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Maharashtra Dy CM Ajit Pawar, four others killed in plane crash

President Murmu, PM Modi, Amit Shah express shock, grief

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMATI: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and four other persons on board a chartered aircraft were killed after it crashed barely 200 metres from the edge of a tabletop runway at Baramati airport in Pune district on Wednesday.

The death of the 66-year-old leader, fondly known as Dada (elder brother) in the state has not only left a vacuum in the BJP-led state coalition government, but also cast a shadow on the future of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which he headed.

His uncle and NCP founder Sharad Pawar said the plane crash was an accident which shouldn't be politicised.

The "black box" (comprising the Flight Data Recorder and Cockpit Voice Recorder) from the aircraft, will be



LG Sinha, CM Omar, Dr Farooq express grief
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah besides former Chief Minister and National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday expressed grief over the death of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in a plane crash in Baramati Pune.

Lieutenant Governor Sinha said in an X post, "It is with shock and deep sadness that I learnt about the untimely demise of Shri Ajit Pawar Ji. He was a widely respected leader who was committed to the well-being of the people and who served the Maharashtra with distinction. My condolences to his family & admirers. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the death, saying Ajit was an able administrator and a consummate

analysed after recovery to determine the cause of the accident, an official said.

Ajit Pawar had taken off from Mumbai in the morning to address four rallies in the day in Pune district for the February 5 zilla parishad elections.

The others killed in the tragedy were Captain Sumit Kapoor, who had a flying experience of 15,000 hours, co-pilot Capt. Shambhavi Pathak with 1,500 hours of flying, Personal Security Officer (PSO) Vidip Jadhav and flight attendant Pinky Mali.

The government released a statement detailing the sequence of events that led to the crash and Pawar's death.

The aircraft, a Learjet, was cleared for landing in Baramati on Wednesday morning after a go-around due to poor visibility, but

Finance Deptt assigns additional charge to four officers

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has assigned additional charge to four officers in the interest of administration, according to an order issued by the Finance Department.

As per Government Order No. 41-F of 2026, Tasawaf Amin, Financial Advisor/CAO, J&K Tourism Development Corporation, has been entrusted with the additional charge of Financial Advisor/CAO, Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project, until Mr. Shafaat Ahmad returns from

Modern warfare not limited to borders, battles also being fought in codes, clouds: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Operation Sindoor reaffirmed India's strength and the valour of its armed forces, and demonstrated the advancement of indigenous weapons.

Addressing a gathering at the annual National Cadet Corps' PM Rally at Delhi Cantonment here, he said in modern warfare, battles are not just restricted or limited to borders or use of tanks or guns, but they are also being "fought also in codes and clouds", referring to cyber and information warfare.

Taking note of a special Operation Sindoor-themed tableau presented by the NCC during the event held at the Cariappa Parade Ground, the prime minister appreciated the efforts made by NCC cadets for national security.

During the operation, more than 75,000 NCC cadets had volunteered across the country, working tirelessly in civil defence, hospital management, disaster relief and community services.

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Registration for allied, healthcare professionals in J&K to begin soon

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals and Institutions would begin soon in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, is in the final stage of development and operationalisation of online portals for registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals and Institutions, as mandated under the NCAHP Act,

2021.

In this regard, all the eligible Allied and Healthcare Professionals in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir have been informed that the registration process shall commence shortly.

The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) has communicated with all the State and UT Allied and Healthcare Councils regarding operationalization of the NCAHP registration portal.

The State Allied and Healthcare Council, J&K has taken all necessary steps to ensure timely coordination

J&K Govt Constitutes District-Level Committees to prevent student suicides

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant step to strengthen mental health protection among students, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has constituted District Level Monitoring Committees to oversee the implementation of measures aimed at preventing student suicides.

According to Government Order No. 117-JK (GAD) of 2026, issued by the General Administration Department, the committees have been formed in compliance with directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal

Deepfakes significant threat to democracy: President Cites Macaulay's 'conspiracies', hails Somnath's enduring spirit

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said deepfake and misinformation were becoming significant threats to democracy and social harmony, and urged lawmakers to deliberate on this grave issue.

In her address to both Houses of Parliament, she said in view of the dangers arising due to misuse of AI, it is imperative to be serious on this issue.

"Deepfake, misinformation, and fake content are becoming significant threats to democracy, social harmony, and public trust. It is essential that all of you deliberate



on this grave issue," the President said.

She called for cultivating innovation at the classroom

level, and made a strong pitch for early exposure to science, technology and creative problem-solving in schools.

"Today, technology is evolving rapidly. As a result of this, the nature of jobs is also changing at a fast pace. Therefore, the National Education Policy has been designed to meet the needs of both, the present and the future," the President said.

She said right at the school level, children are being nurtured to have a mindset

JKBOSE notifies timeline for submission of Internal Assessment Awards

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) has advised heads of all Government and Private High/Higher Secondary schools in the summer zone areas of Jammu Division to submit internal assessment awards for classes 10th, 11th & 12th Annual Regular 2026 (Feb-March session) by or before February 16, 2026. According to a notification issued by

Vehicular traffic fully restored on Jammu-Srinagar NH Avalanche warning issued for vulnerable areas in Ganderbal

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was fully restored on Wednesday, a day after being closed for vehicular movement in view of heavy snowfall, officials said.

They said heavy motor vehicles, including trucks, were allowed to ply on the 270-km highway -- the only all-weather road link connecting the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country.

"The highway has been restored fully, and traffic has been allowed to ply on both directions," an official said.

Earlier in the day, only light motor vehicles were



allowed to ply on the road.

Meanwhile, a high-level avalanche warning has been issued for several vulnerable areas of Ganderbal district, including the Sonamarg tourist resort, officials

J&K Govt repatriates 2 police officers from Ladakh, deports two others

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has ordered the repatriation and deputation of police officers between J&K and the Union Territory of Ladakh in the interest of administration.

According to Government Order No. 69-Home of 2026, issued by the Home Department, Farhan

Jammu celebrates boat festival as much-awaited artificial lake finally comes alive



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu witnessed a festive atmosphere on Wednesday evening as a two-day boat festival began at the newly developed Tawi Riverfront, drawing large crowds to the much-awaited artificial lake.

Organised to showcase the riverfront as a new urban and tourism space, the event

offered free boating rides and scintillating performances by music bands, bringing joy to visitors, mostly locals including women and children.

A flagship initiative of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), the Tawi riverfront development project aims to revitalise the banks of the river by integrating flood protection with recreational

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 18.6°C Min: 6.5°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 7.1°C Min: 0.1°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 62

Sunset: 17:59 Hours
Sunrise: 07:28 Hours