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to its unique route that showcases the city's rich cultural and heritage landmarks. He noted that the marathon route will pass through several iconic locations, including the Raghunath Temple, historic places and Mubarak Mandi, offering participants a rare blend of fitness, heritage and scenic beauty.

Sharing his personal journey into long-distance running, the Chief Minister recounted how he began running almost accidentally and gradually developed a deep passion for marathons. He said that from modest runs of five to eight kilometres, he unexpectedly found himself completing much longer distances, which eventually inspired him to participate in major marathons across the country.

The Chief Minister said that he plans to participate in the Jammu Half Marathon on March 29 and encouraged citizens to begin their preparation well in advance. "From today itself, those who intend to run in Jammu must start preparing, because this is an iconic event," he remarked.

He also announced that, keeping in view feedback received from local runners after previous marathon events, the prize structure has been suitably modified to ensure greater participation and recognition of runners from Jammu and Kashmir. Besides the half marathon, 10K and 5K categories have also been included to encourage participation from people of all ages and fitness levels. "Now there is no excuse. One doesn't have to run 21 kilometres-there are 10K and 5K options as well, and everyone can earn a medal," he said.

Calling upon citizens to embrace fitness as a way of life, the Chief Minister urged people to "take out their running shoes, remove the rust, clean them and get ready," adding that events like the Jammu Marathon promote healthier lifestyles and community participation.

Speaking on the occasion, Milind Soman described the Jammu Marathon as an amazing initiative, stating that Jammu and Kashmir will not be left behind in the fitness movement. Praising the Chief Minister's commitment to fitness, Milind Soman, who is also promotional ambassador for Jammu Marathon, said that the region does not need any other inspiration when it has a leader like Omar Abdullah who leads from the front. He urged people of all age groups to participate in the marathon and begin their fitness journey through running, assuring that he would be present with the runners on March 29, 2026.

The Jammu Marathon is being positioned as a major sporting and tourism event, aimed at promoting fitness, showcasing Jammu's heritage, and placing the city firmly on the national marathon map.

'Vote chori' raised...

opposition INDIA bloc. The Congress is the largest party in the coalition in terms of the number of opposition MPs in the Lok Sabha.

Asked to comment on the issue of "vote chori" and alleged electoral irregularities being highlighted by the Congress, Abdullah said, "The INDIA bloc has got nothing to do with it. Every political party is at liberty to set its own agenda. The Congress has made 'vote chori' and SIR as its main issues. Who are we to tell them otherwise?"

The Congress has claimed that it has collected around six crore signatures against "vote theft" and will present the same to the President of India.

Two arrested for...

Tawi area, Rishab and Munna D fell and suffered injuries, the spokesperson said. Both were arrested and taken to GMC Hospital in Jammu for treatment, he said. Efforts are being made to identify and apprehend the two remaining suspects, he added.

Recruitment fraud:103...

for appointment in government service. "Their continuation (of their services) amounts to a perpetuation of illegality, undermining public trust and the sanctity of recruitment processes. In view of the facts and circumstances, it is hereby ordered that the appointments of the 103 candidates as Fireman in the F&ES Department, whose names and particulars are annexed as Annexure-A, are declared illegal, void ab initio, and are hereby terminated with immediate effect.

"The terminated employees will cease to be borne on the rolls of the department with immediate effect," the order said.

BSF DG reviews...

troops for their dedication to border duties and emphasising the need to maintain effective border domination to thwart anti-national activities.

He also inaugurated 20 newly constructed Mahila Barracks at various BOPs, aimed at providing improved accommodation and welfare facilities for women personnel deployed along the border.

Policeman martyred, terrorist...

to one SOG jawan who later succumbed to injuries. One terrorist was also believed injured in the initial gunfight, they said, adding the operation was suspended for the night, and will be resumed with the first light of the day on Tuesday. Reinforcements have been rushed to the area to strengthen the cordon and neutralize the terrorists, the officials said.

SC issues slew...

shall form an appendix or the concluding segment of the judgment and shall be prepared in a clear, structured and easily-comprehensible format.

"We are of the considered view that a more structured and uniform practice must be adopted to enhance the legibility of criminal judgments. Accordingly, to ensure a systematic presentation of evidence that enables efficient appreciation of the record, we issue the following directions to all trial courts across the country.

"These directions aim to institutionalise a standardised format for cataloguing witnesses, documentary evidence and material objects. This will serve to facilitate better comprehension and immediate reference for all stakeholders, including the appellate courts," the bench said.

The apex court said each criminal judgment shall contain a witness chart with serial numbers, names of the witnesses, a brief description of the informant, eyewitnesses, the doctor etc.

"The description should be succinct but sufficient to indicate the evidentiary character of the witness. This structured presentation will allow quick reference to the nature of testimony, assist in locating the witness in the record and minimise ambiguity," the court said.

It added that a separate chart shall be prepared for all documents exhibited during the trial and it shall include the exhibit numbers, a description of the documents and the witnesses who proved or attested the documents.

"In complex cases, such as conspiracies, economic offences or trials involving voluminous oral or documentary evidence, the list of witnesses and exhibits may be substantially long.

"Where the number of witnesses or documents is unusually large, the trial court may prepare charts only for the material, relevant and relied-upon witnesses and documents, clearly indicating that the chart is confined to such items. This

ensure that the charts remain functional reference tools rather than unwieldy compilations," the bench said.

The directions came while setting aside the conviction of a man for sexually assaulting a four-year-old girl.

The court said the FIR, despite the informant's professed complete knowledge of the incident, is bereft of even the most rudimentary details, such as the names of the accused and the purported witnesses.

IPS Sarah Rizvi...

of Ministry of Home Affairs for extension of inter cadre deputation tenure of Sarah Afzal Ahmed Rizvi, IPS (GJ:2008) from Gujarat cadre to AGMUT cadre (UT of J&K) for a period of two years beyond October 20, 2025, on the grounds of personal hardship," read an order issued by Sakshi Mittal, Director, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

India and Jordan share...

and radicalisation and contributing towards the global fight against these evils. He praised King Abdullah II's "active and positive role" on the Gaza issue.

Modi recalled that during King Abdullah II's visit to India in 2018, they participated in a conference on Islamic heritage.

"Your efforts to promote moderation are extremely important not only for regional peace but also for global peace," PM Modi told King Abdullah II.

"I recall that our first meeting also took place on the sidelines of the UN in 2015, at an event focused on countering violent extremism. Even then, you delivered inspirational remarks on this subject," he added.

Modi said India and Jordan will continue to move forward in this direction together and will further strengthen all other dimensions of mutual cooperation.

PM Modi told King Abdullah II that he was confident that their meeting would give a new impetus and depth to India-Jordan ties.

"We will continue our cooperation in areas such as trade, fertilisers, digital technology, infrastructure and people-to-people ties," he said.

He thanked the Jordanian king for extending a warm welcome to him and his delegation.

"You have shared very positive ideas for taking India-Jordan relations to new heights. I sincerely thank you for your friendship and your deep commitment to India. This year, we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of our diplomatic relations. This milestone will continue to inspire us to move forward with renewed energy for many years to come," he said.

On his part, King Abdullah II said all Jordanians welcome you back to Jordan.

"Your presence here carries deep significance as our countries mark 75 years of diplomatic relations. I believe this visit reflects decades of friendship, mutual respect and productive cooperation between our two nations," he said.

"Our nations enjoy a strong partnership, and they share a desire to advance prosperity for our people. Over the years, our collaboration has expanded across multiple sectors. Your visit provides an important opportunity to chart new paths of economic cooperation," King Abdullah II said.

Attempt to murder accused arrested within 24 hours

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JAMMU: In a swift and effective operation, Police Station R.S. Pura arrested two criminals involved in an attempt to murder case within 24 hours of the incident.

According to police sources, a complaint was lodged on 14.12.2025 by Neelam Kumari, wife of Balbir Kumar and resident of Talhar, Tehsil Arnia, District Jammu, regarding a brutal attack on her brother Manoj Kumar alias Moja near Montessori School, Kotli Gala Bana, R.S. Pura.

The complainant stated that the accused, Ashu Choudhary and Karan Kumar alias Anil Kumar alias Nandi, armed with sharp-edged weapons (tokas), intercepted and launched a murderous attack on her brother with clear intent to kill, indicating a pre-planned criminal conspiracy.

Taking serious cognisance of the matter, Police Station R.S. Pura promptly registered a case and constituted special teams under the supervision of the SHO. Using a combination of technical surveillance and ground intelligence, police launched a manhunt for the accused.

Within 24 hours, both main accused were successfully traced and arrested from the R.S. Pura area, thereby preventing further criminal activity.

Police further revealed that both accused are hardcore criminals with multiple previous cases of attempt to murder and Arms Act violations registered against them.

Further investigation is underway to uncover broader criminal links.

Three bovine smuggling attempts foiled; 8 bovines rescued, accused arrested

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POONCH: As part of its continued drive against illegal activities, District Police Poonch laid specific naka checks today, resulting in the interception of three vehicles involved in bovine smuggling. During the operation, 08 bovines being transported in violation of law and District Magistrate orders were rescued. 2 FIRs registered at Police Station Surankote and 1 FIR registered at Police Station Gursai. All accused involved in the smuggling attempts have been arrested.

The vehicles involved have been seized, and investigations are ongoing. District Police Poonch remains committed to strict enforcement of law and preventing illegal bovine transport in the district.

Drug Peddler's immovable property worth Rs 35 lakhs, residential house attached

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UDHAMPUR: Police has attached an immovable property worth approximately Rs 35 Lakhs belonging to Makhan Din S/o Hukam Din, R/o Samroli, Narsoo, Tehsil & District Udhampur under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act in connection with FIR No. 188/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of Police Station Chenani.

The attached property comprises a residential house built on land under Khasra No. 746/485/315 measuring 5 Marlas, situated at Narsoo, Udhampur. During the course of investigation, detailed financial scrutiny and backward link analysis revealed that the accused had acquired the said immovable property through proceeds of narcotics. Based on these findings, the competent authority passed the attachment order for further legal proceedings.

Govt to bring G RAM G Bill to replace MGNREGA

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NEW DELHI: The Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025 that seeks to replace the existing rural employment law MGNREGA is set to be introduced in the Lok Sabha during the ongoing Winter session of Parliament.

According to a copy of the Bill, it will provide a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment in every financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to undertake

unskilled manual work.

Within six months from the date of commencement of the VB-G RAM G Act, states will have to make a scheme consistent with the provisions of the new law. Under this centrally sponsored scheme, the financial liability would be shared between the Centre and the state governments. It would be 90:10 for the Northeastern states and Himalayan states and 60:40 for all other states and Union territories with legislature. For the UTs without legislature, the whole cost would be borne by the Centre. The MGNREGS was a 100

per cent centrally sponsored scheme.

While MGNREGS was a demand-driven scheme with the Union government bound to allocate more money if demand for work was there, under the proposed scheme, the Centre would determine state-wise normative allocation for each financial year. Any expenditure incurred by a state in excess would be borne by the state government. The wage rate would be specified by the Central government through a notification. The Bill says it should not be less than the prevailing

wage rates under the MGNREGS. Until a wage rate is notified by the Centre, MGNREGS wage rates will continue to apply in the areas covered by the new Act.

Unemployment allowance would be paid if an applicant is not provided work within 15 days, which will have to be paid by the state government, according to the Bill. The amount should not be less than one-fourth of the notified wage rate for the first 30 days during the financial year and not less than half of the wage rate for the remaining period of the financial year.

Sports Minister assures fair probe into team selection for Santosh Trophy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sports Minister Satish Sharma on Monday assured a time-bound and impartial inquiry into Santosh Trophy team selection, a day after the BJP alleged discrimination with the Jammu region and demanded his resignation. "Taking Cognizance of the media reports regarding issues in selection of team for football championship for Santosh Trophy, a detailed impartial enquiry shall be held in a time-bound manner: "I assure all that violation of the merit-based selection policy by anyone will result in severe consequences and appropriate punitive measures," the minister said in a social media post.

Responding the same day, a sports council official said, "The players for the Santosh Trophy were selected in a process lasting more than one-and-a-half months. In the absence of the J&K football Association due to non-conduct of elections, the sports council has been raising the teams in coordination with the All India Football Federation for the past two years and has ensured merit-based and transparent selection." The official further said that after the trials, out of 51 players, 32, including eight from the Jammu region, were shortlisted for the residential

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday adjourned to January 7, 2026, the hearing on a plea filed by Gitanjali J Angmo, wife of jailed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, against his detention under the National Security Act on September 26. A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria deferred the matter due to paucity of time. The plea claims that the detention is illegal and an arbitrary exercise violating his fundamental rights

On November 24, the top court had deferred the matter after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the UT of Ladakh,

Four flights cancelled, 38 delayed at Srinagar airport due to bad weather

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SRINAGAR: Bad weather forced the cancellation of four flights and delayed the operation of 38 inbound and outbound flights at the Srinagar International Airport on Monday, officials said.

An official of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) said while four IndiGo flights were cancelled due to operational reasons, an equal number of flights of the private carrier had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.

Nine inbound and nine outbound flights of IndiGo airlines were delayed due to inclement weather; the official said.

Twenty flights - 10 inbound and 10 outbound - of other carriers were also delayed due to adverse weather conditions, he said.

SC adjourns to Jan 7 hearing on wife's plea challenging Sonam Wangchuk's detention


sought time to respond to the rejoinder filed by Angmo. On October 29, the top court sought responses from the Centre and the Ladakh administration on an amended plea of Angmo.


Wangchuk was detained under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) on September 26, two days after violent protests demanding statehood and Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh left four people dead and 90 injured in the Union territory. The government had accused him of inciting the violence. According to the amended plea, the detention order is founded upon "stale FIRs, vague imputations, and speculative assertions, lacks any live

or proximate connection to the purported grounds of detention and is thus devoid of any legal or factual justification". "Such arbitrary exercise of preventive powers amounts to a gross abuse of authority, striking at the core of constitutional liberties and due process, rendering the detention order liable to be vitiated by this court," it alleged. The plea said it is wholly preposterous that after more than three decades of being recognised at the state, national, and international levels for his contributions to grassroots education, innovation, and environmental conservation in Ladakh and across India, Wangchuk would suddenly be targeted.

 TRAVEL TIME!		
Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

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11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	:	23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	:	11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	:	21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	:	05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
Departure	:	21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	:	06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)		
Departure	:	8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	:	11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	:	Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)		
Departure	:	2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	:	05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

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DHURANDHAR (HINDI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 11:00 AM / 1:55 PM / 2:55 PM / 5:50 PM / 6:50 PM / 9:45 PM / 10:45 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	09:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 2:15 PM / 4:15 PM / 6:30 PM / 10:45 PM / 11:35 PM	
TERE ISHK MEIN (HINDI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	1:10 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	12:55 PM	
KIS KISKO PYAR KAROON 2 (HINDI)		
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