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the PM added. The cancer hospital, to be set up under Shree Bageshwar Medical Sciences And Research Institute, is the brainchild of self-styled godman Dhirendra Shastri, the Peethadhishwar of Bageshwar Dham. Modi said the 100-bed cancer hospital will come up on 10 acres in the first phase over the next two years, with a cost of Rs 218 crore.

The prime minister praised Dhirendra Shastri, saying he has undertaken another important initiative to serve people, the poor, and cancer patients through this modern cancer hospital, which will be constructed in an area in the impoverished Bundelkhand region. MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Shastri also addressed the gathering.

## Govt in talks with...

Abdullah told reporters at the hill station in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. He said some other plans were underway by the Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation to develop new cable car projects.

"This year, we have not had much snow. But, still, skiers are enjoying here and from today, heli-skiing will start. They can also have a tour of the scenic beauty in a helicopter. This time, the helicopter will be available throughout the year and people can now enjoy the helicopter safari in Gulmarg as well," he said.

On the conduct of the Khelo India Games which were postponed due to lack of snowfall, Abdullah said the government was not in a position to make an announcement on them yet.

The Khelo India Games were scheduled to be held from February 22.

"There is a hope of fresh snowfall over three days from February 26. After that, experts of the Ski Federation will visit, they will examine the slopes and if they feel there is much snow to hold the games, then we will announce the dates.

"I would want the games to be held in the first week of March then, because otherwise, the temperature will rise and it will be difficult to hold them this year then," he added. To another question about the upcoming Muslims' fasting month, the chief minister said he would soon take a meeting to review the preparations for the Ramadan.

## Half of world's...

and cultural background."

Braj Bhoomi has influenced India's civilisation and culture for a long time, he added.

Talking about the devotees coming to the Maha Kumbh, Adityanath said, "I think that in any event in the world, whether it is spiritual or for any tourism purpose, the gathering of such a large number of people during a certain period in that ceremony and being united with that event is in itself one of the rarest events of the century."

Adityanath, also the 'Mahant' of the Gorakshapeeth, remarked that it must have been envisioned that a time would come when people in India might feel disconnected from their traditions and culture. He emphasised that the Kumbh would serve as a powerful medium to re-establish that vital connection, bringing the people back to their spiritual roots and cultural heritage.

The statement said Adityanath urged the youth of UP to become job creators, highlighting the state's transformation from having a lack of opportunities to a thriving startup hub. He praised young innovators for driving growth, emphasising that those ahead in technology now lead in startups.

## CBSE's proposed global...

have the choice to offer this curriculum and the same will apply to CBSE schools in India," a senior board official said.

This is not the first time that CBSE is venturing into an international curriculum.

CBSE-i (Central Board of Secondary Education - International) was introduced in 2010 as a pilot program in select schools in India and abroad. However, due to operational challenges and limited adoption, it was later discontinued by CBSE in 2017.

CBSE-i was an initiative by the board to offer an internationally benchmarked curriculum that emphasized a more inquiry-based, skill-oriented, and global approach to education. The program was designed to cater to students in India and abroad who sought a curriculum with an international perspective while maintaining core Indian values. It incorporated interdisciplinary learning, research-based projects, and a broader focus on communication and critical thinking skills.

Sharing details about the proposed global curriculum, the official said it will be competing for space among international boards like Cambridge International (CI) and International Baccalaureate (IB) with a global curriculum and pedagogy, which will be less rigid.

"The new global curriculum will also include CBSE's local curriculum as many of its elements will be ploughed back to the national curriculum. The idea is to have a balance of what is offered as per the NCERT curriculum and international boards," the official said.

Currently, CBSE is not offering any international curriculum and the international schools are affiliated to either CI, IB or Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations.

"The introduction of this curriculum will expand CBSE's educational offerings, providing an additional choice for schools seeking a globally aligned yet adaptable syllabus.

"With the finalisation of its pedagogical structure and framework in the coming months, CBSE is preparing to re-enter the international education sector. The April 2026 launch is expected to provide students with a curriculum that integrates national educational priorities with global learning standards," the official said.

## LG urges people to...

of this great nation.

It has been my wish that growth and prosperity reaches every individual and every household of the country and no one should be left behind as the nation moves forward. Our integrated efforts should aim to improve the economic status and empowerment of every section of society", the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the development journey of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He conveyed his best wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram and prayed for the rapid development of the two states.

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## Preliminary inquiry not...

to his known sources of income.

The apex court dealt with the issue of whether a preliminary inquiry was mandatory before directing registration of an FIR under the PC Act in the facts of the case or whether the source information report could be treated as a substitute for the preliminary inquiry.

Referring to previous apex court judgments, the bench said, "Applying these principles to the case at hand, it is perspicuous that conducting a preliminary inquiry is not sine qua non for registering a case against a public servant who is accused of corruption."

"While a preliminary inquiry is desirable in certain categories of cases, including those under the PC Act, it is neither a vested right of the accused nor a mandatory pre-requisite for the registration of a criminal case," it said.

The court said the determination of whether a preliminary inquiry was necessary or not would vary according to the facts and circumstances of each case.

It said the high court had erred in concluding that the FIR was liable to be quashed on account of the omission to conduct a preliminary inquiry in the case. The bench also referred to section 17 of the PC Act that pertains to persons authorised to investigate.

## Cattle smuggler detained...

by SSP Samba against the subject, upon which the District Magistrate Samba after getting satisfied issued a PSA warrant against him.

The arrest was made by a police team headed by SHO PS Samba under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Samba and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba.



## Unwarranted publicity of business notices tantamount to breach of privilege: Speaker

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Taking a serious note of publicity of the House business notices ahead of the Budget Session, Speaker of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Abdul Rahim Rather has asked the members to desist from the "breach of privilege". He said it is improper to give unwarranted publicity to the notices of questions, Bills, resolutions and other similar matters connected with business of the House. The Budget Session of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly is scheduled to begin on March 3. The Speaker, taking serious notice of recent unwarranted publicity of the notices given by legislators in connection with the business of the House to be taken up during the ensuing budget session, has expressed displeasure over this practice, saying this is against the parliamentary practices, conventions and established rules, a spokesperson of the Legislative Assembly said in a statement.

"According to parliamentary practice, usage and established convention, and prevalent rules of this house, it is improper to give unwarranted publicity to the notices of questions, bills, resolutions and other similar matters connected with business of the house," the statement said, quoting the Speaker.

Rather expressed displeasure against the members responsible for such publicity which tantamount to breach of privilege as per the prescribed rules and directed the members to desist from this practice in future, the statement said.

## Kishtwar police organises martyrs' Memorial T-20 cricket tournament



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KISHTWAR: In the first match, Palash 11 Kishtwar faced off against DPL Kishtwar, with DPL Kishtwar emerging victorious after a thrilling contest.

The second match was played between DPO Kishtwar and Kings Warriors Eleven, where DPO Kishtwar secured a commendable victory, showcasing remarkable sportsmanship and teamwork.

The third and final match of the day was scheduled between Hulk Brothers and Infinity Warriors. However, Infinity Warriors failed to reach the venue on time, resulting in a walkover victory for Hulk Brothers.

The tournament continues to witness enthusiastic participation and competitive spirit, with teams striving to claim the prestigious title while paying tribute to the brave martyrs of J&K Police.

# Poonch organises football tournament

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MENDHAR: In an effort to strengthen police-public relations and engage the youth positively, Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) in District Poonch organized a Football Tournament at Jahaz Ground, Mendhar, under Civic Action Programme. The event has drawn enthusiastic participation from youth across different areas, especially from border regions of Sub-division Mendhar. The tournament was officially inaugurated on February 23, 2025, by Sub-divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Mendhar, Sh. Tussif Ahmed (JKPS), in the presence of several dignitaries, including Sh. Mir Alam, ZPEO Mendhar, Inspector Aijaz Wani, SHO Police Station Mendhar, SI Arun Singh, ICPP Ari, and other esteemed members of the Mendhar community.



and supporters, SDPO Mendhar warmly welcomed all teams and reiterated the Police Department's commitment to organizing such sporting events under various ongoing

welfare programs. He emphasized that these initiatives provide budding sportspersons with a level playing field to showcase their talent and progress in their

careers.

Furthermore, SDPO Mendhar highlighted the collective responsibility of parents, civil society members, and the police in fostering a positive environment for the youth. He stressed the importance of such platforms in diverting young minds from drug addiction and anti-social or anti-national activities.

These sporting activities not only offer constructive engagement for the youth but also contribute to making society a better place, allowing young individuals to explore and hone their hidden talents.

## 2 drug peddlers arrested with approx. 118.16 grams of heroin

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KATHUA: Continuing its efforts against drug menace, Police team of PS Rajbagh under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saksena -IPS recovered approx. 118.16 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like narcotics in the jurisdictional area of PS Rajbagh, 02 drug peddlers arrested.

On 22-02-2025, acting on the intelligent input received through a reliable source, a Police team of PS Rajbagh under the guidance of SDPO Border & SHO PS Rajbagh laid down a special naka/ checking in its jurisdictional area at NIHW Rajbagh and apprehended two persons namely Alam Deen S/o Gulab Deen R/o Gehri Mandi and Mohd. Ali S/o Lt. Sadiq Ali R/o Khojala Batala who were having 118.16 grams of heroin like substance in their possession. The recovered contraband alongwith vehicle used in commission of crime was seized and accused persons were taken into police custody on spot. In this connection, further investigation is in progress vide FIR No. 38/2025 U/S 8/21/22/NDPS Act, PS Rajbagh.

# 5 missing persons traced, re-united with families

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA/ RAMBAN: In a respite to the families of the missing persons Doda Police has traced 02 missing Persons from different areas of J&K and reunited them with their families whose missing reports were lodged at Police Station Gandoh and PS Doda respectively.

Official sources said that missing report of a lady namely Nasima Banoo D/o Juman Ali R/o Chilly Gandoh was entered at Police Station Gandoh on 13.02.2025. The said lady has been traced out from Malat Mukyas area by a special Police team and has been re-united with her family. Similarly, another missing of a boy namely Aqib Hussain S/o Ashiq Hussain R/o Rofi Paderna was entered at PS Doda on 19.02.2025. On the directions of SSP Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta JKPS, and acting on missing reports

filed by the families of these missing persons, teams of Police Officials was constituted from both the Police Stations under the supervision of SHOs concerned for through investigation and conduct search in various areas. After tireless efforts, the Police teams were able to locate the missing Persons and they have been safely reunited with their families. Both the missing reports has been closed by the concerned Police Station.

SSP Ramban Kulbir Singh constituted special police teams for tracing of the missing Persons. The dedicated police teams by making the best possible efforts traced 03 missing persons from different areas of UT of J &K. The detail of traced persons is as Arun Singh son of Duni Chand resident of Tringla, Batote, District Ramban, Missing Report

entered vide DDR No.13 Dated 20.02.2025 at PS Batote; a girl resident of Kumait Tehsil Rajgarh, Distt Ramban, Missing Report entered Vide DDR No.14 dated 18.02.2025 of PP Rajgarh Police Station Ramban and a woman resident of Kunfer, Chanderkote District Ramban, Missing Report entered vide DDR No.05 dated 21.02.2025 at PS Chanderkote

All the 03 missing persons have been reunited with their families following the proper procedure under the law. The missing persons were traced by different teams of Police Stations, Batote, Ramban and Chanderkote respectively.

SSP Ramban said that Ramban Police will continue to strive hard and trace all the missing persons by making the best possible efforts in each and every case leaving no stone unturned.

# IGP Jammu Zone reviews security, border management in Akhnoor Sub Division

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti accompanied by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Jammu-Samba-Kathua (JSK) Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS, conducted a comprehensive review of the security and border management situation in Sub Division Akhnoor.

During the visit, IGP Tuti interacted with officers and jawans of the local police force, emphasizing the importance of maintaining high morale and operational readiness. He conducted a thorough review of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) functioning and assessed the preparedness for the implementation of the new criminal laws.

A critical focus of the



visit was the evaluation of the Border Management Grid along the International Border (IB) and Line of Control (LOC). IGP Tuti personally inspected the security arrangements and stressed the need for seamless coordination between various security agencies.

Superintendent of Police

(SP) Rural Jammu, Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Akhnoor, and Station House Officer (SHO) Akhnoor provided detailed briefings on the crime and security setup within their respective areas of responsibility.

Addressing the officers and jawans, IGP Tuti directed them to remain

extra vigilant and activate all police infrastructure within their Areas of Responsibility (AORs).

He emphasized the need to alert Village Defence Guards (VDGs), Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs), and Border Police Posts. He also mandated enhanced coordination with the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Indian Army.

Furthermore, IGP Bhim Sen Tuti held a detailed meeting with the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 10 Division, Indian Army, Akhnoor, to discuss collaborative strategies for maintaining peace and security in the region.

The visit underscores the Jammu and Kashmir Police's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the citizens and safeguarding the border areas.

# Safai Karamcharis deserve dignity, job security, welfare measures: Randhawa

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa met with a delegation of the Akhil Bharatiya Safai Mazdoor Sangh, led by its State General Secretary Anar Mooman and listened to the long-pending grievances of Safai Karamcharis in Jammu and Kashmir.

The delegation submitted a memorandum detailing the key issues faced by sanitation workers and urged immediate intervention for their resolution.

During the meeting, Amar Mooman apprised the MLA of the challenges faced by Safai Karamcharis, particularly the demand for the regularization of Urban Local Bodies (ULB) employees who have completed seven years of service. He expressed concern over the increasing trend of outsourcing sanitation services, which



Delegation of the Akhil Bharatiya Safai Mazdoor Sangh calling on MLA Vikram Randhawa.

has led to job insecurity and exploitation of contractual workers. He urged the administration to halt such outsourcing practices and instead provide stable employment to these essential workers.

The delegation also highlighted serious concerns regarding the non-deposit of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees' State Insurance (ESI) by contractors despite regular deductions from workers' salaries. They demanded stringent action

against defaulters to ensure workers receive their rightful benefits. Another major demand raised was the implementation of the old pension scheme for all Safai Karamcharis in J&K, ensuring financial security post-retirement. The delegation insisted on the execution of the "Same Work, Same Pay" policy for all workers, including daily wagers and contractual employees, as per Supreme Court guidelines and DPC of all Cadres. Additionally, the

delegation pressed for the immediate clearance of pending cases under SRO 43 and the disbursement of pending salary arrears of JMC and SMC sanitation workers from 2005, 2008, and 2010.

Vikram Randhawa appreciated the invaluable role of sanitation workers in maintaining public health and hygiene, acknowledging their relentless efforts despite challenging working conditions. The senior BJP leader assured the delegation that their genuine demands, including regularization, financial security, and fair wages, would be strongly advocated at the highest levels. He reiterated BJP's commitment to ensuring better working conditions for sanitation workers and stressed the need for administrative reforms to address their long-pending grievances, recognizing their contributions as essential to society's well-being.