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All pending SRO...

In his address, the Chief Minister-who also holds the charge of the General Administration Department-reiterated the Government's resolve to dispose of all pending cases under SRO-43 and RAS-2022 in a time-bound, transparent manner, with relaxations extended wherever warranted under the policy.

Expressing empathy with families who approach the Government following personal bereavement, the Chief Minister underscored that compassionate appointments are rights guaranteed under an established policy framework, not acts of favour. He said the Government's endeavour is to stand firmly with the affected families during their most difficult moments and provide them the institutional support they are entitled to.

Chief Minister said that the lacunae in processing the cases need to be corrected so that the onus is on Government to complete the formalities rather than candidates having to run from pillar to post to obtain clearances and in pursuing submission of their cases from subordinate offices which takes months together causing further hardship to applicants.

Omar demands EC...

2023 delimitation in J-K a manipulation of elections. "You created seven seats for political gains that led to benefiting a single party or its friends. The elections are manipulated like that. So, there are apprehensions over SIR that elections might be manipulated through SIR," he added.

The chief minister congratulated the about 713 youth who attended the parade to enter JAKLI, which, he said, has a close relationship with J-K in that it guards the country's borders.

On the Thursday arrival of Russian president Vladimir Putin, Abdullah said the good relations between New Delhi and Moscow go back a long way.

"We have very old and deep ties with Russia, which has time and again stood with India when conspiracies, wars and even attacks by our neighbours were carried out against India.

"Russia came forward to help India -- whether it was for the supply of arms or using its veto power in the UN or the Security Council. It is a good thing that the Russian president is visiting India. It will be a good thing if our relations improve further," he said.

Abdullah also said that if Indo-Russian relations benefit some other country, there should not be any objection.

"Our PM has a very good relationship with Putin, and if that benefits Ukraine somehow, if we can persuade Russia to tread the path of peace and end the attack on Ukraine, I think it will be everyone's success," he added.

Asked if the birth anniversary of National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on Friday will be a holiday, the chief minister said his government does not have the power to declare holidays.

"I wish! In the division of powers, the elected government has not been given the power to declare holidays. It is with the Centre. That is why we seek restoration of statehood so that we can take big or small decisions ourselves," he said.

The chief minister, however, said there was no need for a holiday to remember Sher-e-Kashmir.

"You saw the best cadet was awarded a sword, which is known by the name of Sher-e-Kashmir. So, whether there is a holiday or not, someone's stature or contribution is not lessened. People continue to remember him," he said.

ACB files charge...

FIR 25/2023 was registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 of Police Station ACB Srinagar on Dec 21, 2023 on a written complaint alleging therein that the accused Assistant Engineer demanded Rs 2,000 as bribe for clearing of NREGA Bills.

A trap was laid down and the accused was caught red-handed while accepting Rs 2000 as bribe from the complainant. The bribe money was recovered on spot and chemical tests later confirmed the presence of phenolphthalein on the accused's hands.

Based on the facts and circumstances together with cogent evidences brought on record, the investigation established the commission of offence under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against the accused public servant namely Tanveer Ahmad Dar, then Assistant Engineer BDO office Suresyar Chadoora.

After obtaining the requisite sanction for prosecution from the government, the charge-sheet was presented before the Court of Additional Special Anti-Corruption Judge Srinagar, today for judicial determination. The next date of hearing has been fixed on Feb 17, 2026.

'Centuries-old' stone...

police station, an official said. The police later handed over the sculpture to the archaeology department.

The official said the artefact, crafted in fine stone, appears to be centuries old and reflects the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region.

Police took immediate steps to ensure its safety and preservation and coordinated with the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Jammu and Kashmir, for proper documentation and conservation, the spokesman said.

The police handed over the ancient stone sculpture to the team from the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, headed by Javed Ahmad Mattoo.

This underscores Jammu and Kashmir Police's commitment to preserving the archaeological treasures of the region and promoting awareness about its history, the official asserted.

Building modern healthcare...

suggestions for developing preventative strategies and improving public health.

"First, empower the pathology field with cutting-edge advancements and develop standard protocols for patient treatment through multidisciplinary research.

Secondly, identify and bridge gaps in educational programs by developing new training modules.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the healthcare sector has seen historic transformation. He urged all stakeholders to work together to expand digital records and the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) facility to remote areas and link smaller health centers with larger labs for expert advice.

"Building a modern healthcare system and improving the quality of life for all, is our goal. Public and private sectors must collaborate to provide dedicated diagnostic facilities in remote areas and reduce the time between diagnosis and treatment in far-flung areas," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Dr Ashutosh Gupta, Principal GMC Jammu; Dr Usha Kini, President Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists (IAPM); Dr Reeni Mallik, Vice President IAPM; Dr Ranjan Agarwal, Honorary Secretary, IAPM; office bearers of IAPM and International Academy of Pathologists-Indian Division (IAP-ID), Pathologists and Medical Professionals attended the inaugural session.

Arvind Gupta, Member Legislative Assembly from Jammu West; Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary Health and

Medical Education, and senior officials of civil and police administration were also present.

J&K Bank sanctions...

CEO Amitava Chatterjee said empowering 10,000 young entrepreneurs under Mission Yuva reflects our deep-rooted commitment to drive self-reliance and inclusive growth in J&K.

"This milestone is not just about numbers; it represents the spirit of our youth taking charge of their future with confidence and purpose," he said.

Chatterjee said the bank remains steadfast in its support of this transformative programme that strengthens the region's socio-economic fabric while empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs. Mission Yuva aims to motivate and equip young individuals to start their own ventures through financial support, capacity-building and grassroots mentoring.

Chargesheet filed against...

the investigation, it was revealed that no such sale deed had been registered by the sub-registrar concerned, they added.

The investigation established that Bhat, in criminal conspiracy with the then patwari and Naib Tehsildar, manipulated revenue records and fraudulently recorded mutation entries on the basis of a non-existent sale deed, the officials said.

"Their involvement in the commission of offences has been prima facie substantiated, and the chargesheet has accordingly been submitted for judicial determination," the officials said.

DGP reviews security...

He chaired a joint meeting with officers of all forces, reviewing operational preparedness, coordination, and the overall security situation," a police spokesperson said.

He was accompanied by Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, IG CRPF Gopal Rao, SSP Udhampur Amod Nagpure, and officers from the CRPF and the Army.

The DGP interacted with personnel at Forward Operating Bases (FOBs), appreciated their commitment in tough conditions, and urged them to stay alert while ensuring the safety of the local population.

He emphasised stronger community engagement, improved outreach, and prompt grievance redressal to enhance public confidence. Prabhath also reviewed infrastructure upgrades and stressed the need for modern equipment, better mobility, and enhanced use of technology for effective responses.

Senior officers briefed him on the current security scenario, recent developments, and steps taken to strengthen inter-agency coordination, the spokesperson said.

The Dudu-Basantgarh area, along with other parts of the Jammu region, has been the site of multiple search and anti-terror operations throughout 2025.

Basantgarh lies on a traditional infiltration route used by Pakistani terrorists who enter from the International Border in Kathua and move via higher reaches to Doda and Kishtwar districts in the Jammu region and further into the Kashmir Valley. It has witnessed several encounters and terror incidents in the past.

Pak-linked drug...

was seized. He was found to be a major forwarding link and peddler in the network.

The SIT also arrested Gulshan Kumar of Lamberi, Rajouri, identified as the financial handler of the syndicate. Searches of his modified vehicle led to the recovery of 259.32 grams of heroin. Investigation further revealed the involvement of Jaswinder Kumar alias Somu, who was already lodged in District Jail Rajouri in a 10 kg heroin case and was operating as a mediator between in-state and cross-border suppliers through virtual communication. He was also formally arrested in the case.

The chain of disclosures led to the arrest of another key accused, Shamp Din alias Pappy, who had been absconding in a high-profile murder case. From his possession, the police recovered 619.83 grams of heroin along with a pistol and three live rounds. He further revealed his association with Abdul Hameed alias Meedu of Maralian, RS Pura. Although Meedu escaped during a raid, searches at his house led to the recovery of a Glock pistol, three Glock rounds and a country-made pistol.

Preliminary investigation has indicated that the syndicate was deeply networked, with strong inter-district operatives and international connections extending to Pakistan. The accused disclosed links with Pakistan-based handlers identified as Gill and Shah, believed to be the primary suppliers of narcotics and arms.

So far, the cumulative recovery includes over 4.95 kg of heroin, three pistols and six live rounds. The investigation continues, with efforts focused on unearthing the remaining network members, tracking financial channels, verifying cross-border routes and ensuring more arrests. Jammu Police reaffirmed their commitment to combating drug trafficking and safeguarding the youth and citizens of the region.

SC asks BCI...

by Yogamaya MG and Shehla Chaudhary seeking reservation of one-third of seats for women in all state bar councils.

They also sought that at least one office-bearer post, on a rotational basis, be reserved for women lawyers.

The pleas have been filed relying upon the May 2, 2024 order of the top court in which it was directed that one-third of seats in the executive committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association, including one office-bearer post, be reserved for women.

Modi warmly welcomes...

before he goes to Raj Ghat to pay homage at the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi.

It will be followed by talks between the two leaders in a restricted format and with their delegations at Hyderabad House, the venue for the summit.

Modi and Putin will also attend a business event jointly organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Roscongress at Bharat Mandapam.

In the evening, Putin will attend a state banquet to be hosted in his honour by President Droupadi Murmu. The Russian leader is expected to leave India at around 9 pm on Friday.

In the summit talks, New Delhi is expected to press for addressing the increasing trade deficit caused by India's procurement of large volumes of Russian crude oil.

The Russian president's trip to India is taking place at a time when India-US relations are going through possibly the worst phase in the last two decades after Washington imposed a whopping 50 per cent tariff on Indian goods, including 25 per cent levies for New Delhi's procurement of Russian crude oil.

The impact of American sanctions on India's procurement of Russian crude oil is likely to be discussed at the summit. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov on Tuesday said New Delhi's purchase of crude oil from Russia may decline for "a

brief period" in view of Western sanctions, but, at the same time, he said Moscow is taking steps to enhance the supplies.

At the summit, Putin is expected to apprise Modi about the latest US efforts to bring an end to the Ukraine conflict. India has been consistently maintaining that dialogue and diplomacy is the only way forward to end the war.

Following the Modi-Putin talks, the two sides are expected to ink a plethora of agreements, including one on facilitating the movement of Indian workers to Russia, and another on logistical support under a broader framework of defence cooperation.

It is learnt that under the trade basket, Indian exports to Russia are expected to significantly increase in areas of pharma, agriculture, food products and consumer goods.

The move comes amid concerns in New Delhi over a ballooning trade deficit in favour of Russia.

India's annual procurement of goods and services from Russia amounts to around USD 65 billion, while Russia's imports from India stand at around USD 5 billion. Officials said India is also looking at boosting cooperation in the fertiliser sector. Russia supplies three to four million tonnes of fertilisers to India annually.

The Indian and Russian sides are also likely to discuss New Delhi's proposed free trade agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union.

Ahead of the summit, the defence ministers of the two countries held wide-ranging talks on Thursday with a focus on India's plan to procure additional batches of S-400 missile systems and other critical military hardware from Russia.

The S-400 missile systems proved to be very effective during Operation Sindoor.

In October 2018, India signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 air defence missile systems, notwithstanding a warning by the US that going ahead with the contract may invite US sanctions under the provisions of Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA).

Peskov said there may be a discussion on the possibility of Russia supplying Su-57 fighter jets to India. India is in the process of procuring a batch of fifth-generation fighter jets. Dassault Aviation's Rafale, Lockheed Martin's F-21, Boeing's F/A-18 and the Eurofighter Typhoon are the main contenders. Ways to bolster bilateral energy ties are also expected to figure prominently in the summit.

It is learnt that Russia has offered India additional discounts for its procurement of crude oil. The offer came after the volume of India's purchase of Russian crude oil registered a decline in the last few weeks following the latest wave of US sanctions on two Russian oil producers. India and Russia have a mechanism under which India's prime minister and the Russian president hold a summit meeting annually to review the entire gamut of ties. So far, 22 annual summit meetings have taken place alternatively in India and Russia. The Russian president had last visited New Delhi in 2021.

In July last year, Modi travelled to Moscow for the annual summit. Russia has been a time-tested partner for India and a key pillar of New Delhi's foreign policy.

Police registers FIR...

Accordingly, FIR No. 79/2025 under Sections 8 and 23(b) of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, has been registered against the hotel management at Police Station Pahalgam. Further investigation in the matter is underway.

Police reiterates its commitment to ensuring strict compliance with all legal and security norms and urges all hotel owners and accommodation providers to adhere to the prescribed procedures without fail.

Two theft cases solved; 10 arrested, stolen property recovered

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SOPORE: Police solved two theft cases by arresting 10 accused persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen property from their possession. Police Station Panzalla received a complaint from Suhel Shafi Mir, Assistant Executive Engineer, Mechanical New Lift Sub-Division (MICD) Srinagar, regarding theft at Lift Irrigation Scheme Check-Gujri Station (Stage 2nd). Accordingly, FIR No. 66/2025 under relevant sections of law was registered at PS Panzalla and investigation was initiated.

During the investigation, multiple suspects were questioned. One suspect namely Ubaid Riyaz Dar son of Riyaz Ahmad Dar resident of Untoo Hamam Sopore confessed his involvement in the commission of crime. During further questioning, he further revealed that he along with other five associates, had committed the theft. They have been identified as Kaiser Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Hassan Dar, Kaiser Nazir Dar son of Nazir Ahmad Dar, Majid Ahmad Dar @Muqab son of Mehraj-ud-Din Dar, Javaid Ahmad Dar so of Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar and Usman Nazir Dar son of Nazir Ahmad Dar, all residents of Ningli Sopore.

He further disclosed that the stolen items had been sold to a scrap dealer identified as Bilal Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar resident of Ningli Sopore.

Acting on this disclosure, Police recovered the stolen property from a godown located at Sofi Akbar Road, Bypass Ningli Sopore. All the accused have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Demonstrating their commitment to swift investigation and decisive action against crime, Police in Shopian have successfully solved a theft case within 24 hours of its reporting by arresting three accused persons and recovered stolen property. Police Station Shopian registered a case FIR No. 261/2025 on the written complaint of Mohd. Yaqoob Dar resident of Pinjoora, stating therein that unknown thieves had stolen 02 cows, 01 calf and 04 sheep.

Acting promptly, a special team of Police Station Shopian was constituted. Through sustained efforts, meticulous investigation, and technical analysis, the police team traced the movement of the suspects and interecepted the accused while they were attempting to travel towards Rajouri via Mughal Road. The team successfully apprehended all three accused persons, identified as Mohd Ashraf Khatana resident of Khawas Gund Rajouri, A/P Padshah Chowk (Driver), Arshid Ahmad Khatana resident of Kanala Khawas Rajouri, A/P Padshahbagh Srinagar and Anjad Hussain Khatana resident of Kanla Khawas Rajouri, A/P Padshahbagh Srinagar. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. During the course of investigation, the stolen livestock loaded in vehicle bearing registration No. JK04E-8856, were recovered and the vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized.

Long-time absconder arrested

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ANANTNAG: In a significant breakthrough, Police in Anantnag have successfully apprehended a long-time absconder who had been evading arrest for an extended period.

The accused Rattan Chand son of Vikru Chand resident of Gurah Kalyal, Billawar, was wanted in connection with FIR No. 45/2013, registered under sections 366, 376, and 343 RPC dated 15/05/2013 of PS Achabal. After sustained efforts and meticulous tracking, he was arrested from Mahanpur, Basohli, District Kathua. The individual has been taken into custody and will be produced before the concerned court for necessary legal action.



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