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Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Adventure Tourism Exhibition at SKICC and inspected various stalls set up by different states across the country. He also participated in a hot air balloon ride, marking a symbolic push towards promoting diverse adventure tourism activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, ATOAI President Ajeet Bajaj presented a piece of stone, collected from the summit of Mount Everest as a special souvenir to CM Omar Abdullah.

Towards the end of the inaugural function, the Chief Minister presented and felicitated the awardees, including recipients of the ATOAI Awards, the Adventure Tourism Leadership Award, and Special Recognition by the Chief Guest. On the occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also launched the J&K Adventure Tourism Roadmap.

Modi conferred with...

a special ceremony hosted at the Addis International Convention Centre on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Modi was conferred with the award for his exceptional contribution towards strengthening India-Ethiopia partnership and for his visionary leadership as a global statesman, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Modi is the first global head of state/head of government to receive this award.

"I'm honoured to be conferred with the 'Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia.' I dedicate it to the 140 crore people of India," Modi posted on X.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi noted that it was an honour for him to accept the award from one of most ancient civilisations of the world, and he did so with a deep sense of humility and gratitude, the statement said.

"...I also express heartfelt gratitude to my friend PM Abiy Ahmed Ali. Last month, when we met during the G20 Summit in South Africa, with great love and right, you had urged me to visit Ethiopia. How could I have turned down this invitation from my friend, my brother? So, at the first chance, I decided to come to Ethiopia," Modi said after receiving the award.

Prime Minister Modi also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Abiy and the people of Ethiopia for this honour.

He also expressed appreciation for the leadership of Prime Minister Abiy and his initiatives to promote national unity, sustainability, and inclusive development, the statement said.

Highest award to...

the India-Ethiopia partnership and his visionary leadership as a global statesman. The MEA said Modi is the first global head of state or government to receive the Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia, highlighting the deepening ties between the two countries.

Security officers directed...

district following a recent gunfight with terrorists in Udhampur's Soan area, in which a policeman was killed on Monday evening. He also visited Kamla Top in Billawar, the officials said.

During the review, the DIG emphasised the need to maintain peace and security and underlined the importance of close coordination among various security agencies to tackle emerging challenges effectively.

Sharma reviewed the deployment of forces and ordered additional forces to be stationed in sensitive and vulnerable areas to prevent any untoward incidents. He also stressed strengthening intelligence gathering and timely sharing of information to counter potential security threats.

The DIG instructed officers to maintain high visibility in their respective jurisdictions and intensify security checks and patrolling. SSP Kathua briefed him on the prevailing security situation and measures taken to maintain peace and law and order in the Billawar area.

During the visit, the DIG also held a joint meeting with Army officials.

Properties of drug...

construction of the property.

The source of funds was found to be unexplained, disproportionate and directly linked to narcotics-related activities, he said.

Accordingly, freezing orders under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act have been issued, prohibiting the sale, transfer, mortgage, or creation of any third-party interest in the attached property until further orders from the competent authority, the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, the police also attached a house valued at over Rs 12 lakh in Kathua district that belonged to an alleged drug peddler, officials said.

The action followed confirmation by the Competent Authority under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act (SAFEMA), marking a significant step towards dismantling the financial network of organised drug trafficking in the region, they said.

After a detailed financial investigation, a single-storey residential house valued at Rs 12,26,303, belonging to Javed Akhter, a resident of Lohai Malhar in Billawar tehsil, was provisionally attached under the NDPS Act, officials said. The case was subsequently referred to SAFEMA for confirmation, which has now upheld the attachment, giving legal finality to the proceedings.

The officials said the accused is a habitual offender, has been booked under the PIT NDPS Act, and has four cases registered against him.

Peddler held, cocaine...

substance, weighing approximately one kilogram, valued at more than Rs 10 crore in the international illicit drug market," a police spokesman said.

A vehicle, several mobile phones and other electronic gadgets were also seized

from the house, he added.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar...

part of the continuous and visionary efforts of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, to modernize and strengthen judicial infrastructure across the Union Territory, with a focus on dignity, accessibility and efficiency in the administration of justice.

The newly inaugurated Common Room and Cafeteria have been designed to provide comfortable, accessible and functional spaces for Judges, advocates, litigants and court staff, thereby fostering a more humane, efficient and inclusive court environment. These utilities are aimed at ensuring convenience, facilitating meaningful interaction, and improving the overall court experience for all stakeholders.

The event was graced by the presence of Shazia Tabassum, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority; Khurshed-ul-Islam, Registrar Judicial; Mohsin ul Qadri Sr. Additional Advocate General; Tahir Majeed Shamsi, Deputy Solicitor General of India; Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi Joint Registrar Judicial, learned Senior Advocates; officers of the Registry; and members of the Bar.

India, Oman to...

US in January 2006, he said.

"The free trade agreement offers immense opportunities for all of you," Goyal told the gathering of businesses.

He said huge potential is there to increase cooperation in sectors such as textiles, footwear, auto and auto components, gems and jewellery, agrochemicals, and renewable energy.

Oman is a gateway for other GCC countries, Eastern Europe, Africa and Central Asia, the minister said, adding, "We can look at collaborations in services sectors, such as chartered accountants, research and development, tourism, healthcare and education.

The four prominent areas of collaboration are energy transition, infrastructure development, food security, and startups, he said.

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of Oman Qais Al Yousef, in his address, said that India has emerged as Oman's third-largest trading partner and Oman continues to be a key destination for Indian investments across strategic sectors.

He stated that Indian investments in Oman have more than tripled since 2020, reaching USD 5 billion, spanning sectors such as green steel, green ammonia, aluminium manufacturing and logistics.

India already has a similar agreement with another GCC member, the UAE, which came into effect in May 2022. The other members of the council are Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar.

India and Qatar will soon begin talks on a trade pact.

India-Oman bilateral trade was about USD 10.5 billion (exports USD 4 billion and imports USD 6.54 billion) in 2024-25.

India's key imports are petroleum products and urea. These account for over 70 per cent of imports. Other key products are propylene and ethylene polymers, pet coke, gypsum, chemicals, iron and steel, and unwrought aluminium.

The main items India exports to Oman are mineral fuels, chemicals, precious metals, iron and steel, cereals, ships, boats and floating structures, electrical machinery, boilers, tea, coffee, spices, apparel, and food items.

Special military train...

tanks, artillery guns and dozers were successfully moved from the Jammu region to Anantnag in Kashmir, demonstrating enhanced mobility and logistical capability. "This milestone was achieved in close coordination with @RailMinIndia, underscoring the transformative impact of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project in enabling rapid logistics build-up and strengthening operational readiness along the northern borders," the ADGPI said.

Santosh Trophy 2025...

& Jammu). Director General, Youth Services & Sports shall co-opt two former National-level Footballers, one each from Kashmir and Jammu regions.

As per the terms of reference of the Committee shall enquire in depth the process that has been followed in selection of the team; submit its recommendations on the basis of findings post enquiry. The Committee shall submit its report within seven days and Inputs/comments from general public shall be facilitated by meeting the Committee on notified three days in Jammu and three days in Srinagar.

Dry spell in...

any major wet spell. The prevailing dry weather has led to an increase in ailments like cough and the common cold.

Meanwhile, most places in the Kashmir valley continued to experience sub-zero night temperatures, the officials said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.6 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, compared to Monday night's minus 1.8 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

A thick layer of fog engulfed the city and most other parts of the valley, particularly areas around water bodies, during the early hours.

Qazigund in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 3 degrees Celsius, while the temperature in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at minus 2.2 degrees Celsius. Kokernag in south Kashmir registered a minimum of minus 0.1 degrees Celsius. In Gulmarg, the minimum temperature settled above the freezing point at 1.6 degrees Celsius, the weather office said.

Pahalgam, one of the base camps for the Amarnath Yatra in south Kashmir, logged a low of minus 2.8 degrees Celsius. Shopian and Pulwama towns in south Kashmir were the coldest recorded places in Jammu and Kashmir, registering the minimum of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius.

DDC Poonch holds public outreach camp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today convened a Block Divas public outreach camp at village Chandimarh-Block Buzfiiaz to listen to people's issues and review developmental works in the area.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Surankote Farooq Khan; OC GREF Ashish Ranjan; Assistant Commissioner Development Shaked Ahmed; Tehsildar Surankote Mohammad Akbar; Chief Agriculture Officer Jog Raj Salathia; Chief Horticulture Officer Uttam Lal; Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Intiaz Ahmed, besides other concerned officers. En-route to the camp, several delegations and members of the public raised issues related to roads and other civic amenities. The Deputy Commissioner inspected the Mughal Road stretch from Buzfiiaz to Chhatapani, with special focus on built-up areas and forest land for the finalization of DPR of Mughal Road under NH-701A. He also reviewed the general align-



ment of the historic road and assessed potential hindrances in its future up-gradation. DC also visited the Mandir at Behrangala, where he paid obeisance and interacted with the temple committee members. At the public outreach

camp, DDC Members, former Sarpanches and locals highlighted various demands seeking completion of Chandimarh Road, Saila-Marg Road, Durga PMGSY Road, Saila-Boniketh Road, Chandimarh-Poshana Road, construction of a Jhula Bridge at Dhuria, establishment of a Khidmat Centre at Saila, opening of a BDO Office at Buzfiiaz, adequate staff in schools and health centres, 24x7 health services, posting of X-ray technician and improved mobile connectivity.

The Deputy Commissioner patiently listened to the grievances and assured the public that all genuine demands would be addressed.

JKCA member files Caveat to safeguard election process

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Brigadier Anil Gupta (Retd), Member Administration of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), has filed a caveat petition before the Principal District Judge, Jammu, to ensure his right to be heard in any legal proceedings that may affect the ongoing JKCA elections.

The caveat, submitted through Advocate Rajat Gupta, comes amid the ongoing JKCA election process. The last date for filing nominations of authorized representatives of the clubs concluded on November 30, 2025, as per a letter issued by the caveat on November 12, 2025.

Brig. Gupta expressed concern that a suit, application, appeal, revision, or any other proceeding might be filed against him with respect to the JKCA premises at Pavilion Building, Hostel Ground, GGM Science College, Jammu. He warned that misrepresentation in such proceedings could lead to ex-parte interim orders, potentially stalling the election process.

Through the caveat, the caveat requested that no action be taken in any such matter without prior notice, ensuring that he is heard before any orders are passed. The petition emphasizes that the caveat has a right to be informed and to participate in all proceedings affecting the associa-

tion. Advocate Rajat Gupta stated that the caveat, filed under Section 148-A of the Civil Procedure Code, seeks to protect the transparency and integrity of the JKCA electoral process, safeguarding it from potential legal obstacles or misuse of the judicial process.

The petition calls upon the court to notify the caveat of any proceedings filed by the non-caveator and to allow him the opportunity to be heard before any judicial action is taken, ensuring that the ongoing elections proceed without disruption. This legal move highlights the proactive steps taken by the JKCA administration to maintain a fair, transparent, and uninterrupted election process.

Drug peddler arrested with 4.58 grams of heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Police Party of Police Station Rajouri while on routine patrolling duty Near Tariq Bridge Rajouri apprehended one person who tried to conceal his presence on noticing the police Patrolling Party. During questioning he disclosed his identity as Aftaar Ahmed S/O Maqbool Hussain R/O Swari Tehsil Koteranka District Rajouri. During his personal search police recovered 4.58 grams of heroin-like narcotic substance from his possession. In this regard a Case FIR No. 596/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rajouri. Further investigation is underway.

India likely to record about 7 pc growth in FY26

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Indian economy is expected to grow by 7 per cent in the current fiscal, slightly higher than 6.6 per cent projected by the IMF in October, said Gita Gopinath, former chief economist of the Washington-based International Monetary Fund. Speaking at Times Network's India Economic Conclave 2025, Gopinath said that the IMF made its projection for India's growth before the National Statistical Office (NSO) came out with its July-September quarter growth rate of 8.2 per cent. "I would say that the IMF number (India's growth projection) was 6.6 per cent that came out in October. But their forecast for the second quarter of the current fiscal, in terms of what the growth would be, was much lower than what it turned out to be at over 8 per cent. "Just doing math, I would expect that India's GDP growth would go up close to 7 per cent," she said.

Earlier this month, the Reserve Bank of India raised the GDP growth projection to 7.3 per cent for the current fiscal from its earlier estimate of 6.8 per cent, following robust economic performance in the July-September quarter.

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) registered a six-quarter high growth of 8.2 per cent in Q2 of 2025-26, underpinned by resilient domestic demand amidst global trade and policy uncertainties.

VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION OF J&K (Registered Under Society Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860) Registration No. 755-CSA OF 2025 Dated:- 20/01/2025 Affiliated to: VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA, JAMMU & KASHMIR OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION Recognised by: J&K Sports Council Regd. Office: 92, Sector No. 5, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu-180020 List of Valid Voters of Volleyball Association of J&K						
The Election of office bearers of volleyball association of J&K for the term 2025-29 is scheduled to be held in the First week of January, 2026 under the proper monitoring and supervision of J&K Sports Council. The list of voters for Nomination has been framed in accordance with latest Sports Guidelines issued by Govt. of India/VFI which is as under-						
S. No	Name	Parentage	Address	Name of District	Profession	
1	Sh. Raj Daluja	Daswandi Ram	State Times Jail Road Ambhalla, Jammu.	District Jammu	Business	
2	Sh. Sidharth Daluja	Raj Daluja	H.No-192, Sec No-1, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.	District Jammu	Business	
3	Sh. Kuldeep Magotra	Late Pt Bisheshar Nath	92/5, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.	District Jammu	Retd. Govt. Officer	
4	S. Hardip Singh Gill	Ranjit Singh	P.O Nandpur, Ramgarh, Khor Salarian, Samba.	District Jammu	Retd. Police Officer	
5	Sh. Raj Guru	Late Ishar Dass	H.No-180, W.No-9, Near Janta Arts Press, Udhampur.	District Udhampur	Retd. Govt. Officer	
6	Mr. Ab. Ahad Shah	Gh. Ahmad Shah	Peerpora Pehru District Anantnag.	District Anantnag	Retd. Govt PET	
7	Sh. Vijay Kumar Magotra	B.N Magotra	H.No 179, Sector No-1 Channi Himmat, Jammu.	District Jammu	Retd. Govt. of India Officer	
8	Sh. R.C Sharma	Late Nanak Chand	285, Street No-11 Shakti Nagar, Jammu.	District Jammu	Retd. Coach	
9	Sh. Puran Singh	Dheru Ram	Pallianwala, Akhnoor, Jammu.	District Jammu	Retd. Govt Teacher	
10	Mr. Amir Ahmed Bhat	Gh. Ahmed Bhat	Guri Mohalla Brane, Brein Srinagar	District Srinagar	Business	
11	Mr. Arsullah Habib	Habibullah Bhat	Chithi Bandi, Bandipora.	District Bandipora	Govt Teacher	
12	Mr. Mohd Tariq	Mohd Khurshid	H.No 107, W.No 4, Kanakhan Poonch.	District Poonch	Retd. Govt PET Teacher	
13	Col. (Retd) Gurbaksh Singh Gill	Late Ranjit Singh	Sainik Colony, Jammu.	District Jammu	Retd. Army Officer	
14	Sh. Kamal Sharma	Amir Chand	Mela, Maila Poonch District Kathua.	District Kathua	Business	
15	Sh. Romesh Kumar	Sain Dass	Jakh, Bagla, Samba.	District Samba	Business	
16	Sh. Ashok Kumar Padha	Prabh Dayal	W.No 9, Near Girls City Middle School, Udhampur.	District Udhampur	Business	
17	Sh. Kunal Magotra	Kuldeep Raj	92/5, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.	District Rajouri	Private Service	
18	Mr. Mudasiir Ahmad Dar	Gh. Mohd Dar	Achan, Pulwama.	District Pulwama	Business	
19	Mr. Mutahir Shabir	Shabir Ahmad Malik	Urpura Achan Chitragam, Ura Pora, Shopian.	District Shopian	Student	
20	Mr. Nelfoar Habib-ul-Rehman	Gh. Mustafa Wani	Near Masjid Shareef, Akhram Kulgam	District Kulgam	PET Teacher	
21	Mr. Irshad Ahmad Wani	Mohd Maqbool Wani	Sebdon, Sabdon, Budgam.	District Budgam	Business	
22	Mr. Ab. Hamid Malik	Gh Qadir Malik	Maidam Chugal, Kupwara, Handwara.	District Kupwara	Business	
23	Mr. Ab Majid Dar	Fateh Mohd Dar	Ferozpora, P.O Ladoora District Baramulla.	District Baramulla	Retd. Coach	
List of outstanding Sports Persons of National and International Athletes (Players) (Men Section)						
24	Mr. Saqlain Tariq	Mohd Tariq			Poonch	
25	Sh. Mannat Choudhary	Subash Chander			Jammu	
26	Mr. Wani Mahir	Manzoor Ahmad Wani			Srinagar	
27	Mr. Haroon Rashid	Late Ab. Rashid Gale			Pulwama	
28	Sh. Vipran Kumar	Bodh Raj			Jammu	
29	Mr. Musharf Khan	Manzoor Ahmed Khan			Poonch	
List of outstanding Sports Persons of National and International (Athletics) (Players) (Women Section)						
30	Lavanya Mahajan	Rajeev Kumar			Samba	
31	Tabeena Jan	Mohd Shareef			Shopian	
32	Himani Dogra	Harbans Lal			Jammu	
33	Payal Sharma	Susheel Kumar			Poonch	
Anybody have any objection for the above framed voter list may submit his/her objection latest by December 25, 2025 on the below mentioned address. The submission of objections after due date shall not be entertained. Address: Mrs Anshuja Tak, Advocate Returning Officer and Observer Volleyball Association of J&K Above JK Bank ATM, Near D.C Office, Wazarat Road, Jammu. Mob. No. 9419195331 Email id:- anshuja@yahoo.com						