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Curtail avoidable appeals to uphold CAT's basic original mandate: Dr Jitendra

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Senior IAS Officer Shailendra **Kumar bereaved** 









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# Country's industrial ecosystem should come forward, support rapid Industrialisation of J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at CII Northern Regional Council Meeting at Srinagar on Saturday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: "The topmost priority of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to accelerate the pace of industrial development in Jammu Kashmir and bring this

region at par with the rest of India," the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha told the Industry leaders on Saturday

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the 4th CII

Northern Regional Council Meeting at Srinagar.

"Big companies, corporate houses, MSMEs of the country must take a pledge that the industrial development of Jammu Kashmir will be their

#### topmost priority

Says, accelerating pace of industrial development in J&K and bringing this region at par with rest of India is PM's

**▶ Addresses 4th CII Northern Regional Council Meeting** 

- Big companies, corporate houses, MSMEs of country must take pledge that industrial development of J&K will be their personal responsibility
- We need focused approach to enhance productivity, export of MSMEs and foster innovation economy
- Micro and Small Industries in J&K have demonstrated their ability to be globally competitive and we are open to new ideas on how we can spread industrialization across the UT and encourage new enterprises at Panchayat level
- >> Calls upon business leaders to work together to realise dream of Developed India
- >> Highlights need for private investment in research and development

personal responsibility. The industrial ecosystem of the country should come forward

support Industrialisation of

# Omar calls for equal tourism and industrial growth in J&K

Invites investors to harness untapped potential

#### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Chief Minister

Omar Abdullah on Saturday emphasized the need to complement Jammu and Kashmir's tourism success story with an equally robust industrial growth, calling upon industry leaders to view J&K as a viable and promising investment destination.

Addressing the 4th meeting of the Confederation of Industry Indian Northern Regional Council 2025-26, held in Srinagar, the Chief Minister acknowledged that while the focus in recent months has largely been on tourism, industrial growth has not received the same attention. He assured stakeholders that the government is determined to correct this imbalance by strength-



CM Omar Abdullah addressing at 4th CII Northern Regional Council Meeting at Srinagar.

ening the investment ecosystem across Jammu and Kashmir.

"Tourism is one part of our growth story, but the other part that requires equal attention is industrialisation," Omar Abdullah said while interacting with business leaders. "Jammu and Kashmir remains an attractive place for investment despite challenges, and we are committed to making it easier and more

## Northern Army Commander reviews security situation along LoC in north Kashmir

Northern Commander Lieutenant General Pratik Saturday Sharma on reviewed the security situation and counter-infiltration grid along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir.

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, #ArmyCdrNC, reviewed security situation and counter-infiltration grid in north Kashmir. During his visit, he witnessed a battle enabler display and lauded all ranks for their innovation and

#### **Police attaches** property worth Rs 2 cr in narco-terror case **STATE TIMES NEWS**

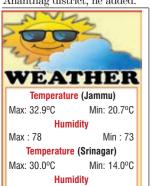
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday attached property worth Rs 2 crore belonging to an accused in a narco-terror case in Jammu, officials said. Police attached immovable property belonging to the accused involved in unlawful activities in a matter linked to an FIR registered under the Arms Act, UA(P)A, Explosive Substances Act, and the NDPS Act at Mattan police station in Anantnag district,

The attached property comprises a double-storey residential building constructed on 1,501 sq ft of land at Tawi Vihar, Sidra, Jammu, a police spokesman said.

they said.

Max: 72

The property valued at approximately Rs 2 crore is in the name of accused Firdous Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Hugam Srigufwara area in Anantnag district, he added.



Sunset: 18:31 Hours

Sunrise: 06:17 Hours

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#### adoption of niche technologies to counter contemporary the Northern threats," Command said in a post on

"During the visit, he also witnessed an impressive innovation display showcasing the creativity of the troops. He urged all ranks to remain resolute and continue serving with the same commitment," it added.

He also felicitated nel from the Rashtriya Rifles and Jammu and Kashmir Police for their

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# Soldier martyred as hunt for terrorists resumes in Udhampur

LG pays tribute to brave army personnel

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR: A soldier, who was critically injured in a gunfight with terrorists, succumbed to his injuries as the Army and police resumed a joint hunt for terrorists in a remote forest area in the higher reaches of the Udhampur district early Saturday officials said

The soldier was injured late Friday evening when terrorists opened fire on the joint search party of the Army and



**Baldev Chand** Special Operations Group

Dhar forest border in the Dudu-Basantgarh area of Udhampur and Bhaderwah in Doda, the officials said.

They said the soldier was shifted to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

(SOG) of Jammu and

Kashmir Police at the Seoj

The area around the scene of the encounter was kept under tight cordon during the night and the joint search operation resumed on Saturday morning, the officials said, adding that two to three terrorists are believed to be hiding in the forest

Reinforcements equipped with drones and sniffer dogs were rushed from both Udhampur and Doda sides and a massive search operation was underway when last officials said.

However, there was no fresh contact with the

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### provisions of Foreigners Act Patnitop, a police spokesper-

Hotelier booked for 'violating'

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday lodged a case against the owner of a hotel in Ramban district for allegedly violating provisions of the Foreigners Act by failing to report the stay of a woman tourist from

Finland. The case under relevant sections of the Foreigners Act was registered at the Batote police station against. Shamsher Singh Manhas, the owner of Hotel Pine Heritage located at the famous hill

son said.

He said the case pertains to the non-filing of Form C online during the stay of Tuuli Lehmusjaervi, a citizen of Finland who stayed at the hotel from July 17 to August

"Despite the legal obligation, the hotel owner failed to submit the mandatory Form C online to the Foreigners Registration Office (FRO) within the stipulated time period. This constitutes a violation of sections 7

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# India's biggest enemy is its dependence on other nations: Modi

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHAVNAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India's main adversary is its dependence on other nations as he made a strong pitch for "aatmanirbharta" and called for indigenous production of everything from semiconductor chips to ships.

Speaking at the 'Samudra se Samruddhi' event, where he inaugurated and laid foundation stones of projects worth Rs 34,200 crore, Modi said all the problems of India have only one solution, and that is

"India is moving forward with the spirit of global brotherhood and India has



no major enemy in the world today, but

in true terms, India's biggest adversary is dependence on other nations," stated the Prime Minister, emphasising that this dependence must be collectively

He said greater foreign dependence leads to greater national failure. "For global peace, stability, and prosperity, the world's most populous country must become self-reliant," Modi said, and cautioned that reliance on others compromises national self-respect.

"The future of 140 crore Indians cannot be left to external forces, nor can the resolve for national development be based on foreign ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Spa centre running brothel in Udhampur; 7 arrested

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: On the basis of reliable information, a raid was conducted by Udhampur Police at a Spa Centre namely Blue Lotus being run in a private building in the Barrian area of Udhampur

STATE TIMES in its edition dated September 20 exclusively reported the late night raid at a Spa in Udhampur under caption "Udhampur police seizes Blue Lotus Spa centre'



Three males, 4 females arrested from Blue Lotus Spa in Udhampur on Saturday

During preliminary verification, it was found that the

said Spa Centre was ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Shocking Twists from RTA to Targeted Firing

# Sainik Colony Gunshot Death, No bullets found: Crime Branch chasing missing links

#### **■ VIVEK SHARMA**

JAMMU: The sensational Sainik Colony firing case has taken yet another twist, with investigators now grappling with a crucial unanswered question - where are the bullets and bullet injuries? The crime, which took place on

August 21, was initially recorded as a Road Traffic Accident (RTA) but was later converted into a case of targeted firing on September 19. Though Jammu

Police confirmed that firearms were used in the incident that claimed the life of Mehjabeen Akil Sheikh (30) of Mumbai and left her sister Fatima Akil (21) injured, the hospitals that treated the victims - JK Medicity, ASCOMS Sidhra and GMC

Jammu - have consistently recorded the wounds as stabbing injuries. Even GMC doctors have claimed the injuries were consistent with stabbing. GMC Jammu is reportedly going to submit its written report on Monday citing This contradiction has trig-

gered a million-dollar ques-

## FOLLOW-UP

tion: Who operated upon the injured Mehjabeen, also known as Muskan, after she

was declared serious with suspected bullet injuries? She was shifted to GMC Jammu late on August 21 night and succumbed to her injuries on August 29 after nearly a week of treatment.

The absence of any bullet recov-

ery or bullet injury marks from the deceased's body has now become a major puzzle in the

that Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Crime Branch is actively search-

>> Jammu Police admitted use of firearms; GMC's medical report, according to reliable sources, suggests stab wounds on deceased's body.

>> JK Medicity hospital hints at multiple stab injuries, says all three injured girls Left Against Medical Advice (LAMA) within half an hour after first-aid on August 21 night.

Deceased girl's sister, Ludhiana based girl, Physiotherapy centre operator detained.

Crime Branch probe, especially since Jammu Police has already stated in a press release the use of firearms

assailant, and the weapon of offence. Investigators suspect deliberate concealment or tampering at some stage, given the con-

ing for the missing bullets, the

tradictory medical findings and the police's later conclusion of firearm use.

CCTV footage collected from the locality reportedly shows some youth near the scene on the night of the incident, further widening the ambit of investigation. Two girls including deceased's sister Fatima and Jaspreet Kour (28) of Ludhiana along with Naveen Bakshi, a Nowshera-based man who was operating a physiotherapy centre at House No. 157-A, Sainik Colony, have been detained for questioning. Sources confirmed that Bakshi is currently in police custody.

Meanwhile, SHO Channi Himmat Inspector Deepak Pathania. IC/PP Sainik Colony PSI Wasim Bhatti and Investigating Officer PSI Robit Sharma have been attached to the Police Headquarters. Range

Reliable sources said the action was taken over alleged lapses in the early handling of the case when it was projected as a road accident.

The probe, now formally under FIR 152/2025 registered under Sections 103(1), 109, 332(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 3/25 of the Arms Act, is being investigated by the Crime Branch with forensic, digital, and field teams pressed into service.

With the missing bullet at the centre of the mystery, and key suspects under scrutiny, the case has turned into one of the most complex crime investigations in Jammu since the Amandeep Murder Case of 2009. The coming days may reveal whether the concealment was deliberate and orchestrated, or merely a result of serious lapses by the police investigators.

Reliable sources told STATE