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architectural identity. "These institutions must make J&K proud of its properties and should stand as dignified representations in different regions of the country," he said, directing the officers to ensure quality infrastructure and timely completion of projects.

While reviewing the proposed JK House in Amritsar, the Chief Minister asked the concerned authorities to take up the issue of land consolidation with the Punjab government. He said that the presently available land parcels are scattered and may not serve the intended purpose of building a functional government facility.

The Chief Minister instructed the officers to request the Punjab government to allot a single, consolidated plot so that a properly planned JK House can be developed in Amritsar.

Regarding the Navi Mumbai project, the officers informed the Chief Minister that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs 29.56 crore has been submitted to the administrative department along with a capital expenditure proposal of about Rs 30 crore for construction of the facility.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of entrusting the execution of the project to government-owned agencies in Maharashtra to ensure smooth and hassle-free construction.

The Chief Minister advised the officers to study similar government properties established by other states and Union Territories across the country so that best practices in infrastructure development, architecture and service delivery can be incorporated into the upcoming J&K facilities.

"Benchmark these projects with the best state guest houses and institutional facilities across the country so that Jammu and Kashmir develops world-class infrastructure for its residents visiting these cities," he said.

The Chief Minister stressed that efforts should be made to complete these projects within the shortest possible timeframe so that new facilities for officers, students, patients and other visitors from J&K are made available at the earliest.

The meeting also deliberated on the allotment of construction and renovation works to agencies such as the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) and the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for efficient execution of projects.

Earlier, Resident Commissioner Ramesh Kumar gave a comprehensive presentation to the Chief Minister on the status of various government properties managed by the Resident Commission, including offices, staff quarters, guest houses and VIP accommodation facilities.

He highlighted several development proposals including the upgradation of VIP rooms into suites at the Chanakyapuri JK House Complex, redevelopment of the Rajaji Marg property in New Delhi and extension of guest house facilities at 5, Prithviraj Road.

The meeting also reviewed the condition of other properties under the Resident Commission's management in cities such as Chandigarh, Amritsar, Malabar Hill in Mumbai, and Sirsa in Haryana.

Energy crisis: No...

Minister said, addressing the massive rally of the opposition bloc, here, the third one for the state since January 23.

The AIADMK heads the National Democratic Alliance in Tamil Nadu and its constituents include the BJP, PMK and AMMK.

Further, just like all rivers go to sea, all corrupt money in the state goes to one family, he said, targeting the DMK regime. The Dravidian party was infamous for its "scientific corruption model," he alleged.

Mounting a blistering attack on the ruling DMK dispensation, Modi said that "today same scientific graft model is used to make Tamil Nadu an ATM for one family."

The DMK was "infamous for their scientific corruption" model, he said retorting to party president and Chief Minister M K Stalin's refrain on the Dravidian model of governance, and alleged that "ministers may change, MLAs may change, but power remains only with one dynasty."

Targeting DMK in the cash for jobs scam, he said when jobs were sold for money, the dreams of the middle class and poor were destroyed.

"The whole of Tamil Nadu has made up its mind to throw out DMK regime," Modi said.

On the international airport status for Madurai, he said the Centre brought the world to the doorstep of the city. Also, he underscored a new terminal for Tiruchirappalli airport, which is 'modern, also fully immersed in culture of TN.'

He could feel the pulse of the state very clearly that a desire for change was gaining huge momentum.

He took a keen interest in connecting with Tamil people, and when it came to respecting TN and its culture, the Centre has always been at the forefront. It was a matter of pride that C P Radhakrishnan, a son of TN, has become the Vice-President.

Recalling his "divine experience" in the city two years ago, he said it was a privilege to be among the people again in Tiruchirappalli, "a land of courage and faith."

AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami, BJP state president Nainar Nagenthiran, AMMK founder TTV Dhinakaran and PMK leader Dr Anbumani Ramadoss among others participated.

'Centre, Gulf nations...

PM said. He said that he was "happy" that the governments of the Gulf nations were taking care of Indian citizens there and he was "grateful" to them.

Modi also said that Indian embassies and missions in those countries were working 24 by 7 to ensure food, medical aid, accommodation and legal assistance is provided to citizens in need of the same.

The PM also said that the present crisis in West Asia has once again proved how important it is to become Atmanirbhar.

"To reduce dependence on other countries in the energy sector, the government has taken many steps in recent years. We have increased our solar capacity. Work on solar projects has started in Kerala as well.

"To reduce dependence on petrol and diesel, electric vehicles are being promoted. Hundred percent electrification of railways is also being carried out," he said.

Modi alleged that the Congress was making 'provocative and irresponsible statements' over the West Asia crisis for political reasons.

The PM claimed that Congress was "deliberately" making such statements to create problems for Indian citizens stranded in West Asia and subsequently, "to make reels blaming Modi" for the same.

"It is unfortunate that Congress even in such times of crisis is playing politics. It is deliberately making provocative and irresponsible statements, so that the situation deteriorates and our people are stranded in trouble there and then they can together make reels blaming Modi. That is their game," he said.

Modi also alleged that during their rule the Congress and the Left parties have made the country more and more dependent on foreign nations and together they were now spreading rumours in connection with the war in the Gulf region.

He alleged that even during this time of war, "the Congress, the Left and their ecosystem are putting all their strength

into creating fear in the country". "I would say to the nation to stay cautious and alert of the rumours being spread by Congress and the Left," he contended.

Municipal council office...

Police have taken cognisance of the incident and launched an investigation to ascertain the exact cause of the fire, they added.

65-yr-old...

preliminary inquiries. The area was secured and the accused was shifted for questioning. Police teams have begun a detailed investigation to determine the exact sequence of events, the weapon used in the firing, and the motive behind the act.

In a brief statement issued late Wednesday night, the Jammu and Kashmir Police confirmed the development. "An incident of firing was reported at a function where JKNC President Farooq Abdullah and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary were present. One person has been arrested. Investigation has been initiated and further details are awaited," the statement said.

Officials added that all angles are being examined, including whether the firing was intentional or accidental. The weapon allegedly used in the incident is also being examined as part of the investigation.

The incident created temporary tension at the venue, though normally returned shortly after the accused was apprehended. Police said further details would be shared once the investigation progresses and statements of witnesses are recorded.

During preliminary questioning the accused Kamal Singh Jamwal resident of Purani Mandi confessed that he wanted to target the National Conference leader. "I wanted to kill Farooq for the last 20 years. Today I fired at him, but he got saved," Kamal Singh Jamwal told the police. He further stated that the firearm used in the incident was a licensed gun registered in his name. "Kamal was attending the marriage of his brother's son", police said.

Police officials said the statement is being verified as part of the ongoing investigation and further questioning of the accused is underway to ascertain the exact motive and circumstances behind the firing incident.

J&K's fuel stock...

deputy commissioners will take remedial measures so that the public does not face any inconvenience for any essential service," he added.

Terrorist killed along...

sector this month. On March 4, army troops opened fire on infiltrating terrorists in the Turkandi area, forcing them to retreat.

Earlier, the army foiled an infiltration bid in the Sunderbani area of Rajouri during the intervening night of February 19-20, recovering some arms and ammunition.

"A robust operational posture and heightened alert continue across the sector. The wall stands vigilant - every infiltration bid will fail," the army had said.

Governor Kavinder Gupta...

the deep cultural, historical and civilisational bonds shared between the two regions. "Our language, culture and civilisation are similar. That mutual love and affection must be maintained," he said.

The Governor reaffirmed that youth empowerment, quality higher education, and Himachal Pradesh's contribution to the national goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047 would remain his abiding priorities.

CEC can only...

in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court".

The other election commissioners cannot be removed from office except on the recommendation of the CEC.

Here is an explainer on the procedure to be adopted to remove a chief election commissioner:

According to clause 11 (2) of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election

Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, "The Chief Election Commissioner shall not be removed from his office except in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court".

Supreme Court and high court judges can be removed by Parliament, and the procedure is governed by the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968.

Once the notice is accepted in either of the Houses, a motion could be brought in that House of Parliament.

In the Rajya Sabha, at least 50 members have to sign the motion. In the Lok Sabha, 100 members have to support it.

According to the Judges (Inquiry) Act of 1968, once a motion to remove a judge is admitted in any of the Houses, the speaker or the chairman, as the case may be, will constitute a three-member committee to investigate the grounds on which the removal (or, in popular terms, impeachment) has been sought.

The committee consists of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) or a Supreme Court judge, the chief justice of one of the 25 high courts and a "distinguished jurist".

The committee proceedings are like any court proceeding where witnesses and the accused are cross-examined.

The CEC, too, will get a chance to speak before the committee. As per the rule, once the committee submits its report, it will be tabled in the House, and discussions will start to impeach. The motion to remove a judge, and in this case the CEC, will have to be passed by both Houses.

When the House discusses the motion, Kumar will have the right to defend himself standing at the entrance of the House chamber. Officials aware of the procedure to appoint and remove Supreme Court and high court judges pointed out that while defending his case before lawmakers in any of the Houses, the CEC can announce that he is quitting, and his verbal statement will be considered as his resignation.

Northern Army Commander reviews security, operational readiness in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lt General Pratik Sharma on Wednesday visited the headquarters of the White Knights Corps based in Nagrota (Jammu), and the Chinar Corps in Srinagar to review operational and security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

During his visit, he called upon troops to ensure the safety, security and well-being of the people while maintaining the highest standards of operational readiness.

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Army Commander, Northern Command, visited Srinagar and Nagrota to undertake a comprehensive review of the operational and security situation," the Northern Command headquarters said in a post on X.

During the visit, the Army commander interacted with formation commanders and held detailed deliberations on the evolving security dynamics in the region.

He also reviewed strategies aimed at strengthening multi-domain surveillance, enhancing real-time intelligence integration, and maintaining vigil along the borders and hinterland, the Army said.

Emphasis was laid on synergy among security agencies to sustain peace, stability and normalcy across Jammu and Kashmir.

Missing lady traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police has successfully traced out a missing lady and reunited her with her family after completing all legal formalities.

On 24-02-2026, one person namely Ashok Kumar S/O Both Raj R/O Shibnote, Tehsil Bhella, District Doda approached Police Post Premnagar under the jurisdiction of PS Thathri and lodged a written complaint regarding the missing of his wife namely Pinki Devi W/O Ashok Kumar R/O Shibnote, Tehsil Bhella, District Doda.

Upon receiving the complaint, a missing report was entered at Police Post Premnagar under the jurisdiction of PS Thathri vide DD No. 12 dated 24-02-2026. Subsequently, on the directions of SSP Doda, a police team was constituted led by IC PP Premnagar swung into action and started searching for the missing lady at various possible locations. With the help of technical assistance and timely human intervention, the police team successfully traced out the missing lady.

After completing all necessary legal and codal formalities, the said missing lady was safely handed over to her legal heirs. The missing report stands closed vide DD No. 15 dated 11-03-2026.

Stolen gold & silver, cash Rs 50,000 recovered; accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police achieved a significant breakthrough in a theft case registered at Police Station Gandoh. The case was registered vide FIR No. 24/2026 under sections 331(4) and 305 of the BNS regarding the theft of gold items and cash.

On the directions of SSP DODA Sandeep Mehta, JKPS, a special team from Police Station Gandoh was constituted to investigate the matter. The team worked under the supervision of SDPO Gandoh and SHO PS Gandoh.

During the course of investigation, a police team of Police Post Kahara, led by SHO PS Gandoh and assisted by IC PP Kahara, successfully recovered stolen gold and silver items valued at approximately ₹2,00,000 along with cash amounting to ₹50,000. In connection with the case, one accused person involved in the commission of the offence has been arrested, and further investigation is underway.

Lady Narco smuggler arrested through backward link analysis of NDPS Case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its sustained and focused action against drug trafficking, Udhampur Police, while investigating FIR No. 95/2025 registered under Sections 8/15/29 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Chenani conducted a follow-up (backward linkage) operation and arrested a lady narco smuggler involved in the said case.

It is pertinent to mention that earlier, on 30.09.2025, a police team of PS Udhampur arrested a Inter-State drug peddler namely Kuldeep Singh S/O Surjeet Singh R/O Lattiawal, Kapurthala, Punjab and recovered poppy straw from his possession at motor shed naka Chenani. During the course of further investigation of the case, the involvement of another accused in the narcotics supply chain came to light.

Acting promptly on the leads, a police team of PS Chenani led by PSI Umer Sayeed under the supervision of SHO PS Chenani Insp. Raghuraj Singh Choudhary arrested Rohie Hassan D/O Ghulam Hassan Bhat R/O Near Masjid Sharif Sharif, Anantnag

Further investigation is underway to identify additional forward and backward linkages in the drug network.

4 dumpers seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized four dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by Incharges of Police Posts Rakh Amb Talli & Mansar of PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas have seized four dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21J-9190, JK14D-9133, JK21G-5654, JK21G-7597 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

Public intoxication offender sentenced to community service

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a notable action under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Border Police Post Gharkhal secured the conviction of an accused involved in a case of public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

The accused has been identified as Satpal S/O Daleep Singh R/O Sidharwan Camp, Garkhal.

The accused was found intoxicated and creating nuisance in a public place within the jurisdiction of Border Police Post

Terrorist hideout busted in Bandipora; arms, ammunition recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces busted a terrorist hideout in Bandipora district, recovering a cache of arms and ammunition, officials said on Wednesday.

The hideout was found during a search operation in the Ranar forest area of the district, officials added.

The recoveries included one RPG launcher, five RPG rounds, one light machine gun (LMG) and two ammunition belts of the LMG.

The forces also recovered seven AK magazines, 544 AK rounds, three ammunition pouches, one pistol magazine, one grenade, five UBGL grenades and other war-like stores.

According to officials, the hideout appeared to be old, as most of the recovered material had rust.

Baba Kaliveer Club clinches Volleyball Title in Arnia CAP Tournament

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ARNIA: The Volleyball Tournament, organised by Jammu Police under the aegis of Civic Action Programme 2025-26, concluded successfully at Govt. primary School, Ground Kaku-De-Kothay.

It is pertinent to mention here that Village Kaku-De-Kothay is just adjacent to International Border in the Arnia Sector of Jammu District. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of 08 teams from Arnia, Bishnah, RS Pura & Miran Sahib areas and drew a large crowd of local spectators. SP Headquarters Jammu, Irshad Hussain Rather-JKPS graced the occasion as Chief Guest. SDPO R S Pura Gurmeet Singh-JKPS, SHO Arnia Dilawar Kumar and other officers of Headquarter Zone

Gharkhal. He was apprehended, medically examined and produced before the Court of JMJC Akhnor.

The Court, adopting a reformatory approach under Section 355 BNS, sentenced the accused to 07 days of community service at the Court Complex Akhnor.

This action reflects the community-oriented approach of Jammu Police under the new criminal laws, emphasizing reform and constructive engagement for minor offences.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled; 2 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Continuing its crackdown under Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu (Rural) Police foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the Akhnor area.

During naka checking laid by Police Station Akhnor at Gulaba Chowk Dager, a Load Carrier (JK02DK-5973) coming from Thandichoi towards Rajouri-Poonch was intercepted.

The vehicle was being driven by Harman Singh S/O Narinder Singh R/O Kaink Jagir Sohla, Akhnor. During checking, 02 bovine animals were found inside the vehicle and the driver failed to produce valid DM permission for transporting them.

All the bovines were rescued and the vehicle seized. In this regard, FIR No. 53/2026 under Section 223 BNS and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act has been registered at Police Station Akhnor. Further investigation is underway.

Vehicle loaded with illegal khair wood seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: During routine naka checking at Panjal, a police team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli signalled an Auto Load Carrier bearing Registration No. JK02AN-9271 coming from Tikri towards Jammu to stop.

On noticing the police presence, the driver fled from the spot taking advantage of darkness. On checking, the vehicle was found loaded with approximately 2-3 quintals of Khair wood logs being illegally transported.

The vehicle along with the seized Khair wood has been taken into police custody and a report has been entered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli.

The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Jammu has been informed for further action under relevant provisions of the Forest Act.

Two accused arrested in JCB Tyre theft case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu (Rural) Police have solved a theft case at BPP Gajansoo (Police Station Kanachak) following a complaint stating that the complainant's JCB tyre had been stolen from King Road, Gajansoo.

Acting on the complaint, FIR No. 30/2026 under Section 303(2) of the BNS was registered at Police Station Kanachak, and investigation was taken up.

During the course of investigation, a police team from BPP Gajansoo led by PSI Deepika, IC BPP arrested two accused persons, namely Jar Hussain alias Yasar, S/o Mohd Sharif, R/o Rajpura, Kanachak and Puto, S/o Abdul Rashid, R/o Rajpura, Kanachak.

During the investigation, the stolen JCB tyre was successfully recovered from their possession. Police also seized one Mahindra vehicle bearing Registration No. JK02DJ-4017, which was used in the commission of the crime.

Five drug peddlers nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a sustained crackdown against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Domana Police achieved another major success by apprehending two drug peddlers and recovering 12 grams of heroin like contraband substance at Domana Naka under the jurisdiction of Police Station Domana.

On 10.03.2026, acting upon prior specific information, a police team from Police Station Domana led by SHO Domana, Insp. Varuneshwar Singh, apprehended two drug peddlers, namely Abhijot Singh @ Abhi, S/o Jasbir Singh, R/o Nanak Nagar, Jammu and Navjot Singh, S/o Rajender Singh, R/o Sector 2, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

During their personal search, 12 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from their possession. The recovered contraband was sealed and seized on the spot. The motorcycle bearing Registration No. JK02DM-0410, which was being used in the commission of the offence, was also seized on the spot.

Accordingly, FIR No. 58/2026 under Sections 8/21/22/29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Domana. The accused persons have been arrested, and further investigation is underway to ascertain the forward and backward linkages of the drug network.

Continuing its drive against drug trafficking, Doda Police achieved another success by apprehending three persons along with a charas-like substance during routine patrolling.

On the directions of SSP Doda Sh. Sandeep Mehta-JKPS, on 10.03.2026, a police party from Police Post Kastigarh, while conducting routine patrolling and checking in the area under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Doda, detained three individuals identified as Mubashir Hussain S/o Mohd. Sharief R/o Basti Kotli, Doda, Muzamil Raja Beg S/o Nazir Ahmed Beg R/o Udyanpur, Doda, and Khalid Shah S/o Javed Iqbal Shah R/o Ward No. 9, Doda.

During their personal search, approximately 170 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from their possession.

In this regard, FIR No. 56/2026 has been registered at Police Station Doda under relevant sections of law, and further investigation into the matter has been taken up.



also remained present at the event. Prominent members of media fraternity, and respected figures from the area were also present at the final ceremony. Balbir Kour of Trewa, a well known Social figure of the area graced the occasion as Guest of honour.

The final match was played between Baba Kaliveer Club Kaku-De-Kothay & Baba Deep Singh Club Sai, with Baba Kaliveer Club Kaku-De-Kothay emerging as Champions by defeating

Baba Deep Singh Club Sai by 2-1 in a thrilling competition in the final match.

The winning and runner-up teams were awarded cash prizes, trophies and other sports accessories.

Speaking on the occasion, SP Headquarters Jammu emphasized that J&K Police is committed in engaging with youth through sports activities as a constructive initiative to steer them away from drug abuse & other social evils.