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Regd. No. L-29/JK-346/2025-27 **1** LG Kavinder meets Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Delhi

J&K Tennis Cricket team departs for **IFFAG National Tournament in Goa** 

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## Jammu accords warm welcome to Omar

# Restoration of Darbar Move welcome experience, rekindles Jammu City's enthusiasm: CM

# Chairs high level meeting with Council of Ministers, Administrative Secretaries

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was on Monday accorded a rousing reception by the people of Jammu on the first day of opening of offices in Jammu. The biannual Darbar Move, to be followed now onwards, marks the formal opening of offices in the winter capital.

As per the day's schedule, the Chief Minister arrived at Shaheedi Chowk, Jammu at 9:15 AM, where he was warmly received and felicitated by the Jammu Chamber of Commerce, Residency Road and Rajinder Bazar Associations.

Thereafter, Minister walked towards Raghunath Bazaar Chowk via Residency Road, greeting traders and citizens who lined the route to extend greetings and best wishes on

At Raghunath Bazaar



CM Omar Abdullah receiving Guard of Honour at Civil Secretariat Jammu.

Chowk, Omar Abdullah was felicitated by the Raghunath Bazaar Association before proceeding on foot towards City Chowk, where he was received by members of the City Chowk Bazaar and Mandi Bazaar Kanak Associations.

Chamber

Commerce and Industry President Arun Gupta, who was among the first to greet the Chief Minister, hailed the decision, saying, "This is a historic day for us, and the warm welcome accorded to

the chief minister tells it all." Traders turned up in large numbers and garlanded the

Chief Minister, showered flower petals and distributed sweets amid drumbeats and slogan shouting throughout the route.

"We decided to thank the Chief Minister for accepting the demand of the traders and the civil society. The stopping of the Darbar Move

had caused significant harm to Jammu," Gupta said.

Later, the Chief Minister was received at the Civil Secretariat, where he was presented with a Guard of Honour, marking the opening of offices as part of the traditional Darbar Move.

The Chief Minister inspected the ceremonial parade and interacted with officers and staff on the occasion.

Following the ceremonial reception, Omar Abdullah chaired a high-level meeting with the Council of Ministers Administrative

Secretaries to get an update on the functioning of various departments and assess the administrative preparedness following the move.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister described the restoration of the Darbar in Jammu after a gap of four years as "a welcome experi-



CM Omar Abdullah being felicitated by traders at Raghunath Bazaar while proceeding on foot towards Civil Secretariat. (Pic By Ashok Anand)

of enthusiasm and happiness across the city and its adjoin-

He, however, underlined the challenges ahead, noting that the government is now at a crucial juncture where "actual ground delivery is expect-

"All planning and discus-

sion phases have been completed. It is now time to translate the decisions into level. tangible outcomes on the ground," Omar Abdullah

emphasised. The Chief Minister directed all departments to focus on the timely implementation of projects already sanctioned

and approved, ensuring visible progress at the grassroots

Acknowledging the financial constraints being faced, Omar Abdullah assured that the matter of limited resources "will be appropriately addressed." He

### Sinha to inaugurate 10-day Jhiri Mela in Jammu today

### STATE TIMES NEWS

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will inaugurate the 10-day annual Jhiri Mela on the outskirts of Jammu city, with thousands of devotees from across the country expected to throng the fair to seek blessings at the Baba Jittoo

Around 10 to 12 lakh devotees, mainly from Jammu region, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana, visit the fair every year to commemorate the sacrifice of the 16th-century farmer saint Baba Jittoo, who gave up his life in protest against the oppressive demands of a

### SC to pass order in stray DoT's CGCA wing rolls out campaign for pensioners dogs case on Nov 7

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday said it would pass order in the stray dogs case on November 7.

A three-judge special bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria noted that chief secretaries of most of the states and Union Territories were present before it.

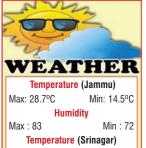
It allowed the exemption application filed by the chief secretary of Kerala and noted that a principal secretary of the state was present in the court.

The bench said the Animal Welfare Board of India be made a party in the matter. At the outset, Solicitor

General Tushar Mehta informed the bench that most of the states and UTs have filed their compliance affidavit in the matter. "List for orders on

November 7," the bench said. It said personal presence of the chief secretaries of states and UTs would no longer be required. However, the bench said their presence

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Sunset: 17:38 Hours

Sunrise: 06:50 Hours

Min: 66

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"Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha ji will inaugurate the fair at Jhiri tomorrow. All measures and facilities have been put in place for the smooth conduct of the JammuDeputy fair," Rakesh Commissioner Minhas told reporters here.

The fair is being jointly organised by the Directorate of Tourism in collaboration with the district administration from November 4 to 13. The departments of agri-

culture and horticulture. the Municipal Corporation

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: Pension han-

dling arm of the Department

of Telecom, CGCA has start-

ed a month-long campaign to

provide support for digital

life certificates to retired

The digital life certificate

(DLC) helps retired employ-

ees verify themselves online

instead of coming to office

physically for verification

"In November 2025, as a

part of Nationwide Digital

Life Certificate Campaign

4.0, our office of CGCA

through its CCA (Controller

employees.

# LG orders weeding out fake journalists; mandatory registration, accountability of online media platforms

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has directed officers to take strict action against fake journalists operating in Jammu and Kashmir and to ensure that only bona fide media professionals are recognised and engaged by government departments, official said.

digital life certificate activation

of Communication Accounts)

offices will organize 320 ded-

icated camps across 171 cities -- a 42 per cent

increase in number of camps

over last year -- ensuring

every pensioner receives com-

prehensive support and

achieves 100 per cent digital

life certificate submission,'

Controller General of

Communication Accounts,

The campaign is an initia-

tive is led by the Department

of Pension & Pensioners'

Welfare and a collaboration

involving the Controller

General of Communication

Vandana Gupta, said.

A day after STATE TIMES exposed Blackmailer Reporter's extortion bid, the issue of "fake journalists" was discussed during yesterday's high-level review meet-Jammu chaired by the Lieutenant Governor in Srinagar. The matter, which

### Baramulla Admn issues circular for verification of journalists

SRINAGAR: The Office of the District Information Officer, Baramulla, has issued a circular directing all media persons operating in the district to submit their credentials within seven days as part of a verification process aimed at curbing misuse of media identity and impersonation.

The directive issued today vide NO INF/DIC/Bla-720-23/2025 instructs journalists to furnish their information and credentials as per the checklist provided in the annexure to the office of the District Information Officer. The list includes Aadhaar, PAN or official ID cards, an

appointment letter from their media organization, official contact details, bank or salary statements for the past six months, and academic qualification certificates.

"Journalists working with or owning digital news platforms are also required to submit links to their Facebook, YouTube, X (Twitter), and Instagram pages," the order read. According to the circular, the

(CGCA),

General

Defence Accounts (CGDA),

19 pension disbursing banks,

India Post Payments Bank

(IPPB), Pensioners' Welfare

UIDAI, and the Ministry of

The campaign specifically

targets about 22,300 pen-

sioners whose digital life cer-

tificates are set to expire in

CGCA collectively handles

pensions for 3,99,470 retired

employees, including those of

Controller

Associations

Electronics and IT.

November 2025.

MTNL. "The Office

had also figured in the recently concluded autumn session of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, drew serious concern from the administra-

"The LG was categorical that those misusing the name of journalism must face the law. He directed all Deputy Commissioners and SSPs to take concrete steps to identify such elements and weed them out from the system," a senior official present in the meeting told news agency Kashmir Dot Com. The Lieutenant Governor

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 the PHC Khari for first aid,

### **Inquiry initiated against 3 Govt** doctors for 'absence' from duty the officials said.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: Authorities have initiated an inquiry against three doctors, posted at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Khari in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, for their alleged absence from duty, officials said on Monday.

The matter came to light following a road accident in a remote village in the district on Monday, they said.

Five people, including a woman and two children, were seriously injured when a tempo traveller overturned in Khari area of Banihal. The injured were taken to

However, all the five were referred to sub-district hospital, Banihal due to alleged

absence of medical officers, leading to protest by local residents. The protesters alleged that only one BUMS doctor was present at PHC Khari, while

three MBBS doctors were absent from duty when the injured were rushed there for treatment. Taking serious note of the

protest, Banihal Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mohammad Naseeb directed Khari tehsildar to inquire into the

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# Sinha announces BRO to reconstruct Atholi to Machail Mata Road

### Build new bridge in Chishoti, BSNL to set up new 4G towers

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday laid the foundation stone for construction of new houses for flood-affected families in Chishoti Paddar in Kishtwar.

19 houses that were completely damaged during natural disaster that struck Chishoti will be rebuilt free of cost with support of Highrange Rural Development Society (HRDS India), a Civil Society Organisation.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor paid



Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha interacting with affected families at Chishoti on Monday.

homage to the citizens and their lives due to the

# Snatcher-turned-blackmailer reporter of 'The Daily Truth News' faces criminal charges; next date of hearing on Nov 12

**By-polls:** JKBOSE notifies revised date-sheet for Class

10 Annual/Regular exams

SRINAGAR. Jammu and

Kashmir Board of School

Education (JKBOSE) has

notified revised date-sheet

for Class 10th Annual/

Regular, 2025 (Oct-Nov ses-

sion) for the remaining sub-

The revision of date- sheet

got necessitated due to

Assembly Bye- polls in

Budgam and Nagrota

Assembly Segments sched-

As per the revised date-

sheet, the Vocational

Subjects have now been

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scheduled on November 6.

uled on November 11.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

# "Shubham used sister's bike (JK02DA-3858) for snatching," police investigation reveal

### STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a shocking revelation.

t has come to light that the selfstyled reporter of the controversial online portal "The Daily Truth News", Shubham Manswalia alias Shivam, not only stands accused of blackmailing Jammuites but was earlier booked in a mobile snatching case under Section 382 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) by the Channi Himmat Police Station. Shubham is under trial in snatching case and next date of hearing, in the court of Special Excise Mobile Magistrate Jammu, is Nov

According to official records, FIR No. 91/2023 was registered at Police Station Channi Himmat on the written complaint of Ram Babu, son of Dhan Parsad, resident of Sanjay Nagar, Jammu.

The complainant stated that on June 7, 2023, around 2:00 PM, his Vivo Y21 mobile phone (Light Sky Blue) was snatched near Jammu Darbar, Channi Himmat by a motorcyclist riding a bike bearing registration number JK02DA-3858.

This bike (JK02DA-3858) used in snatching is registered in name of Bharti Manswalia, resident of Choti Masjid, 284 Ustad Mohalla, Jammu, daughter of Kasturi Lal, and sister of Shubham Manswalia.

The police, after initial investigation using footages of CCTVs, identified the snatcher as Shubham Manswalia, who has since emerged as the same person involved in the recent blackmailing

case. The snatching case, investigated by Head Constable Manzoor Ahmed, was registered under Section 382 IPC (theft after preparation made for causing death, hurt, or restraint). Shubham was subse-

> quently charge-sheeted FOLLOW UP

in court, and the matter is still under judicial consideration.

Police sources confirmed that Shubham, son of Kasturi Lal, originally a resident of Ustad Mohalla and currently living at Bahu Fort, Jammu, later reinvented himself as a "media person" under the banner of "The Daily Truth News". However, instead of engaging in journalism, he allegedly began



using the platform for blackmai

and extortion. In the latest incident, Shubham was caught on camera demanding Rs 20,000 for deleting a fabricated video he had uploaded on his portal. An audio recording capturing his voice during the negotiation has been submitted to police as evi-

dence and also shared in public. Police confirmed that a case has been registered, and further investigation is underway. "We are examining the voice recording and other material evidence. Legal action will follow," an officer stated, adding that Shubham's criminal

scrutiny. It is both alarming and ironic that a man previously booked for street snatching went on to project himself as a journalist, using the guise of media to extort and blackmail. The police are now probing his connections and possible involvement in other similar

background is under renewed

The exposure of Shubham Manswalia - a snatcher-turnedblackmailer - has sparked serious concern among the journalist fra-

ternity and the public alike, raising pressing questions about the grow ing menace of fake, unregistered news portals being misused for criminal activities rather than responsible reporting.

The snatcher turned blackmailer reporter Shubham who approached the office of the SDPO City North Jammu last year for a character certificate and it was denied as criminal cases are registered

"Interestingly, how he was black mailing though his portal. Why the intelligence agencies

who are keeping a track on day to day happenings missed an eye on him when he was openly holding a  $\mathbf{and}$ blackmailing Jammuites," said a retired police officer on the condition of anonymity.