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We must set...

sporting facilities have been made available to youngsters in rural areas," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the scale and magnitude of sports events organised in Jammu Kashmir for the last 5-6 years is impressive and unprecedented.

The Lieutenant Governor also thanked the Government of India for developing a vibrant 'Sports Culture' in J&K UT which has encouraged the children and youth of Jammu Kashmir to play and realise their dreams.

Our goal is to nurture and advance the skills of talented youth of J&K. It is also preventing them from falling prey to anti-social activities and drugs. From 3-4 lakh per year before 2019 the number of youngsters getting opportunity to play has gone up to 30-40 lakh per year, he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also urged the children and youth to take keen interest in water sports.

"We must set our sights on International Water Sports Games. Unless we aim high, we will never be able to reach the top. We can do much better in these games," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

He observed that Water Sports Games help in building the national character by inculcating in us team spirit. They are also an occasion for promoting national integration. Your unity in your diversity is a symbol of the spirit of India. It is participation and sportsmanship, more than winning or losing, which will strengthen the bond between Sportspersons, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the players and officials to become the ambassadors of new Jammu Kashmir.

"When you return home, tell your friends and family that the youth of Jammu Kashmir are now actively engaged in sports, participating in a wide range of activities just like their counterparts across India.

The schools and colleges here are now open year-round, and the playgrounds are alive with the energy of the youth. Now calendars are published in J&K for Khelo India and other national-international games and not for strikes and shutdowns. The voices of the youth are now heard in stadiums, not in the streets," he said.

Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports declared the Khelo India Water Sports Festival open through video message.

The three-day event features competitive sports events in rowing, canoeing, and kayaking. The festival is also showcasing demonstration events such as water skiing, dragon boat racing, and a shikara race.

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Nikhil Khadse; Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah; Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, IT, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma; Commissioner Secretary, Youth Affairs and Sports, Sarnad Hafeez; IGP Kashmir, VK Birdi; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo; Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul; senior officials of Police & civil administration, Sports Authority of India, J&K Sports Council, prominent sports personalities, sports lovers, and people from different walks of life attended the opening ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS...

environment and showcase the sporting excellence

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I am proud to say that Sports in J&K UT have got its due under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi. Modern sports infrastructure has been developed under his guidance across J&K and sporting facilities have been made available to youngsters in rural areas

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Omar hails inaugural...

under Khelo India," he said.

Calling Dal Lake the "identity of Srinagar," Omar Abdullah said the lake has nurtured generations through livelihoods, leisure, and adventure, citing the traditions of water skiing and the famed Dal Cross swimming challenge as symbols of Kashmir's deep-rooted bond with water sports.

Emphasizing the value of sportsmanship, he said, "Not everyone may win today, but each participant will carry home the joy of competing, of being part of history, and of celebrating the true spirit of sports."

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the festival would open new avenues for the youth of J&K and mark the beginning of many such events in the Valley.

Jammu Rly Stn...

of the International Border (IB) carrying varied messages, but this is the first time that a pigeon carrying a threat letter has been captured, they said.

Security agencies are taking the matter seriously in the wake of the prevailing threat perceptions and anti-India designs.

"The pigeon believed to be flying in from Pakistan was caught in the Katmaria area along the International Border at around 9 pm on August 18. A chit was found tied to its claws carrying a message to blow up the Jammu railway station," a senior police officer said.

According to sources, the chit carried a threat message in Urdu and English to blow up the Jammu railway station with an IED with lines such as "Kashmir Freedom", "Time has come", etc.

Security agencies are probing whether it was an act of mischief or a well-planned conspiracy, the officials said.

However, taking no chances, the forces have beefed up security around the railway station and the tracks. Dog squads and bomb disposal teams have been deployed, with local police on high alert, the officials said.

According to security experts, the pigeon might have been specially trained and released from across the border with a threat message tied to its claws. "You have to take such matters seriously," an expert said.

‘Country comes first’...

India Winter Games being conducted at the ski-resort of Gulmarg for the past few years.

She also said the government wants to promote sports

tourism in J-K.

"J-K is already famous for tourism and if we connect it with sports, we can take it to the international level. The youth of J-K are also getting encouraged through such activities. We want them to excel in sports for which we will provide them with all the facilities," Khadse said.

JDA's anti-encroachment...

and semi-permanent structures were demolished, he said, adding that these included newly constructed buildings and boundary walls erected on JDA land without permission.

The drive focused on removing unauthorised constructions and reclaiming illegally occupied JDA land, particularly in the Sidhra, Majeen and Rangooria areas of the Jammu tehsil, he said. The large-scale anti-encroachment drive was carried out with a huge police force. Encroachers tried to disrupt the drive, but several of them were briefly detained.

Modi's swipe at...

discussion due to din, for praise and its wide positive implications due to the adverse impact on society by these online games.

He said the Monsoon session covered several important bills and regretted that they could not be discussed in Parliament, the sources said.

With opposition leaders skipping the meeting, someone in the get-together remarked that it has become increasingly difficult to bring the Congress on board as few of its leaders, who the government interacts with regularly, can influence the party's decision, the prime minister said the Opposition has some bright young MPs.

They may be making the leadership "insecure", he said, according to the sources.

The prime minister has in the past publicly echoed a similar view, while criticising the Gandhi family for putting its own interest above anything else.

Asked about the decision of opposition parties to keep away from the meeting, Parliamentary Affairs Rijiiju took a swipe at them saying their leaders might have been too "embarrassed" with their conduct during the session to attend it.

Bus carrying pilgrims...

involved in a bus accident near Samba on Thursday were brought to the Trauma & Emergency Department, AIIMS

Jammu at 04:30 AM. Patients are residents of Garh Ganga, Meerut (UP) and have an age spectrum of 4 to 70 years. All patients are under continuous monitoring and treatment. Four patients namely Gajraj, Khoop Chand, Mabasy, and Prem Raj with major injuries are admitted under Orthopaedics, Neurosurgery and Emergency Department for specialized care. 10 patients namely Poonam, Bhagvan, Pushpinder, Gajender Singh, Bajinder, Shivam, Omvati, Rishipal, Deepesh, Prashant with stable injuries are under observation in the Trauma & Emergency Department for monitoring.

Justice after 40...

along with 8% annual interest from the date of filing the suit. The government has been directed to release the payment within two months, failing which an additional 4% annual interest will be levied.

Court concluded that the plaintiffs had successfully established three points: Avis's death in the exhibition blast, negligence on part of the State, and the lasting financial and emotional loss suffered by his dependents.

The verdict is being seen as a rare recognition of state accountability in a terror-related case, bringing delayed but decisive justice to a grieving family after 40 years.

Judicial activism shouldn't...

various verdicts of the apex court on powers of the governor as the hearing entered its third consecutive day.

At the outset, the solicitor general said he is looking forward to senior advocate Kapil Sibal's submission on the presidential reference as he has enormous experience in public life and has also been in governance as well as a parliamentarian.

"Elected people belonging to whichever political party have to nowadays respond to voters directly. People now directly ask questions from them. Unlike 20-25 years back when things were different, voters are aware and cannot be taken for a ride," Mehta said.

He said "withholding assent" by the governor is a standalone and complete function of the constitutional functionary as provided under Article 200 of the Constitution.

On Wednesday, the top court said the governor cannot send bills to the president for consideration when presented to him for the second time after the state assembly has cleared it.

The top court, while responding to the preliminary objections raised by the Tamil Nadu and Kerala governments on maintainability of the presidential reference, has said it would exercise its advisory jurisdiction as it was not sitting in the appellate jurisdiction.

In May, President Droupadi Murmu exercised powers under Article 143(1) to know from the top court whether judicial orders could impose timelines for the exercise of discretion by the president while dealing with bills passed by state assemblies.

Kishtwar cloudburst: Multi...

Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), CISE, Border Roads Organisation (BRO), civil administration, and local volunteers are engaged in the rescue efforts at these sites, the officials said.

A team comprising NDRF, SDRF, and police personnel is conducting a search operation along the entire 22-km stretch of the stream from Chisoti to Gulabgarh, following the recovery of two bodies downstream over the past two days, the official said. Specialised heavy-duty trucks have been deployed in the Chisoti to assist in rescue operations. Authorities are using such vehicles to ensure swift evacuation and provide relief in the affected areas, they said.

The rescue teams from the 13th Battalion of NDRF are actively carrying out search operations along the river-nallah bed, working tirelessly to locate and retrieve missing persons.

Authorities begin DNA...

in Kishtwar. Of the 136 missing people, 66 were rescued alive, and 37 were found dead, the senior officer said.

Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar, Pankaj Sharma, who is supervising the search, rescue and relief operation, said efforts were on to trace the 33 missing people.

Sharma, who was the first to mobilise the operational teams by reaching the spot within hours of the cloudburst, said the search operation by the NDRF, SDRF, Army, CRPF, CISE, police, GREF, and civil administration has been going on for the past eight days.

Agriculture Deptt plays important role in increasing farmers' income by training them: ADC Basohli

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BASOHLI: On the directions of DC Kathua, Agriculture Department Basohli sent a group of 50 women farmers by bus for a one-day training tour under the ATMA program, which was flagged off by ADC Basohli Pankaj Bhagotra. On this occasion, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Basohli Ravi Singh Chauhan, Officers of Agriculture Department Anil Doblia, Inder Singh, Shashi Bhushan etc., besides women farmers were present.

Addressing the women farmers, the ADC said that the Agriculture Department has an important role in

11th Agriculture Census: DC Reasi stresses on data accuracy, reliability

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik reviewed the Phase-II of the 11th Agriculture Census at a meeting of the District Level

Coordination Committee held today.

At the outset, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer, Ashok K u m a r appraised the Deputy Commissioner about the details of Phase-II data pertaining to the district. The census data covers critical aspects such as the number of agricultural operational holders, land utilization patterns, tenancy status, and availability of irrigation facilities.

The Deputy Commissioner took a tehsil-wise review of the data uploaded by enumerators (Patvaries) on the designated portal, where entries are ver-



directed all Tehsildars to scrutinize the data thoroughly and ensure that every entry is correct, precise and acceptable. She further instructed that 'Tehsildars must submit a certificate of data authenticity for further action.

The meeting was attended by ACR Nitin Verma; DSEO Ashok Kumar; Chief Agriculture Officer, Tehsildars and other concerned officials.

Rupesh gets Addl Charge as Director Information

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government has assigned Rupesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2019), Vice Chairman of the Jammu Development Authority (JDA), the additional charge of Director Information, Jammu and Kashmir.

The order in this regard was issued by M Raju, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

"Rupesh Kumar will hold the position until Nitish Rajora, IAS (AGMUT:2021), resumes his official duties," it added.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

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WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00AM / 1:15PM / 4:30PM / 7:45 PM /	
11:00PM		
PVR KC JAMMU	9:00AM	12:35PM / 7:20PM / 10:55 PM
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PVR KC JAMMU	12:05PM	
MAHAVATAR NARSIMHA HINDI		
PVR KC JAMMU	5:50PM	
SAIYAARA HINDI		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:30PM / 07:00PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	4:10PM	
PHAPHEY KUTNIYAN (PUNJABI)		
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PVR KC JAMMU	09:30AM / 08:40PM	



ADC Basohli Pankaj Bhagotra interacting with farmers.

increasing the income of farmers by training them. He said that under the ATMA program, the Agriculture Department is sending them to Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pathankot (Punjab) for a one-day training tour so that

they can become self-reliant. He said that at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, agricultural scientists will give them detailed information about the cultivation of mushrooms, goat rearing, poultry farming, fish farming, hybrid marigold, herbal and medicinal plants etc. The officer asked the SDAO to organise similar tours to train other farmers of Basohli sub-district.

SDAO Ravi Singh Chauhan

told that tomorrow, on 22nd August, Friday, 35 farmers from Basohli, Bani and Mahanpur tehsils will be sent to Amritsar (Punjab) on a two-day exposure visit. Where they will get a chance to visit the big farms of the farmers of Punjab and during the tour they will get the opportunity to meet agricultural scientists and big farmers and get agricultural information from them. Apart from this, on 25th August, 50 farmers from Mahanpur and on 28th August, 50 farmers from Basohli will be sent by bus to Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pathankot for a one-day training tour. He said that the main objective of such women farmer training tour is to make women farmers self-reliant by providing them training so that they can be included in the list of Lakhpati Didi of India.

Janipur police recovers stolen buffaloes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a remarkable display of efficiency and dedication, the Janipur Police under the command of SHO Janipur Insp Vikram Sharma have successfully recovered 15 stolen buffaloes, valued at approximately Rs. 7 lakhs, from a plot at Dhok Paloura, Janipur.

On August 19, 2025, a report was lodged by Mohd. Shareef, resident of Sangrampur Marh, regarding the theft of his buffaloes during the intervening night of August 18-19. Prompt action was taken, and FIR No. 134/2025 U/S 331(4), 305 BNS was registered at Police Station Janipur.

A dedicated team, led by PSI Sandeep Charak, worked tirelessly to track down the stolen buffaloes.


Crackdown on illegal mining; 15 vehicles including 11 dumpers seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its crackdown against illegal mining in the district, Samba Police has seized fifteen vehicles (15) including eleven dumpers (11) across the district, which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal, SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Vijaypur, SHO PS Bari Brahmna, SHO PS Purmandal, Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal and Incharge Police Post Rakh Amb Tali of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized eleven dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21F-7667, JK21E-7540, JK21J-8683, JK21G-5151, JK21G-5674, JK21J-7458, JK21C-2988, JK21H-5888, JK21J-9254, JK21H-8191, JK21J-5799 and two tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK02DL-1079, JK21G-8797 & two tractor trolleys without Nos. 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.



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