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# NDA nominee C P Radhakrishnan defeats Oppn's Reddy; elected Vice President of India

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: NDA candidate C P Radhakrishnan won the vice presidential election on Tuesday by bagging 452 votes, while opposition candidate B Sudershan Reddy polled 300 votes, Returning Officer P C Mody said.

The vote tally suggested some cross-voting in favour of Radhakrishnan. BJP leaders claimed that at least 15 opposition members voted for the NDA nominee. Earlier, the Congress had claimed that the opposition stood united with all of its 315 MPs turning up to vote in the vice presidential polls. A total of 767 MPs cast their ballot in a turnout of 98.2 per cent, of which 752 were valid and 15 votes were deemed invalid, Mody said. One postal ballot was cancelled as the MP declined to cast the vote.

Mody said Radhakrishnan secured 452 first preference votes as against 300 for



Reddy.

"I declare C P Radhakrishnan elected to the post of Vice President of India and the results will be communicated to the Election Commission," Mody said.

Radhakrishnan would be India's 15th vice president when he is sworn in to the post. The poll was necessitated by the sudden resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21.

The electoral college for the

vice presidential election comprises a total of 788 members - 245 from the Rajya Sabha and 543 from the Lok Sabha. The 12 nominated members of the Rajya Sabha are also eligible to vote in the election.

The present strength of the electoral college is 781 as six seats are vacant in the Rajya Sabha and one in the Lok Sabha.

Strongly rooted in the RSS and the BJP, Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan, is seen as a soft-spoken and

non-confrontational leader, the 67-year-old Radhakrishnan succeeds Jagdeep Dhankhar, who resigned as vice president on July 21, taking everyone by surprise. He is the third leader from Tamil Nadu to occupy the coveted post.

Described as a 'Pachai Tamizhan' (true-blue Tamil) by well-wishers, Radhakrishnan was serving as the Governor of Maharashtra when he was named as the vice presidential nominee of the BJP-led NDA.

A two-term member of the Lok Sabha from Coimbatore during the tenure of prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Radhakrishnan came close to becoming a Union minister, but had to lose out to fellow Tamil Pon Radhakrishnan in 1998 after some confusion over his name by the then floor managers of the BJP.

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## Land sinking in Poonch, nearly 50 structures damaged

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MENDHAR/JAMMU: About 50 structures, mostly residential houses, were damaged due to sinking of land in a village on the slope of a hill in Poonch district, officials said on Tuesday.

J-K minister Javed Ahmad Rana visited the affected Kalaban village in his Mendhar constituency and assured adequate relief and rehabilitation of the affected population.

Three school buildings, a mosque, a graveyard and the road leading to the village were also damaged by the land sinking which is

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## CB registers major fraud cases involving loan scam, land cheating, job racket

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Crime Branch, Special Crime Wing (SCW) Jammu has registered three separate criminal cases on the basis of written complaints lodged by aggrieved citizens regarding cheating, forgery, and fraudulent practices by accused persons in connivance with others.

"Fraudulent Loan Disbursement case has been registered on a written complaint alleging therein that one Mushtaq Ahmed, Branch Manager J&K Bank Channi Rama in connivance with Ct. Javed Iqbal, Qasim Ajaz, and Basharat Hussain

manipulated loan disbursement of Rs 3,00,000, diverted funds, and fraudulently made deductions from the complainant's husband's account," an official said adding that the accused have been booked under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and investigation has been taken up.

"Another land fraud case has been registered against one Naresh Kumar Abrol and others for duping the complainant of Rs 17.60 lakh on the pretext of selling 5 marlas of land at Village Gour, Tehsil & District Jammu," official said adding that DESPITE execution of

sale deed and attestation of mutation, the land was found already encroached. The accused persons have been booked under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, official said. "A job scam case has also been registered on the complaint of two residents of Rajouri, alleging cheating of Rs 6.00 lakh by one Sameer Ahmed Sheikh, resident of Sopore, on the pretext of providing permanent jobs in Qatar. The accused handed over fake appointment letters, receipts, and later issued threats to the complainants. The

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## Wanted narco-terror operative arrested

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A notorious narco-terror operative who had been absconding for more than two years has been arrested here, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Tuesday.

The arrested accused, Abdul Rashid Bhat, a resident of Padgampora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district, had been evading arrest in the 2022 case for more than two years and was designated a proclaimed offender, an SIA spokesperson said.

Bhat is the third accused to have been arrested in

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## Nepal's parliament set on fire after PM resigns over anti-corruption protests

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHMANDU: Nepal reeled under a serious political crisis on Tuesday as Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli resigned in the face of massive protests for a second day, with the demonstrators storming many government buildings and setting the parliament as well as homes of several high-profile leaders ablaze, a day after 19 people died in violence.

The students-led "Gen Z" protests that began against a government ban on social media expanded into a larger campaign reflecting



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## We are resolved to supporting people of J&K through this difficult time, says LG



LG Manoj Sinha during visit to Devak Bridge near AIIMS at Vijaypur.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited the Health Camp at Keso Manhasan, organised by Health Department in collaboration with AIIMS Jammu for flood-affected

families.

At the health camp, the Lieutenant Governor interacted with the people undergoing health check-ups and listened to their concerns.

The Lieutenant Governor said the

- ▶ Visits Health Camp for flood-affected families at Keso Manhasan, Samba; Devak Bridge near AIIMS at Vijaypur
- ▶ Says GoI, J&K Admin fully committed to not only restoring damaged infra but also complete rehabilitation of affected families
- ▶ Farming community severely affected by recent natural calamities. I urge farmers across Jammu region to take advantage of benefits of PM Fasal Bima Yojana, HADP

Army, CAPFs, NDRF and district Administration's quick response in the wake of incessant rain saved many lives.

"We are resolved to supporting the people of Jammu Kashmir through this difficult time. The Government of India and the J&K Administration are fully committed to not only restoring the damaged

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## DSEJ mandates safety measures ahead of School reopening

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) has issued mandatory guidelines to ensure student safety ahead of the reopening of schools following recent heavy rains and floods.

"In continuation to this Office Order No DSEJ/GEN/46616-48 dated September 5, 2025, it is hereby ordered that no offline classes shall commence in either Government or Private Schools until a valid structural Safety Certificate is issued by the competent authority," read an order issued by Dr. Naseem Javaid

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## J&K has potential to become country's premier wedding destination: CM



CM Omar Abdullah speaking at the Hindusthan-2025 Wedding Planners Expo organised by ICEI at SKICC on Tuesday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah on Tuesday remarked that Jammu and Kashmir has immense potential for 'Destination Wedding Tourism' and efforts are on

to tap this potential so that Kashmir can emerge from Paradise on Earth to Country's Destination Wedding Capital. The Chief Minister made these remarks after inaugu-

rating the Hindusthan-2025 Wedding Planners Expo, organised by Indian Chamber of Event Industry (ICEI) at Sher-i-Kashmir International

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## PM announces Rs 1,600 Cr flood assistance for Punjab, Rs 1,500 Cr for HP

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

CHANDIGARH/SHIMLA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced a financial assistance of Rs 1,600 crore for flood-hit Punjab and an immediate relief of Rs 1,500 crore for rain-affected Himachal Pradesh.

He took stock of the situation in both the states in the wake of floods and landslides and also conducted aerial surveys of the affected areas.

Modi first went to Himachal Pradesh and after an aerial survey, held a meeting in Kangra to review the relief and rehabilitation measures undertaken as



PM Narendra Modi conducting aerial survey of Himachal Pradesh.

well as assess the damage.

He also announced Rs 2 lakh ex-gratia

for the next of kin of the dead and Rs 50,000 for the injured in Himachal Pradesh, where cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains wreaked havoc.

In the meeting with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, BJP leaders, affected families and people engaged in rescue services in Kangra, Modi assured all help for restoration and rebuilding of infrastructure in the affected areas.

The financial assistance of Rs 1,500 crore to the hill state will be the advance release of the

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