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C P Radhakrishnan takes oath as 15th Vice President of India



President Droupadi Murmu administering Oath of Office of Vice President to C. P Radhakrishnan at a Swearing-in-Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan was on Friday sworn in as the 15th

vice president of India. He later assumed charge as the chairman of the Rajya Sabha in his office in Parliament. President

Murmu administered oath to Radhakrishnan (67) at a brief ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Union ministers.

Dressed in a red kurta, Radhakrishnan took oath in English in the name of god. Murmu congratulated him after he took oath.

Radhakrishnan succeeds Jagdeep Dhankhar, who suddenly resigned from the post on July 21 citing health reasons, necessitating an elec-

Radhakrishanan won the vice-presidential election on Tuesday, defeating joint opposition candidate B Sudershan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes.

Dhankhar was present at the ceremony, his first public appearance since his

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JKBOSE Exams to resume today ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The ongoing examination of Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education for class 10th (SSE) and 11th (HSP-12th) session Biannual/Annual Private 2025 shall resume from tomorrow on September 13 as per notified date

sheet. The examinees (candidates) are advised to carry their admit cards along with them for identification and display it to the authorities in case there are restrictions in place anywhere.

The Incharge superintendents of the examination centers shall ensure safe and smooth conduct of the examination.

Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra to resume from Sunday

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir will resume from Sunday after remaining suspended for 19 days, officials said.

The yatra was suspended following a landslide on August 26 that claimed 34 lives and left 20 others injured.

"Jai Mata Di! The Vaishno Devi Yatra will resume from September 14 (Sunday), subject to favourable weather conditions. For details and bookings, please visit www.maavaishnodevi.org," the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDB) announced on X.

The Board further stated

carry valid identification, folthat the temporary suspension was necessitated due to inclement weather conditions and essential maintenance of

favourable. Spokesperson of the SMVDB advised pilgrims to

the track leading to shrine.

The Yatra will resume as

scheduled, provided weather

conditions

low designated pathways. and cooperate with onground staff. "RFID-based tracking will

remain mandatory for transparency and traceability. For live updates, booking services, and helpline support, devotees are encouraged

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Cops crack down on sale of rotten meat in Srinagar; 6 cases registered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police have registered six cases against individuals and establishments found selling rotten meat in violation of public health and safety regulations in the city, an official said on

Acting swiftly on reports of the sale of rotten and unhygienic meat in the district. the Srinagar Police, in coordination with civil administration and food safety department officials has launched a dedicated operation to curb the menace, a

Retail inflation rises marginally to 2.07 pc in Aug: GoI STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation in August rose slightly to 2.07 per cent from 1.61per cent in the preceding month, mainly due to increase in prices of vegetables, meat and fish, according to a government data released on Friday.

The inflation based on consumer price index (CPI) was 3.65 per cent in August 2024.

The annual food inflation during August 2025 over August 2024 was at (-) 0.69 per cent, according to the data released by the National Statistics Office

"An increase in headline inflation and food inflation during the month of August, 2025 is mainly attributed to increase in inflation of vegetables, meat and fish, oil and fats, personal care and affects, egg," NSO said. The Reserve Bank has been ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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police spokesperson said. The cases were registered at Lal Bazar, Bemina, Batamaloo, Safakadal, Ram

Munshi Bagh, and Zakura police stations in the city. A flying squad comprising officials from the district police, civil administration, and the food safety depart-

across the city. During these inspections, significant recoveries of rotten meat were made, and the

STATE TIMES NEWS

on Friday that digitisa-

tion of India's ancient

manuscripts will help

curb "intellectual piracy"

adding that the informa-

tion sourced to the coun-

try's traditional knowl-

edge system has been

copied and patented by

International Conference on

Gyan Bharatam on the

theme 'Reclaiming India's

Knowledge Legacy through

Manuscript Heritage' at

Vigyan Bhawan here, the

others.

Addressing

Minister Narendra Modi said

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Digitization of India's manuscripts will

DELHI: Prime

Crime Branch files 7 chargesheets against 12 accused in multi-crore fraud cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch has filed seven charge-sheets in seven separate cases against twelve accused including an Advocate, a Govt Teacher & a Cashier for different frauds involving huge of over Rs 2.00 amount crore and fake documents.

help curb 'intellectual piracy': Modi

prime minister said the exer-

cise is an extension of the

country's resolve to forge

CB has filed charge-sheet conduct surprise inspections against Slocus Nar, son of David, resident of 347, Old Rehari Jammu then posted as cashier in the office of Engineer, Mechanical Division, Jammu

for committing criminal breach of trust and misappropriating huge funds misusing official position, a Crime Branch spokesperson said.

CB has filed charge-sheet against Jatinder Sharma, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Barnara, Sunderbani, Rajouri and Parveen Kumar, son of Pathu Ram, resident Thandi Choi, Kahra Bali, Jammu for duping Himachal Pradesh resident Dhian Chand of Rs. 70.20 lakh on

edge preserved in its manu-

scripts for centuries, he said.

Modi complimented private

organisations

working with the gov-

ernment in its goal to

digitise these manu-

scripts spread across

the country, and said

over 10 lakh of them

have been digitised so

He said India is

working with other

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countries like Thailand,

Vietnam and Mongolia, with

whom it has enjoyed cultural

ties and which are home to

such manuscripts.

Charge-sheet has also been presented against Ashok Kumar, son of Sant Ram, resident of Udhaywala at present Shiv Nagar Jammu, Ram Lal, son of late Anant Ram at present Shakti Magar Jammu , Kamal Kishore, son of Ram Lal Shakti Nagar Jammu and Advocate Brij Mohan, son of am Lal Shakti Nagar Jammu for obtaining caste certificate & PRC by using fake and forged documents.

Charge-sheet has also been Suspected drug

peddler's property attached STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Residential

property of a suspected drug peddler has been attached under the Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in Srinagar on Friday, police said here.

"In yet another significant move to combat the drug menace and dismantle the infrastructure supporting narcotics trafficking, Srinagar Police has attached a residential property worth approximately Rs 50 lakhs under the NDPS Act," a police spokesman said. He said the attached prop

erty comprises a house,

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submitted against suspended Govt school teacher Jameel Anjum Mir, son of Nasir Ahmed Mir, resident of H.No. 45 Narania Mohalla opposite Ustad Mohalla, Jammu for duping the complainant Rashid Manhas of Gujjar Nagar, Jammu of Rs. 10 lakh cash and gold worth 5 lakh on the pretext of providing job.

CB has also filed chargesheet against Rahul Shakdhar son of Jawahar Lal, resident of

Fraudster arrested for posing as Govt official STATE TIMES NEWS According to the spokesper-

SRINAGAR: Police in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Friday booked a notorious fraudster for allegedly posing as senior government officers to lure people on the pretext of providing government jobs, an official spokesperson said.

The accused was identified as Illyas Hameed Bhat, a resident of the Bakura area in Ganderbal. He was earlier booked in a similar case registered at Nishat police stahere,

son, the investigation revealed that the accused posed as deputy superintendent National Investigation Agency, administrator of Kashmir University and senior officer of Enforcement Directorate.

By posing as a high-ranking government officer, he lured and cheated several individuals on the pretext of providing government jobs in exchange for money, the spokesperson said. Bhat also

Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki takes oath as Nepal's first woman PM



Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel administering oath of office to Sushila Karki as Prime Minister during ceremony at President's residence in Kathmandu on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS KATHMANDU: Former

Chief Justice Sushila Karki

woman prime minister on Friday, to lead an interim government, ending days of political uncertainty after the

abrupt resignation of prime minister K P Sharma Oli earlier this week following wide-spread protests.

President Ramchandra Paudel administered the oath of office to Karki, 73, at the President's Office.

Besides President Paudel and the newly-elected prime minister, Vice President Ram Sahay Yadav and Chief Justice Prakash Man Singh Rawat were present during the occasion.

President Paudel said the new caretaker government is mandated to hold fresh parliamentary elections

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CM pledges early action on recommendations for protection of Hangul, habitat conservation

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday pledged that his government will act promptly on the recommendations of the Second International Conference on Hangul protection and other threatened Ungulates conservation (2IHUC-25), so that measurable progress is achieved in the population of Hangul and Markhor before the next such conference is

The Chief Minister, who is also Pro-Chancellor of Shere-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), was speaking at the valedictory session of the three-day international

conference at SKUAST-K's Shalimar campus

ahead with the concept of

"swadeshi" and "aatmanirb-

India is now proudly pre-

senting before the world its

heritage of ancient knowl-

har Bharat".

Addressing a distinguished gathering of conservation experts, scientists, policymakers, and delegates from India and abroad, the Chief Minister assured that the State Government would treat the outcomes of the conference with utmost seri-

"On behalf of my colleagues in government, I assure you that the recommendations emerging from this conference will be implemented at the earliest. My hope is that when we meet here next time. the population of Hangul and Markhor will have grown significantly," Minister said.

Farooq, Omar offer Friday prayers at Hazratbal Shrine



CM Omar Abdullah along with his father and sons offering prayers at Hazratbal Shrine.

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Friday offered prayers along with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Hazratbal mosque here. Talking to reporters, the senior Abdullah said he prayed at the Hazratbal shrine for peace

and brotherhood between Muslims and Hindus in the country. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Recalling the words of eminent conservationist MK Ranjitsinh, he stressed that conservation is deeply tied to human well-being.

"Conservation is not only about animals-it is about human survival itself. Protecting Hangul, Markhor, or any threatened species is essentially about protecting life and the delicate ecological balance we depend upon." Sharing his personal regret, Omar Abdullah noted that despite living close to Dachigam National Park, he had never seen a Hangul

"I don't want a situation where our children and grandchildren know these species only through photo-

with a naked eve.

graphs in books, like the dodo or woolly mammoth. That would be a tragedy we must not allow," he warned. The Chief Minister under-

lined the need for synergy between academic institutions and government agencies to ensure practical outcomes.

"Unless there is synergy between academic research and government implementation, we risk losing magnificent animals like the Hangul. Every species exists for a reason. When they thrive, ecosystems thrive-and when ecosystems thrive, humankind thrives as well, the Chief Minister said. Cautioning against

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