87 off 84 balls - before taking two crucial wickets to tilt the game decisively India's way.

Her re-entry into the XI proved a masterstroke as she and Smriti Mandhana (45) gave India the perfect launchpad with a 104-run opening stand, forcing South Africa's bowlers into disarray after a two-hour rain delay.

Mandhana's dismissal denied her a half-century, but it capped off a record-breaking campaign - 434 runs at 54.25, the most by any Indian batter in Women's World Cup history, including a century and two fifties.

Star of India's semifinal win over mighty Australia, Jemimah appeared to be prepping up for another long haul in the middle, but a superb low catch from skipper Laura Wolvaardt at cover off Khaka foiled her plans in the 30th over.

With two set batters back in the dugout, India's hopes were pinned on skipper Harmanpreet for a defining innings, but that was not to be.

South Africa began their reply briskly, with Tazmin Brits (23) and Wolvaardt adding 51 for the first wicket.

But the breakthrough came via Amanjot Kaur's direct hit, and from there, India's bowlers tightened the noose.

Shree Charani's immaculate lines on a placid surface fetched Anneke Bosch's wicket, before Shafali's double strike rattled the middle order.

When Wolvaardt threatened to take the game away, Deepti struck twice in four balls - removing the Proteas skipper and Chloe Tryon (9) - to break the spine of the chase. She fittingly applied the finishing touch, dismissing Nadine de Klerk for her fifth wicket to spark celebrations of a lifetime.

The night was soaked in symbolism.

Harmanpreet lifted the trophy that eluded Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami, India's torchbearers for over two decades.

For the younger generation led by Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues and Richa Ghosh, it marked the dawn of a new era - one where Indian women's cricket finally stood shoulder to shoulder with the sport's powerhouses.

As fireworks lit up the Navi Mumbai sky, the emotion on Harmanpreet's face said it all. The wait was over.

From heartbreak to history, India's women had finally rewritten their story - and this time, they wrote it in gold.

If June 25, 1983 was a watershed moment for Indian men's cricket, when Kapil's Devils beat the mighty West Indies at the Lord's, November 2, 2025 will be a seminal moment for women's cricket movement.

Rohit Sharma, who carries the scars of November 19, 2023, was watching the final from the stands with a prayer on his lips that Harmanpreet Kaur doesn't meet his fate.

For Harmanpreet, the lady who has done way more for Indian women's cricket than anyone can envisage, knows how much it hurts to lose a final as it happened eight summers back and her girls didn't let her down.

As she latched on to Nadine de Klerk's offering while back pedaling at extra cover, Ian Bishop fittingly called the moment "inspiring generations".

For head coach Amol Muzumdar, who couldn't wear the whites that he richly deserved, the global triumph with the women's national team would certainly heal those wounds that he has carried for years.

DySP Headquarters Doda and SHO Police Station Doda. During the course of investigation, and with the assistance of technical inputs and reliable sources, the team succeeded in tracing the accused person identified as Sohrab Hussain S/o Mohd Sharif R/o Akramabad. On his disclosure, stolen property including 03 Dumper Rims and Dumper Clutch Plates, valued at approximately Rs 1.5 lakh, was recovered. Further investigation of the case is in progress.

Stone pelting on police party in Kathua: Four policemen injured, drug peddler arrested

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KATHUA: In a shocking incident, members of Gujjar families attacked a police team with stones in Kathua district when they went to arrest a suspected drug peddler.

According to reports, a joint team of Rajbagh Police Station and SOG Hiranagar reached Plai village under Tehsil Mahanpur to apprehend a wanted drug peddler, identified as Surmu, son of Hanif, resident of Hardu Mutthi (Plai Rajbagh).

As the police attempted to arrest the accused, some members of the local Gujjar community allegedly started stone pelting at the police party, resulting in injuries to four police personnel - Happy Sharma, Subhash Singh, Meenakshi Sharma, and Bunty Lalotra.

The injured officials were immediately shifted to GMC Kathua for medical treatment.

Despite the attack, the police successfully arrested the accused drug peddler, Surmu, and brought him to Rajbagh Police Station for further investigation.

A case has been registered, and authorities are likely to take strict action against those involved in the attack on the police team.