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## PM visit: Flying of drones, quadcopters temporarily banned in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The flying of drones and quadcopters has been temporarily banned in Srinagar city in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit here on Thursday, police said.

The Srinagar Police's direction, which came into effect on Wednesday, said all unauthorised drone operations in the

city are liable to being penalised. "Srinagar city has been declared as 'Temporary Red Zone' for the operation of drones and quadcopters as per provisions of Rule 24(2) of Drone Rules, 2021, with immediate effect," the Srinagar Police said in a post on X on Wednesday.

Police said all unauthorised drone

operations in the "Red Zone" are liable to being penalised according to relevant provisions of 2021 drone rules. "As responsible citizens, your cooperation is solicited in this regard," the Srinagar Police said.

The Bakshi Stadium here has been draped in national tricolour for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit. The Prime Minister Modi will participate in the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir' programme at the stadium.

The officials said that tight security arrangements have been made for the visit of the prime minister, which will be his first to the valley since abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

The security forces have been deployed in numbers all along the routes to be taken by Prime Minister Modi during his stay in Srinagar while barricades have been established at many places to prevent movement of the people during the VVIP visit, the officials said. Drones and CCTV

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## Young singer from Kashmir composes song praising Modi

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ANANTNAG: A young singer from Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district has composed a song eulogising Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his visit to the Kashmir valley on Thursday. Imran Aziz (27), who claims to be a huge

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## Private security guard's gun goes off accidentally, JU professor injured

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JAMMU: A Jammu University professor was injured here when the gun of a security guard of a private company went off accidentally on Wednesday, police officials said.

The security guard was arrested and a .12 shotgun was recovered from him, they said. Police said

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## Srinagar Court awards life term to man in 2022 acid attack case

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SRINAGAR: A city court on Wednesday handed over life term to a man convicted of an acid attack on a 26-year-old woman in February 2022 and also imposed a fine of Rs 40 lakh on him, describing the offence as "brutal and inhuman".

The court did not accept the defence plea seeking leniency in the matter by

arguing that convict Sajid Rather was young and a first-time offender. "The court awarded life imprisonment to the convict while terming the case a brutal and inhuman act. The accused Sajid Rather has been convicted under 326 A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid) and section 34 (common intent) of IPC.

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"The court has also imposed a fine or Rs 40 lakh. The fine can be recovered from his property. Fine imposed under section 421 (1) (b)," victim's counsel Mir Naveed Gul said.

Under section 421 (1)(B) of the Criminal Procedure Code, the court issues a warrant to the District Collector authorising him/her

## DPAP names G M Saroori as its candidate for Udhampur-Doda LS seat

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BUDGAM: The Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) headed by Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday announced G M Saroori as its candidate for Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha seat in the upcoming general polls.

The announcement was

made at a public rally addressed by Azad at Char-e-Shareef in Budgam district of central Kashmir. "For Udhampur-Doda, it is my intention and I will discuss it with others that G M Saroori will contest. He is the most senior leader and four-time MLA and vice chairper-

son of our party. I think I am active, but he is more active than me. He is the appropriate candidate. We have not yet taken a final decision, but we have zeroed in on the name," Azad told reporters after the rally. The DPAP also announced

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