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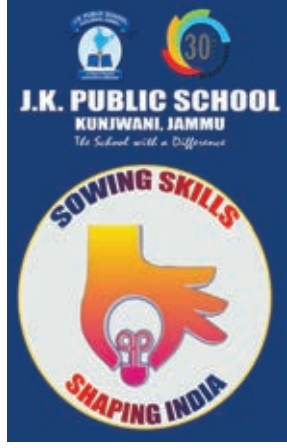
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## Omar stresses on climate change awareness, highlights water crisis threat in J&K

**Inaugurates workshop on NEP-2020 at JU, lauds 'DYD' programme**

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday reiterated that Jammu and Kashmir is facing a severe threat from climate change, particularly in the form of a water crisis, stressing the need for greater awareness and action.

"We are not doing enough to educate our people about what is happening with climate change and the dangers it poses. A lot of that responsibility lies with us as political leaders," the Chief Minister stated while addressing the inaugural session of a three-day workshop on 'Capacity Building in Innovation Pedagogy for the Implementation of NEP-2020' at Brig Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

The workshop is being organized by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Center (MMTTC) in collaboration with the Skill Incubation, Innovation, Entrepreneurship



CM Omar Abdullah addressing inaugural session of workshop at Brig Rajinder Singh Auditorium, JU on Thursday.

Development Center (SIEDC), University of Jammu. The event was attended by Vice-Chancellor of Jammu University Professor Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellors of SMVD University, BGSSBS University, and Cluster University of Jammu, along with senior faculty members, Principals of various colleges and students.

Addressing the pressing issue of climate change, the Chief Minister highlighted the alarming precipitation deficit in Jammu

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### EC owes clarification on USAID's 'voter turnout' fund for India: Omar

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said the Election Commission should clarify its stand on reports that the US spent USD 21 million for "voter turnout in India".

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, he vehemently opposed foreign interference in the country's democratic exercise.

"It (foreign interference) should not happen. So far, there is no proof of foreign interference... the Election Commission has to clarify whether foreign interference had taken place in our elections because to date we are of the belief that our elections were conducted in a free and fair manner," Abdullah said.

He was responding to a query about US President Donald Trump's questioning the need to spend money on voter turnout in India. Trump also speculated

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### Traffic suspended on Jammu-Srinagar NH after snowfall

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BANIHAL: Traffic on the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was suspended Thursday evening due to slippery conditions owing to snowfall in the Banihal sector, officials said.

The suspension of the traffic on the vital road left

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### Property worth Rs 1 cr under NDPS Act attached

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ANANTNAG: In a decisive action against drug trafficking and its financial networks, Police in Anantnag has attached a double-storey under-construction residential house belonging to Abdul Majeed Bhat son-in-law of Mohammad Ahsan Ganaie resident of Cheenigund, Srigufwara. The property, spread over 1 Kanal of land and valued at Rs 1 crore, has been attached under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act, as it has been linked to proceeds from drug trafficking.

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## Major reshuffle in J&K Judiciary 25 District & Sessions Judges, 9 CJM/Sub-Judges transferred

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court issued transfer and postings of 25 District & Sessions Judges, 9 CJM/Sub-Judges.

According to the order issued by Registrar General Shahzad Azeem, Jaffer Hussain Beg, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar has been transferred and posted as District Judge, Leave Reserve, Jammu; Tasleem Arief, Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and Ladakh has been transferred and posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar; Shazia Tabassum, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kupwara as Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority; Rajinder Sapru, Registrar Rules, High Court of J&K and Ladakh as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Rajouri; Naseer Ahmad Dar, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Pulwama as Additional District and

Sessions Judge, Baramulla; Rajiv Gupta, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Rajouri has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of the Chief Justice for his appointment as Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and Ladakh. Kamlesh Pandit, Additional District Judge (Bank Cases), Jammu has been transferred and posted as Additional District and Sessions Judge, Udhampur; Sudhir Kumar, Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court, Jammu as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kishtwar; Manjit Singh Manhas, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kishtwar as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Baramulla as Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court, Jammu; Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority as Chairman, J&K Sales Tax

Appellate Tribunal on deputation; Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Registrar Judicial, Srinagar as Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar; Shabir Ahmad Malik, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kargil as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Pulwama; Khurshid Ul Islam, 1st Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of the Chief Justice for his appointment as Registrar Judicial, Srinagar.

Arti Mohan, Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court (POCSO), Srinagar has been transferred and posted as Additional District Judge (Bank Cases), Jammu vice Kamlesh Pandit; Umi Kulsoom, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Handwara as Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court (POCSO), Srinagar; Pawan Kumar Sharma, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Baramulla as Special

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## CBI books JKPS Officer in DA case

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Central Bureau Investigation/ Anti-corruption Bureau registered a case against Jammu and Kashmir Police Officer rank of DySP in Disproportionate Assets Case.

According to the CBI that information has been received from reliable source to the effect that Adil Mushtaq, son of Sheikh Mushtaq Ahmad had joined as Dy. Superintendent of Police (DySP), Jammu Kashmir Police Services (JKPS), in the Govt. of J&K, on 25th August, 2015 and during the period of his service from August 25, 2015 to

September 19, 2023, he has amassed huge assets, in his name as well as in the name of his wife Syed Aruj Sadat, which are disproportionate to their known sources of income. Adil Mushtaq joined J&K Police as DySP on August 25, 2015.

During the Check period has been taken for his service period i.e. from August 25, 2015 to September 19, 2023. Since his wife Syed Anuj Sadat is also working, hence, her income and assets have also been taken into consideration. During the check period i.e. from August 25, 2015 to September 19, 2023,

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## Major reshuffle in J&K Police; 157 DySPs transferred

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarter (PHQ) on Thursday ordered the transfer and posting of 157 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySP).

According to the order issued by DGP J&K Nalin Prabhat, Basharat Hussain, DySP IRP 11 Bn, has been transferred and posted as SDPO Achabal; Nisar Ahmad Khan, DySP CID SB Poonch as DySP HQ Kulgam; Raies Ahmed Mir, DySP SOG Lolab as DySP CID SB Baramulla; Owaise Rashid, SDPO Bijbehara as DySP HQ Ganderbal; Ab Raqeeb Malik, SDPO Achabal as DySP SOG Rafiabad; Abdul Maqjid Magray, as DySP DAR Handwara as DySP PCR Kashmir; Sajad Sarwer, DySP EOW Jammu as DySP AHJ Jammu; Vaseem Mehmood, SDPO Bhadarwah as SDPO Zainpora

Shopian; Nissar Ahmad Darzi, SDPO Khansahib as DySP CID SB Budgam; Varun Jandial, DySP (Crime) PHQ as DySP Provision-II PHQ; Raja Majid Batt, SDPO Keller Shopian (Under transfer as DSP CID CI Doda/Kishtwar)as SDPO Awantipora; Mohammad Yesser Parrey, DySP Provision-II PHQ as SDPO Kothibagh; Ajaz Ahmad, SDPO Kokernar as DySP DAR Anantnag; Sachit Mahajan, DySP CID SB Jammu as DySP CICE Jammu; Sourabh Prashar, DySP Provision-I PHQ as DySP CID SB Jammu; Mohd Ameen Bhat, SDPO Sumbal as DySP SOG Bani (Kathua); Javaid Iqbal Tabassum, DySP SOG Bani (Kathua) as DySP SCW Jammu; Tahir Amin Sheikh, SDPO Chenani as DySP DAR Jammu; Sajad Ahmad Malik, DySP SOG Sangam as DySP HQ Budgam; Intiaz Ahmed, DySP

DAR Ramban as DySP Security Jammu; Pankaj Soodan, DySP HQ Poonch as DySP SOG Anantnag; Jaswant Singh, SDP Nowshera as DySP SOG Kishtwar; Albeena Malik, SDPO Railways Jammu as DySP CICE Jammu; Faraz Hussain Shah, DySP SOG Sangaldan as SDPO Kangan; Irshad Ahmad Ahanger, DySP CID SB Kishtwar as DySP CID CI Doda/Kishtwar; Aftab Hussain Shah, DySP SOG Ganderbal as DySP EOW Jammu; Shazia Akhter, DySP EOW Jammu as SDPO Railways Jammu; Sheikh Mudassir Ah Farooqi, SDPO Litter as SDPO Bijbehara; Nikhil Gogna, SDPO R S Pura as DySP Provision-I PHQ; Mansoor Ayaz, DySP JKAP 7th Bn as SDPO Qazigund; Pardeep Singh Sen, DySP Transport PHQ as SDPO Bari Brahmana;

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### Helicopter, ropeway service suspended at Vaishno Devi amid rains, snowfall

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The helicopter and ropeway service at the Vaishno Devi shrine remained suspended on Thursday as high-altitude areas of Jammu and Kashmir experienced snowfall while the plains, including Jammu city, were lashed by rains, ending a prolonged dry spell, officials said.

Jammu division had recorded an 83 per cent rainfall deficit and Kashmir Valley recorded an 81 per cent deficit since the beginning of the New Year and the change in the weather came as a big relief for the people, especially the farmers.

The officials said the helicopter service from Katra to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district was suspended this morning due to "bad weather".

The ropeway from Bhavan to Bhairon temple was also not operated as a precaution

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## Rekha Gupta sworn in as Delhi CM, 6 ministers also take oath



PM Narendra Modi and Delhi LG V K Saxena with newly sworn-in Delhi CM Rekha Gupta and other ministers during oath ceremony at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on Thursday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: BJP's debutant legislator Rekha Gupta was sworn in as Delhi chief minister on Thursday in a grand show of strength that marks the party's return to power in the city after more than 26 years.

Along with Gupta, Parvesh

Verma, Ashish Sood, Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Kapil Mishra, Ravinder Indraj Singh, Kapil Mishra and Pankaj Singh were also administered the oath of office by Lt Governor V K Saxena.

The ceremony at the historic Ramlila Ground was

attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the top BJP brass and NDA chief ministers. Gupta is Delhi's fourth woman chief minister. The 50-year-old MLA from Shalimar Bagh is also the only woman in the NDA team of chief ministers.

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### Confident Rekha will work for Delhi's development with full vigour: Modi

NEW DELHI: Congratulating Rekha Gupta on taking oath as Delhi's chief minister, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said she has risen from the grassroots and expressed confidence that she will work for the city's development with full vigour.

A first-time BJP MLA, Gupta was sworn in as Delhi chief minister in a grand show of strength by the party which returned to power in the city after more than 26 years.

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## CJ inaugurates Court Room, Bar rooms at HC complex Janipur

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: With a view to enhance infrastructural facilities in the Jammu Wing of High Court and provide speedy justice to the litigants, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan, on Thursday inaugurated a newly constructed Court Room on the ground floor of High Court Complex at Janipur, Jammu, in presence of companion Judges.

The Chief Justice also inaugurated newly upgraded Lady Advocates' Bar Room and Senior Advocates Bar Room, which was long pend-



Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan inaugurating Court Room at High Court Complex Janipur, Jammu on Thursday.

ing demand of High Court Bar Association.

Justice Atul Sreedharan, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Mohd. Akram

Chowdhary, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri graced the occasion by their

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## Pakistan bid to threaten peace on LoC will have serious consequences



JAMMU: Some very apparent and ominous signs of Line of Control (LoC) going back to the bad old days of pre-ceasefire have surfaced, the sole responsibility of which lies with Pakistan. In the recent days, Pakistan has initiated some of the brutal violent acts on the LoC, in which Indian soldiers lost lives and suffered injuries.

The violation of the ceasefire at LoC is a well-designed move by Pakistan, and not that of an individual officer or group of soldiers deployed across. Pakistani military establishment is fully behind it. Pakistani soldiers or the non-state actors, whom they allow to carry out the acts of violence, planting of IEDs and opening of fire on the Indian side have no idea what the possible consequences could be. They think in area-specific terms. They tend to

overlook the big picture.

As the experience has shown in the past that Pakistan starts its activities with low intensity acts of violence, then it starts testing the ground. Whenever faced with retaliation from the Indian side, it lies low for sometime before starting such activities all over again. This is typical pattern of Pakistan.

This time, too, it started in the same fashion. First, it started with small arms fire, injuring soldiers, and then planted IEDs, the explosions of which martyred two of Indian soldiers. Again there was firing in Poonch sector, which Indian troops responded to with lethal consequences for Pakistan.

This did not happen just like that. Pakistan's army chief Gen. Asim Munir has been visiting the LOC time and again. During each of his visits, he repeated old lines of Pakistani establishment of supporting "Kashmiris' right to self-determination," and that Pakistan

will do everything possible to defend its territorial integrity and sovereignty.

A number of questions have risen in its trail. Pakistan is treating Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir as its part which it thinks that it has to preserve and defend. There is something very, very, wrong in this perception and ideology. POJK is an occupied territory and

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Pakistan has no right to talk about it as its territory. The territory across the LoC whether it is just across Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh legally belongs to India. Maharaja Hari Singh had acceded the whole of the state from Ladakh to Muzaffarabad, including Gilgit-Baltistan to India through instrument of accession that he signed on October 26, 1947. The arrival of the Indian forces, after the accession was signed, made Pakistan to retreat from

the territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, but the retreat halted midway as UN mandated ceasefire came into being in 1948, leaving behind a legacy of unsettled status of PoJK.

This has been a contentious issue between India and Pakistan since then. Till this date no solution has been found because Pakistan refuses to accept the reality that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. There is a legal document, which had its international validity. The instrument of accession of Jammu and Kashmir signed by Maharaja Hari Singh, in its content and intent was same as the document signed by other princely states. Unfortunately, a situation had arisen because of Pakistan's aggression and the naivety displayed by then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, in which India compromised its interests and agreed to the ceasefire agreement. Pakistan took advantage of its proximity with the west-

ern powers that dominated the UN, and Nehru obliged these forces.

Today's LoC is not just a borderline between the two parts of Jammu and Kashmir - one, integral part of India, and the other side under the illegal occupation of Pakistan; it is also something that has international connotations. The violation of the ceasefire by Pakistan has its repercussions. India will respond, as it has done in the past too. Pakistan will be responsible for escalation of tensions on LOC and that will have its ill-effects on the civilian population. This is sort of mini war localized area, and at times it flares up to the entire Loc. Each and every skirmish has the potential to cause bigger conflict.

It was India's magnanimity that it renewed the ceasefire agreement in February 2021, but if Pakistan continues to violate and threaten peace on the LoC, it will face serious consequences.

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 14.8°C Min: 11.9°C

Humidity  
Max: 100 Min: 93

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 10.7°C Min: 4.4°C

Humidity  
Max: 90 Min: 86

Sunset : 18:15 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:07 Hours

