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are simultaneously affecting the nature and character of warfare, he added.

Earlier a few technologies were influencing how wars are fought. Now it could be a number of technologies. AI, Quantum, edge computing, hypersonic, advanced material, robotics, he added.

He said multi-domain operations will no longer be an option but a necessity where the effects of one domain will be immediately felt on to the other domain.

"This was clearly visible in Operation Sindoor. In a war which lasted only about four days giving India decisive victory, all domains of warfare were used simultaneously with great amount of tempo," he said.

Multi-domain operations will also require multi-domain capabilities and cross domain command and control, he said.

This will require extensive coordination and control between the Army, Navy and Air Force, but also cyber forces, space forces and forces operating in the cognitive domain, he asserted.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 to avenge the terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, leading to the deaths of 26 persons. India inflicted heavy damage on the terror infrastructure located in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir and Pakistan. Both countries agreed on cessation of hostilities on May 10.

Farooq travels to...

the flights don't operate or the road is closed, the train will still ply. It will ease the problems of the people," Abdullah told reporters here.

He said the snowfall has been a blessing for the people of Kashmir, as it was needed.

"It has eased some of the problems. We pray for more snowfall as it will be beneficial for us," he added.

When asked about the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said, "It will also come. Will come on time (waqt par aayega)."

OGW held in...

Officials said the arrested person was allegedly involved in providing logistics support, and trafficked arms and ammunition for terrorists in Pampore, Tral and Avantipora areas.

Jaishankar to arrive...

taraulins, hygiene kits, clothing, water purification systems, and 14.5 tonnes of medicines and surgical equipment.

Indian Naval ships INS Vikrant, INS Udaygiri, INS Sukanya, LCU-54, LCU-57, LCU-51, and INS Gharial delivered large volumes of relief material to Colombo and Trincomalee, apart from Indian Coast Guard Ship Shaurya.

Two teams of the National Disaster Response Force conducted immediate search and rescue operations, while an 85-member Indian Army Field Hospital set up in Mahiyanganaya provided life-saving medical care to more than 7,000 patients.

Medical centres using BHISHM Arogya Maitri cubes were established in severely affected areas, and 248 tonnes of Bailey Bridge components with 48 engineers were airlifted to restore critical connectivity.

Indian Air Force and Navy helicopters evacuated survivors, transported troops, and delivered relief supplies reflecting India's steadfast commitment to Sri Lanka during a time of crisis.

Search ops widened...

forest area for the third time in the past few days. The movement of the duo was reported on Sunday night too.

The joint search operation by police and paramilitary forces was underway in Chore Motu and its adjoining forest villages in the Majalta area, about five kilometres west of the site of an earlier encounter that left a policeman dead, the officials said.

They said an intelligence input was received late Saturday that two unidentified terrorists visited the house of Mangtu Ram in Chore Motu village at around 6.30 pm and took food.

On December 15, a policeman was killed in an encounter with terrorists at Soan village in the Majalta area after security forces received information about the movement of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists in the region. The terrorists managed to escape, taking advantage of thick foliage and darkness, the officials said.

Searches in areas...

So far, security forces have not found anything suspicious during the searches, officials informed.

The anti-sabotage checks and searches were carried out in areas located close to B a k s h i S t a d i u m, which is the main venue for Republic Day and Independence Day celebrations in Kashmir, they added.

The iconic Clock Tower at Lal Chowk, which has turned into a tourist hub in the past four years, is also a stone's throw from Amirakadal, where the searches were conducted.

SAI Governing Body...

without heavy watering, saving on the scarce resource.

The GB also agreed to replace the existing electronic shooting targets with laser target systems at the Karni Singh Shooting Range (KSSR), which is both an international venue and a training base.

"In addition, the GB also approved the construction of three multipurpose halls at SAI NCOE (National Centre of Excellence) Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar (formerly SAI Aurangabad), SAI Patiala, and SAI Trivandrum to facilitate intensive training and comprehensive athlete development," the Sports Ministry stated in a press release.

The facility at SAI NCOE Sambhajanagar will house a dedicated weather-proof boxing training zone, strength and conditioning area and designated indoor spaces for volleyball and badminton.

The GB also approved the construction of a 400-metre, eight-lane synthetic athletics track at SAI Jalpaiguri in West Bengal.

"The committee noted that SAI STC Jalpaiguri has emerged as a key centre for athletics training and, despite limited infrastructure, has consistently delivered commendable performances at both regional and national levels," the ministry said. Besides, the committee also approved the laying of a new synthetic track in SAI Bhopal.

Four JKAS officers...

and Abhimanyu Singh, Jr. Scale JKAS, currently posted in the office of the Resident Commission, J&K Government, New Delhi, has been recalled and his services have been placed at the disposal of the Information Department for further posting.

Mohan Lal inaugurates development works; prominent leaders join BJP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: An important Jan Sampark & Public Gathering Programme was organized at Ambaran today, with MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat attending the event as Chief Guest. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals, reflecting strong public support for BJP's development-oriented governance.

The proceedings were conducted by Mandal President Depesh Singh. Prominent personalities present on the occasion included Ex-Sarpanch Ashwani Sharma, Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh, Prashant Sharma, Surinder Singh, Multan Singh, Raghuvir Singh, Vakeel Chand, Harsh, Mangal Singh Rana, Ashok Bhagat, Balal Ram Choudhary, Beli Ram, Surjeet Singh, Rakesh Dogra, Mohan Lal Sharma and Mohan Lal Bhagat, among others.

During the programme, Ex-Sarpanch Rishi Singh, Ali Jawan, Mohd Ayub, Kundan Lal, Narottam Lal, Ravi Bhagat, Ajay Sharma and Harbans Lal, along with dozens of supporters, formal-



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat during an event.

ly joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in the presence of the MLA. Addressing the gathering, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat said that the Akhnoor Assembly constituency is progressing rapidly with focused development in roads, healthcare and basic infrastructure. He stated that the BJP government is committed to ensuring equitable development of rural and border areas and welcomed the new entrants into the party fold.

On the occasion black topping of two important roads at Pratapkote and Degah were inaugurated, while the construction work of Gurha Talab Dispensary, estimated

at ₹12.50 lakh, was formally started, strengthening healthcare facilities in the region. Development works worth Rs 17 Lakh were inaugurated in the panchayat.

Ex-Sarpanch Rishi Singh and Ajay Sharma while addressing the gathering, expressed faith in the leadership of MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat and pledged to work for the welfare of the people under BJP's banner.

In a joint statement, Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh, Ashwani Bral and Prashant Sharma thanked the MLA for initiating key development works and said these projects would greatly benefit the common people.

Shiksha Niketan School declares FA-5 results



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, on Monday announced the results of Formative Assessment-5 (FA-5) for the academic session 2025-26 for students of the Middle Wing (Classes 5th to 7th) and Primary Wing (Classes 2nd to 4th). The declaration of results marked an important milestone in assessing students' academic progress and overall development.

The result distribution commenced at 9:30 am, witnessing enthusiastic participation from a large number of parents who attended along with their wards. The occasion was organised in the form of a Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM), aimed at fostering close collaboration between parents and teachers for the

betterment of students. FA-5 report cards and assessment notebooks were handed over to parents, followed by meaningful interactions focusing on performance review and future improvement strategies. Students demonstrated commendable performance across subjects such as Mathematics, Science, Languages, and Social Studies, making this one of the best results recorded by the school. While a majority of students scored good marks, those who could not meet expectations were encouraged and motivated by teachers, wing in-charges, parents, the Headmaster, and the Principal to work harder and achieve better results in the future.

Top-performing students were specially recognised by the Principal, Rameshwar

Samba FC, Young Hero's FC triumph in 19th Christmas Gold Cup Football

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Samba Football Club (FC) and Young Hero's FC registered emphatic wins in the ongoing 19th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament 2025, organized by the All J&K Sports & Cultural Welfare Association under the aegis of J&K Football Association (DFA Jammu), at the Mini Stadium, Parade Ground, Jammu.

In the first match, Samba FC defeated Winter Capital 2-0. The goals came from Nitish in the 34th minute and Gagandeep Singh in the 42nd minute. Samba FC players Rahul and Nitish received yellow cards in the 45th and 52nd minutes respectively. The match was officiated by referees Satnam Singh, Bilal Ahmed, Kartik Sharma, and Abhishek Chandan. Distinguished guests present included Ramesh Chander, David Masih, Sodagar Mattoo, Yousaf Don, Griffan Gill, Nitin Bagga, Rajesh Sumbria, Kamaljeet, Shujah, Moon Stephan, and Sebastian.

In the second match, Young Hero's FC edged past Param FC with a 1-0 victory. The lone goal was scored by Varun of Young Hero's FC, while Shivam Mehra and Trywell of Param FC received yellow cards in the 35th minute. Param FC featured two

foreign players in their squad. The match was refereed by Rahul Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Aman Sudan, and Dheeraj Menia.

Tomorrow's fixtures include Pegasus FC v/s Hero FC at 12:00 Noon and Vijay Club v/s Nagrota FC at 1:30 PM, promising more competitive and exciting football action at the tournament.

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JAMMU: A two-day National Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change: Challenges and Solutions, organized by the Department of Botany, University of Jammu, was inaugurated today at Brig Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. The function was presided over by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, and graced by Dr. Kanad Dass, Director, Botanical Survey of India (BSI) as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Umesh Rai emphasized the urgent need for integrating diverse scientific disciplines to tackle local and regional challenges posed by climate change. He highlighted the critical role of interdisciplinary approaches in devising sustainable, com-

munity-oriented solutions. Prof. Rai noted that climate change accelerates biodiversity loss, which in turn reduces nature's ability to absorb carbon, further aggravating climate impacts. He stressed the importance of protecting and restoring ecosystems through nature-based solutions and underlined the relevance of mathematics and allied subjects for developing predictive models.

In his inaugural address,

Properties worth Rs 1.20 cr of inter-district drug peddler attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: In a major crackdown on drug trafficking, Udhampur Police has attached immovable and movable properties worth approximately ₹1.20 Crore belonging to an inter-district drug peddler under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act, in connection with FIR No. 117/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act registered at Police Station Rehambal.

The attached properties belong to Wahid Maqbool Mir S/o Mohd. Maqbool Mir, R/o Shilvet, Sumbal, District Bandipora.

The attached/seized properties include Double-storey residential house constructed on 08 Marlas of land, falling under Survey No. 344, Abadi Deh, situated at Shilvet, Sumbal, District Bandipora, Tipper bearing Registration No. JK19-1061, Tipper bearing Registration No. JK01N-7343.

During the course of investigation, detailed financial scrutiny and backward linkage analysis revealed that the accused had acquired the said properties through proceeds of narcotics trafficking. Based on these findings, the competent authority has passed the attachment order today and further legal proceedings under the NDPS Act are underway.

6 bovines rescued, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: District Police Poonch, continuing its sustained drive against illegal transportation of bovines, has registered two separate FIRs at Police Station Surankote and Police Station Gursai and successfully rescued a total of 06 bovines.

During routine naka checking and patrols conducted in the respective jurisdictions, police teams intercepted vehicles involved in the illegal transportation of bovines in violation of the law and prevailing orders. Acting promptly, the police teams rescued the bovines and prevented further illegal movement.

Accordingly, one FIR has been registered at PS Surankote and one FIR at PS Gursai under relevant sections of law. The accused persons involved have been arrested, and further investigation into the cases is underway to ascertain the complete chain of the offence.

Drug network busted; five arrested, 345 grams heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major crackdown against drug trafficking, Jammu Police, South Zone, achieved a significant breakthrough as Police Station Bahu Fort busted an inter-linked drug network and arrested five accused persons, leading to the recovery of a total of 345 grams of heroin (Chitta) along with electronic weighing machines and packing material.

On 20.09.2025, acting on a specific and credible input, a naka was established at Railway Pulli, Narwal. During checking, one accused namely Vishal S/o Ajay, R/o Ludhiana, A/P Rajeev Nagar, Jammu, was apprehended. Upon his personal search, 275 grams of heroin (Chitta) along with one electronic weighing machine were recovered from his possession. Accordingly, FIR No. 279/2025 under Sections 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Bahu Fort, and investigation was set into motion.

During the course of investigation, the backward link of the case was established, leading to the arrest of two more accused namely Gogi S/o Neep Ram and Reema W/o Gogi, both residents of Rajeev Nagar, Narwal, Jammu. From their possession, 15 grams of heroin (Chitta) along with one electronic weighing machine were recovered.

Further sustained investigation and development of backward linkages resulted in the arrest of two additional accused persons, namely Sahil @ Kotto S/o Suresh, R/o Guru Amardass Colony, Narangarh, Amritsar, A/P Rajeev Nagar; and Rocky Singh S/o Late Ram Singh, R/o Rajeev Nagar, Narwal, Jammu. On their disclosure, 55 grams of heroin (Chitta) along with aluminium foil packing material were recovered.

The entire operation was conducted by SHO PS Bahu Fort, assisted by IC PP Narwal and PSI Irshad Ahmed, under the close supervision of SDPO City East, SP City South Jammu and overall supervision of SSP Jammu.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 7 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As part of its sustained drive against illegal mining activities under the supervision of SP South, SDPO East and SDPO South, Jammu Police, South Zone intensified enforcement in the last 24 hours and seized 07 vehicles involved in illegal transportation of mining material across different police stations and police posts of the South Zone.

At Police Post Chhatta, one Dumper bearing registration No. JK02BM-5486, loaded with crusher dust, was detained for violation of Form-A. The DMO Jammu is being informed for further necessary action.

Police Station Channi Himmat seized one Dumper bearing registration No. JK02CW-9936, found involved in illegal transportation of mining material.

At Police Post Belicharana, three vehicles were seized; Dumper No. JK12D-3219, loaded with sand without valid permission; Tipper No. JK02CS-2245, loaded with sand without permission; Dumper No. JK02CJ-8809, loaded with bajri without any authorization.

A special naka was established at Chatha near Lee Garden, during which one Dumper loaded with sand was detained at Police Post Chatha for violation of Form-A.

During routine patrolling at Greater Kailash, IC PP Greater Kailash intercepted and seized one Dumper bearing registration No. JK21P-6786, found loaded with sand without Form-A and valid documents. The vehicle has been brought to the police station for safe custody, and DMO Jammu has been informed accordingly.

In addition to the above, Police Post Narwal seized 05 vehicles, while Police Station Baghe-Bahu seized 01 vehicle under Section 207 of the Motor Vehicles Act, all found carrying mining material.

BJP Mahila Morcha organises Atmanirbhar Sammelan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: BJP Mahila Morcha organized a massively attended Sammelan on Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in District Kathua, highlighting the vision of a self-reliant India as envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

BJP J&K Vice-President and former Minister Priya Sethi, General Secretary Gopal Mahajan, and Mahila Morcha President Adv. Neha Mahajan addressed the Atmanirbhar Sammelan, which underscored the importance of self-reliance in India's growth story through structural reforms and sector-wise economic measures. The programme was organised by District Kathua Mahila Morcha President Sushma Mahajan.

Addressing the gathering, Priya Sethi said that opening up of the economy and the comprehensive steps under the

Atmanirbhar Bharat package have strengthened economic stability. She noted that India's economy has shown a V-shaped recovery, with agriculture remaining a key driver. She highlighted healthy growth in the agricultural sector, increased tractor sales, rising household incomes through MGNREGS, and the success of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana in easing rural distress. She also cited growth in trade and industry indicators such as PMI, energy demand, e-way bill generation, highway construction, and record GST collections by December 2020.

Gopal Mahajan, in his address, referred to studies indicating contraction in Gross Value Added across sectors. Citing research by Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy (NIPFP), he stated that India's GVA may contract by around 13 percent. He emphasized that while

increased public spending may lead to inflation, slower growth during recession would have far more severe consequences.

Mahila Morcha President Adv. Neha Mahajan spoke on inclusive development aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She highlighted key welfare initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission, and infrastructure schemes that have reduced poverty, improved healthcare, education, sanitation, and women empowerment. She also emphasized the government's efforts in clean energy, sustainable agriculture, climate action, and self-reliant manufacturing.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Updesh Andotra.

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Dr. Kanad Dass, Director, BSI and others during the workshop.

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Dr. Kanad Dass showcased India's rich plant diversity and highlighted the monumental publication Flora of India, comprising 26 volumes by BSI, with six more volumes in the pipeline. He reiterated India's status as a mega-diverse country, home to 7-8% of the world's species, including significant endemism across its ecosystems. Dr. Dass stressed systematic documentation of plant resources as essential

for biodiversity conservation and climate resilience. He also highlighted new government initiatives, including the National Red List of Indian Plants targeted for completion by 2030 and the Plant-Based Wildlife Health Management Programme launched by the Prime Minister's office.

Earlier, Prof. Susheel Verma, Head of the Department, welcomed dignitaries, invited speakers,

and participants. Dr. Sikander Pal, Organizing Secretary, outlined the conference objectives, themes, and expected outcomes. Dr. Geeta Sharma presented the vote of thanks, and Dr. Romika conducted the proceedings.

The conference has attracted researchers, academicians, and students from across India. Technical sessions will focus on biodiversity conservation, climate change impacts, and adaptive strategies. Among the attendees were Prof. T.N. Lakhani Pal (Shimla), Dr. Sangeeta Nayaka (NBRI, Lucknow), Dr. Arun Arya (University of Baroda), Dr. Amit Chawla (IHBT, Palampur), and several faculty members and research scholars of the Life Science faculty at the University of Jammu.