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seen the Jammu & Kashmir Police as a guide, a mentor - an integral part of the community. These competitions are an expression of exactly that spirit," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth of Jammu Kashmir to recognize and fully seize the extraordinary potential of the Union Territory they have inherited.

"Dream big, with the health, freedom, and opportunities to make those dreams real," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Emphasizing that a bright future requires a healthy foundation, the Lieutenant Governor urged the younger generation to stay vigilant against the menace of narcotics and lead a collective war against drugs.

"Sports teach the power of shared purpose: a dedicated team achieves what no individual can. These lessons extend beyond the field, forming the foundation of life's greatest triumphs," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also felicitated the J&K cricket team on clinching their maiden Ranji trophy title. The Lieutenant Governor extended heartfelt congratulations to the champions for this landmark triumph.

An e-Souvenir of the 2nd All India Police Kabaddi Cluster 2025-26 was also released on the occasion. Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; S.J.M Gillani, Special DG (Coordination); Abdul Ghani Mir, Commandant General, Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF J&K; Anand Jain, ADGP Armed Police; MK Sinha, ADGP Headquarters; Pankaj Thakur, Joint Director, IB; senior officials of J&K Police and Civil administration and eminent sports personalities attended the closing ceremony.

Juma'atul Vida holiday...

occasion of Juma'at-ul-Vida, which will be celebrated tomorrow on March 13. In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of Juma'at-ul-Vida, I extend my hearty greetings and good wishes to all. I pray for the health, happiness, and prosperity of every citizen.

As we observe the final Friday of the holy month of Ramzan, may the Almighty graciously accept our prayers and devotions and continue to steer us toward a future founded on compassion, unity, and enduring harmony."

In his message, the Chief Minister emphasized the profound spiritual significance of Juma'at-ul-Vida, the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan, which holds special importance for the Muslim community.

He urged people to utilize this sacred occasion for prayers, introspection and seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity and harmony in society.

"May this blessed occasion bring peace, prosperity and well-being to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Let us pray for unity, harmony and the continued progress of our society while strengthening the bonds of compassion and brotherhood," the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister also appealed to the people to remember the underprivileged and extend support to those in need, underscoring the values of kindness, charity and generosity that define the spirit of Ramadan.

He expressed hope that the prayers offered on this sacred occasion would inspire everyone to work collectively towards building a more just, inclusive and peaceful society.

Pakistani drone-dropped...

contain around 2 kg of heroin worth Rs 12 crore in the international market, they said.

A case under relevant sections of the NDPS Act has been registered at the Bishnah police station, and further investigation is underway to trace the backward and forward linkages.

The police urged citizens to come forward with any information regarding illegal drug activities in their localities, including those residing near the International Border.

Man who opened...

The police have also registered a case under relevant sections of law including attempt to murder and firing a weapon against Jamwal, who allegedly attempted to assassinate the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister at a marriage venue in Greater Kailash area near here, the officials said.

The police are examining the 63-year-old Jamwal's background, including his personal, social and possible organisational links, to ascertain the motive behind the firing incident, they said.

Jamwal, a resident of Purani Mandi in Jammu, told police that he had been waiting for an opportunity to target Abdullah for the last 20 years without citing any reason for the grudge, the officials said.

They said the accused was under the influence of liquor at the time of incident. The investigations so far found that the accused acted alone while he was in an intoxicated condition, an official said, requesting not to be identified.

According to the officials, the police are examining all angles including his recent activities and movements before the attack.

Senior police officers are currently questioning Jamwal, who told investigators that he earns his livelihood from rent generated by his shops.

The officials said security arrangements at the venue are being reviewed to determine how the accused managed to enter the function with a weapon. Jamwal, who is married and has three children including two daughters, was reportedly accompanying 'Barat' (wedding procession) to the venue, being a close relative of the groom's family.

Abdullah was among the participants who turned up to bless the newly-wed couple on the invitation of a party colleague whose daughter was getting married.

According to the officials, Jamwal was initially associated with Jagran Manch, a socio-political group, and later joined National Panthers Party. He had also unsuccessfully contested municipal elections from his ward.

Govt promotes 24...

Mohammad Yousf Ganaie.

Following the promotions, Wakeel Ahmed Batt and Farukh Nasir Paul have been designated as Deputy Secretaries in their respective departments, while the remaining officers will continue in their current postings until further orders.

Non-bailable warrant...

application for exemption from personal appearance.

The court also rejected an exemption application of another accused, Manzoor Gaganfar Ali, and ordered a non-bailable warrant against him too.

The matter has been posted for March 30.

No fuel shortage...

are stocked and supply chains were functioning normally.

Amid sloganeering by opposition members, the minister said that due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's effective diplomatic outreach, India secured crude volumes that exceed what the disrupted Strait of Hormuz could have delivered in the same period.

ACB files 4th...

appointments, and accumulation of disproportionate assets by the accused officer and his nephew Javid Ahmad Shah.

"On receipt of the complaint and other inputs, a secret verification was conducted which revealed serious irregularities and corruption allegations. Consequently, four different cases were registered against the accused Abdul Rashid Shah, including three separate cases of illegal and fraudulent appointments in Municipal Committees Sumbal, Hajin and Bandipora," an ACB official said. Two separate cases were also registered against his nephew Javid Ahmad Shah for fraudulent mutation and disproportionate assets.

The official further stated that investigations in the three cases related to illegal appointments have already been completed and chargesheets have been filed before the court against the accused and other involved persons.

During the investigation of the disproportionate assets case (FIR No. 09/2013), the ACB found that the accused public servant had allegedly accumulated assets far beyond his known sources of income during the check period. These assets include construction of a double-storeyed residential house at Papehan Bandipora on ancestral land along with additional accommodation, purchase of multiple land parcels at Papehan and Takiyabal in Bandipora district, and acquisition of a double-storeyed house at Gazaliabad HMT in Srinagar.

Investigators also found that the accused had purchased a triple-storeyed shopping complex in Bandipora and several plots of land in Sidhra, some of which were registered in the name of his wife Afroza Bano. In addition, the accused allegedly purchased an A-Star Maruti car during the check period.

During house searches conducted by ACB officials, several expensive household items were recovered, including electronic appliances, cameras, inverter systems, refrigerators, washing machines, computers, pashmina shawls and other valuables. The investigation also revealed bank balances in accounts maintained at

Jammu and Kashmir Bank, J&K Grameen Bank branches at Bandipora and Nadihal, and Punjab National Bank in Srinagar.

Further scrutiny also revealed expenditures made on the purchase of gold ornaments from a jewellery shop in Nowhata Srinagar; renovation of residential houses, education of children, fixed deposits and other services.

Upon completion of the investigation, the ACB filed the chargesheet against Abdul Rashid Shah for offences punishable under Section 5(1)(e) read with Section 5(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006 (St.), along with provisions of the Public Men and Public Servants (Declaration of Assets and Other Provisions) Act, 1983 and Section 109 of the Ranbir Penal Code. Charges were also framed against the co-accused Afroza Bano, Saif Ud Din Baba, and Sameer Ahsan Shah under Section 109 of the RPC for abetment. The next date of hearing in the case has been fixed for April 28, 2026, the ACB official added.

RDD official arrested...

complainant for preparing and releasing bills in his favour for work completed under the MGNREGA scheme.

"During the pre-trap verification conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau, it was established that the accused public servant was insisting on payment of Rs 40,000 as bribe for clearing the bills," an ACB official said. The complainant, unwilling to pay the bribe, approached the Bureau for legal action.

As part of the verification process, the complainant arranged Rs 5,000 in cash and a cheque amounting to Rs 35,000. After confirming the demand for the bribe, the ACB registered FIR No. 06/2026 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 at Police Station ACB Srinagar and initiated further investigation.

Subsequently, a trap team was constituted by the Bureau to catch the accused in the act. Acting on the plan, the team laid a successful trap and apprehended the accused official red-handed inside the office of RDD Block Budgam while he was demanding and accepting the bribe amount from the complainant.

An ACB official stated that the accused accepted Rs 5,000 in cash and a cheque of Rs 35,000 from the complainant during the trap operation. "During the search of the accused's handbag, an additional Rs 39,300 in cash was also recovered," the official added.

Following the operation, the accused was taken into custody after completing all necessary medico-legal formalities. The Anti Corruption Bureau has stated that further investigation into the case is currently in progress to ascertain if any other officials were involved in the matter.

'God saved me'...

I had just stepped out of the wedding pavilion (mandap) and was walking when I heard a sound like a firecracker. I thought someone must have burst a firecracker, because people often burst them at weddings," he said.

Abdullah, however, said he had later felt a burning sensation but did not realise at the time that it was a gunshot.

"Then I felt a kind of burning sensation, but at that moment I did not realise what had happened. In the meantime, they (security personnel) quickly pushed me into a car, and when they were seated, they told me, 'Sir, it was actually a pistol.' They said that the person had fired two shots at me," Abdullah said.

CCTV camera footage showed that the gunman had positioned himself directly behind Abdullah, but an alert police officer and an NSG commando held and overpowered the attacker, causing the weapon to misfire and hit the ground.

Asked about a possible security lapse, Abdullah said that it would be premature to make such claims, but said that many prominent people were present at the function, and adequate police arrangements should have been in place.

"It seems like there might have been a security lapse somewhere, but calling it a security lapse is a very big statement. The question is that many prominent people were present at this wedding, so the police should have taken proper precautions. But there was a total absence of police arrangement," he said.

Despite being a Z+ category protectee, Abdullah highlighted a glaring lack of basic security protocols at the venue.

He said the biggest issue is that there was no police presence at all. "Not for me alone, but many prominent people had come to that wedding. It was necessary to have protection at such an event, especially in the kind of environment we are living in today, where such elements exist. Precaution is necessary," Abdullah said.

The accused, a resident of Purani Mandi, remains in custody.

Following the incident, Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke with Abdullah to check on his well-being and assured a thorough investigation into the security breach and the attacker's motives.

"Yes, the home minister also called me. He asked how I was. I told him, 'By the grace of God, I am safe.' He said they had caught the person and that an investigation would be conducted, and they would inform me what exactly happened," he added. Abdullah said a proper inquiry should be conducted to determine the reasons behind the attack. "There should be a proper inquiry into this matter. Now it is up to them to investigate and find out why this happened and what the reason was. These kinds of things keep happening nowadays...where an atmosphere of hatred has been created," he said. Abdullah credited his survival to the swift reactions of his Special Security Group (SSG) and NSG cover. "They stood in front of me and showed immense courage. That is why I am alive."

"I do not have enough words to praise them. There were people in the room with me, including local police personnel, security men who stayed with me, and members of the NSG, who stood in front of me to protect me," he said.

On whether the earlier downgrading of his security could have contributed to the incident, Abdullah said that increasing security alone does not fully eliminate risks.

"Even if you increase your security, remember one thing: the attacker always has the advantage. He knows where he wants to target you and what he wants to do. But I will not say that security should be increased further. That is not the main issue," he said.

He said terrorism continues to be a global challenge. "We live in an era where terrorism is hanging over us like something in the sky, and we cannot completely control it. Terror exists not only in our country but across the world. Anything can happen anywhere," he added. His son and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had echoed concerns about security on X, questioning how an armed man reached point-blank range. "There are more questions than answers at the moment... including how someone was able to get this close to a Z+ NSG-protected former CM," he said. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and advisor to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Nasir Aslam Wani, were also accompanying Abdullah when the incident occurred. Top officials are currently reviewing security for all high-profile protectees in Jammu and Kashmir, with plans to upgrade convoy jammers and enforce stricter access controls at public events.

Omar meets father...

from Delhi this morning. He spent nearly an hour with his father, who received a stream of visitors, including leaders from the BJP, the Congress and social activists. Omar's sons - Zamir and Zahir - also reached Bhatindi from Srinagar to meet their grandfather. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, who visited Abdullah, said CCTV camera footage clearly showed the accused pointing a gun at the NC president, rejecting speculation that firing was part of celebratory fire.

He said timely action of security personnel prevented a tragedy and demanded a thorough probe into the incident, asserting that an attack on such a highly protected leader raises serious security concerns.

Among those who visited Abdullah were ministers Sakina Itoo and Javid Dar, along with senior functionaries and workers of the party, who condemned the incident and termed it a matter of serious concern.

Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad strongly condemned the attack on Farooq Abdullah, expressing relief that the senior leader remained safe.

In a post on X, Azad called for a thorough investigation into the incident and stressed the need to ensure the senior leader's security.

"Strongly condemn the attack on Dr Farooq Abdullah Sahib. Relieved that he is safe. Police must investigate the incident thoroughly and ensure his security and safety so that such incidents do not happen again. Wishing him good health and safety," Azad wrote.

Several Congress leaders also met Abdullah to enquire about his well-being.

LG speaks to...

Senior officials were firmly instructed to guarantee airtight security for protectees. The police have initiated a detailed probe into Jamwal's antecedents, officials said on Thursday.

V K Saxena...

were Chief Secretary, Ashish Kundra; Director General of Police, Ladakh, Mukesh Singh; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Romil Singh Donk; Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh, Shree Raam; BJP State President, Tashi Gyalson Khachu, along with representatives from various political, social and religious bodies.

They extended their greetings and conveyed their best wishes to Saxena as he prepares to assume the office of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

DC Poonch reviews arrangements for upcoming festivals

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma today convened a meeting of officers from line departments, civil society members and representatives from religious organisations to review arrangements for the upcoming festivals of Shab-e-Qadar, Jamat-ul-Vida, Navratras, Eid-ul-Fitr and Ram Navmi.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Shafket Hussain Bhat; Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik; Assistant Commissioner Development Shakeel Ahmed Malik; Chief Medical Officer Dr. Parvaiz Ahmed Khan; DAHO, DSHO, Executive Engineers of different departments, CEO Municipality, Tehsildar Haveli, AD FCS&CA, ARTO, AC Food Safety, AC Legal Metrology, I/C Fire and Emergency Services, besides religious heads and other concerned officers.

The religious leaders and prominent citizens raised various issues related to arrangements for the festivals including need for proper sanitation, uninterrupted power, regular and safe



drinking water supply, security arrangements, smooth traffic management, adequate parking facilities, sufficient stock of ration and essential commodities, monitoring of rates and quality of food items and availability of medical facilities.

The Deputy Commissioner took stock of the preparedness of each department and issued necessary directions to ensure all arrangements are put in place well in advance. He directed the Tehsildar, AC Food Safety, AD FCS&CA and Legal Metrology to conduct weekly inspections to check the rates and quality of food items being sold during the festive period and take strict action against black-marketing and overpricing.

The PDD and PHE departments were asked to ensure uninterrupted electricity and adequate potable water supply. The FCS & CA

department was directed to maintain sufficient availability of essential commodities and closely monitor the public distribution system.

The Municipal Committee was asked to ensure proper sanitation around places of worship and areas of public gathering.

Senior Superintendent of Police Shafket Hussain Bhat assured that adequate security and traffic arrangements will be put in place across the district during the festive period. He urged civil society representatives to cooperate with the administration and police in maintaining communal harmony and celebrating the festivals in a peaceful and disciplined manner. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner and the SSP extended advance greetings to the religious heads and people of the district on the upcoming festivals.

IHRO J&K forms new State Body

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The International Human Rights Organization (IHRO) J&K Chapter has announced the formation of its newly constituted State Body, which will work towards strengthening human rights activities, social justice, and humanitarian services across Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here, Media Incharge IHRO J&K Chapter, Iqra Rashid, said that the newly formed State Body will be headed by M. Yaqoob Dunoo as the State President. She said the team includes dedicated members who are committed to serving society and promoting the

mission and vision of the organization.

According to the statement, the newly nominated State Body members include Tasleema Ashraf as Senior Vice President, Sukhdev Sangral as Vice President, Saima Zargar as General Secretary, Shahista Lateef as Secretary, Suriya Muzaffar as Accountant, Asifa Begum as Treasurer, Iqra Bashir as Media Incharge, and Aafaq Rashid as Coordinator.

The newly appointed members expressed their commitment to work collectively for the protection of human rights, welfare of marginalized communities, and the

promotion of justice and equality in society.

Iqra Rashid further said that under the leadership of State President M. Yaqoob Dunoo, the IHRO J&K Chapter aims to expand its activities across the Union Territory by strengthening district-level units and launching various initiatives focused on public awareness, legal assistance, and humanitarian support.

She added that the organization will continue to work closely with civil society and community members to ensure that the voices of vulnerable and marginalized sections are heard and their rights protected.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 5 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued five bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized a vehicle involved in the illegal transportation of bovines.

Acting on information received from reliable sources, a team of Police Station Ghagwal during vehicle checking at Naka NHW Tappal, intercepted a Load carrier Intra bearing registration No. JK02DA-1596 for its checking. During checking, five bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the bovines have been rescued and the vehicle involved in the illegal transportation of bovines has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 29/2026 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

Drug peddler nabbed with 15.58 grams heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, Samba Police has arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh and recovered approximately 15.58 grams of heroin-like substance (chitta) from his possession.

Acting on information received from reliable sources, a team of Police Station Ramgarh intercepted a pedestrian under suspicious circumstances who was coming from Rakh Barotian via Tarapur toward Gudwal side.

During frisking, approximately 15.58 grams of heroin-like substance (chitta) was recovered from the possession of said person.

The drug peddler identified as Sarvjeet Singh S/o Sukhjeet Singh R/o Kathil Ganju tehsil Ramnagar district Udhampur has been arrested and contraband item has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 15/2026 u/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Ramgarh and investigation started.



Office of the Municipal Committee Thannamandi

Subject: Selection List of Self Help Group Members to be engaged as Community Mobilizers in Municipal Committee Thannamandi. Ref No: Advertisement Dated 26/12/2025 of Mission Director SBM (U)-2.0 of J&K letter no MD/BSMU/2025-26/2174-76 dated: 06/02/2026 of Mission Director SBM (U)-2.0, J&K.

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned candidates that the select list of Self Help Group members to be engaged as Community Mobilizers in Municipal Committee Thannamandi has been declared and is attached at Annexure "A".

The President / Secretary / Treasurer of the concerned Self Help Group are hereby informed to sign the Contract Agreement with Municipal Committee Thannamandi as per the selection procedure of the TOR regarding engagement of its selected members as Community Mobilizers.

The self-attested copies of all requisite personal, educational and experience-related documents for verification along with SHG registration certificate and passbook / cancelled cheque of the Self Help Group and Non-Judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- (in the name of the Self Help Group as second party) shall be submitted in the office of the Municipal Committee Thannamandi, by the Self Help Group for signing the contract agreement by or before 13th of March, 2026.

The Self Help Groups who have signed the contract agreement shall direct their respective members to join in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Thannamandi w.e.f. 13th of March, 2026.

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Office of the Municipal Committee Thannamandi

Selection list of SHG Members to be engaged as Community Mobilizers in MC Thannamandi				
S. No.	S. No as per short list	Full Name	Father's/Spouse	Name SHG Name
01	4337	IRAM SHAKOOR	Shakoora Ahmed	Self-Help Group (SHG)
02	4340	Majassam khatoon	Mohd Kabir	Aisla
03	4341	RAJAM UL NISSA	MOHID SHAIB	ZOYA SHG
04	4342	ZABINA KOSER	ALYAS AHMED	KUSHROO
05	4343	Saima kouser	Abdul kabir	Abida SHG

Waiting list of SHG Members to be engaged as Community Mobilizers in MC Thannamandi				
S. No.	S.No as per short list	Full Name	Father's/Spouse	Name SHG Name
01	4338	ABIDA RASHID	SHAZAD AKHTER	SUN SHAHEEN
02	4344	Saika noreen	iftakhar beig	kushboo
03	4345	Asia koser	maqbool hassain	BURHAN SHG
04	4347	Noreen Fatima	Mohd Raiz	Haniya
05	4348	Iqra Maqsood	W/o Mohd Qasim	Bismal SHG Group

Note: The priority of the waiting list candidates shall be determined strictly in the order of their serial numbers, i.e., serial No. 1 shall be given priority, followed by Serial No. 2, and so on.