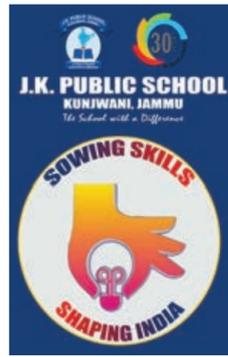


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Darshans at Shri Amarnathji Shrine crosses 4 lakh mark Record pilgrim arrivals testament to India's unity, resolve to overcome challenges: LG

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders involved in the arrangement of Holy Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra after it crossed the figure of 4 Lakh darshans today.

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► I am truly thankful to devotees, who have shown immense faith and strengthened our priceless spiritual heritage

EC finalises electoral college for Vice Presidential Poll

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Thursday said it has finalised the Electoral College for the vice presidential election, necessitated due to the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar from the post.

The vice president of India is elected by an Electoral College comprising the elected members and nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and the elected members of the Lok Sabha.

In a statement, the poll authority said it has

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Modi, UAE Prez stress on deepening collaboration

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as they laid emphasis on further developing and deepening the collaboration between two countries for the shared benefit of the peoples of both countries, a statement said on Thursday.

Both leaders spoke over the phone and reaffirmed their mutual commitment to further strengthening the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and the UAE.



They positively assessed the remarkable progress made across various sectors of bilateral cooperation and laid emphasis on further developing and deepening

collaboration for the shared benefit of the peoples of both countries.

The statement said Sheikh Mohamed warmly

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Restore J&K statehood, give us all responsibilities: Omar urges Centre

STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday appealed to the Centre to grant statehood to the union Territory and hand over all the responsibilities to the local government, asserting that they were competent enough.

He expressed confidence that if granted powers, the local government can once again improve the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I believe that all the responsibilities must be handed over to us. I have been saying since day one to give us the responsibility of security. People elected us, gave reins in our hands, then we should also get all the responsibilities," Abdullah told reporters here during an interaction.

"And it is not that we are

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incompetent or that we cannot do the work. In my previous tenure of six years (as CM), you can see our graph. There was a reduction in militancy, terror attacks and casualties of security forces. We had improved the situation. We can improve it again if we are once again given the powers," he added. Abdullah was responding to a

Chugh asks new BJP Distt Presidents to lead from front in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary and Incharge for Jammu & Kashmir, Tarun Chugh, on Thursday held a meeting in Srinagar with the newly appointed District Presidents of the BJP in the

Union Territory.

The meeting was also attended by BJP State President Sat Sharma and Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma.

Extending his heartfelt congratulations to the new office bearers, Chugh said their appointment comes at a crucial juncture and carries a great responsibility.

"Each of you is not just a district head, but a key pillar



and the BJP's growth here is both a political and national mission. "Your leadership must reflect discipline, dedication, and direction. It is the cadre's energy that propels the party's vision," he added.

Taking a strong

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Opposition's abstention from Parliament proceedings helps Govt pass laws easily: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Former Parliamentary Affairs minister Ghulam Nabi Azad Thursday said the



Parliament should be allowed to function smoothly as abstention from proceedings by the opposition only helps the government.

"I am against disrupting the functioning of the House. If you do not allow the House to function, then why do you get elected? Entering the House means you will raise the national, international,

and domestic issues, and the problems of the people in the Parliament before the government," he said.

Azad's remark comes amid uproar in Rajya Sabha by Opposition parties, who protested against Prime Minister Narendra Modi not responding to a debate on Operation Sindoor in the House and also raised the Special Intensive

Revision (SIR) issue.

"The government becomes happy when the opposition walks out because it can then pass laws easily. So, the walkout by the opposition helps the government, it does not oppose them," Azad told reporters here.

Azad, who was the Parliamentary Affairs

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