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mean financial ruin, the statement said, claiming that the scheme has protected more than six crore families from poverty every year.

Armed forces to...

terror attack. It will be held in Madhya Pradesh from October 6-10, sources said.

In his address at a conference on air defence systems here, Air Marshal Rakesh Sinha, Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (OPS) at HQ IDS, also spoke of the lessons drawn from Operation Sindoor and the need to "stay ahead" of the adversary in military thinking and planning.

"What we have seen in Operation Sindoor is a way the battle space or battlefield is evolving. It requires our urgent attention and decisive innovation to deal with this threat that is already looming," he said.

After India's precision strikes on several terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under Operation Sindoor, several drone attacks were launched as counter-offensives by the Pakistani side, targeting the western sector.

Union Bank of...



rehabilitation measures for the affected people. He said collective efforts from institutions and individuals play a crucial role in helping the State recover from the calamity.

Meanwhile, Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Banihal, Sajjad Shaheen and MLA Budhal, Javid Iqbal, called on the Chief Minister at the Civil Secretariat. They discussed key developmental issues concerning their respective constituencies and sought the Government's intervention in addressing the pressing needs of the people.

The Chief Minister assured them that the concerns raised would be duly examined and appropriate steps taken to ensure balanced development across all regions.

BJP leader Bajjayant Panda called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah here on Tuesday.

"Mr. @PandaJay, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Committee on Public Undertakings, called on Chief Minister at Srinagar today," the office of the chief minister posted on X.

The meeting took place at the residence of CM Abdullah on Gupkar Road.

Strategic Hanle-Chumar...

heavy rainfall, a defence spokesperson said on Tuesday. The restoration of the Budhal-Mahore-Gul (BMG) road, a strategically important surface link for the movement of troops and supply of logistics across important areas of Pir Panjal range, has come as a major relief for the local populace, he said.

It is the primary route that connects remote villages to subdivisions and district headquarters, making it essential for the transport of goods, services, and emergency response, the spokesperson said.

On August 28, due to excessive rainfall in the Pir Panjal region and flash floods, Badora diversion on this road in Reasi district was severely impacted and washed out completely.

"This event had widespread consequences, affecting 15 villages and hindering inter-district and intra-district connectivity, specifically between Reasi, Rajouri, and Ramban districts. The diversion, which was a vital transport link in this rugged and remote region, was blocked, disrupting the flow of goods, services, and people across these areas," the spokesperson said.

In addition to the immediate damage caused by the floodwaters, he said the situation was worsened by multiple landslides that occurred along the BMG road.

"These landslides prevented the machinery and resources necessary for the restoration of the diversion from reaching the site. Given the terrain and the extreme weather conditions, initial progress in assessing and repairing the damage was halted, leading to delays in the restoration works," he said.

Despite these significant obstacles, the spokesperson said a team of 110 RCC under 31 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) Project Sampark took the challenge head-on.

Clearing of the landslide debris was started but it was not until September 8 that the necessary resources finally reached the Badora site. By that time, however, the water flow from the Badora Nallah, a rivulet that flows near the diversion, had increased significantly, further complicating efforts to restore the infrastructure, he said.

Faced with these challenges, the team decided to approach the situation using a combination of innovative engineering techniques and strategic planning, the spokesperson said.

He said the first major step was the diversion of water flow to allow for safe access to the affected area.

This was achieved by constructing a temporary water channel using River Bed Material (RBM), which diverted the flow of the rivulet and reduced the pressure on the damaged infrastructure, he said.

With the water flow under control, the spokesperson said work on restoring the diversion began on September 12.

After 10 days of continuous hard work, the Badora diversion was successfully restored by September 20, he said.

In addition to the Badora diversion, he said another major challenge arose due to the sinking of road formation along a 300-metre stretch and a vertical drop of 12 metres at Sarh and Jamslan.

"This damage, also caused by heavy rains, had further affected connectivity in the region. However, connectivity at these locations was also successfully restored by 110 RCC, reaffirming their capability and resilience in the face of natural calamities," he added.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar...

living in Gurez. Justices Sanjeev Kumar directed Central Project Coordinator e-Court High Court of J&K and Ladkha, Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi to ensure seamless service of e-filing, display of timely case information, real time display of cause list for information of all the litigants to prevent any deprivation to such facilities.

For immediate installation of Kiosk in Munsiff Court Gurez, a direction was passed by Justice Sanjeev which will provide various e-Courts services to people of Gurez.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, who is also Chairman of High Court Information Technology Committee, exhorted upon improvising the existing IT infrastructure to ensure leverage between physical and digital platform for ease of court business and enhancing digital access to physical platforms.

This move is first of its kind which will connect a cut off border area with rest of the world on digital platform.

By making proper use of the same, lawyers can e-file their cases anywhere in the country, e-file replies, check status of their cases, cause list of any court and keep the people of Gurez connected with all the courts across India. It will also bridge the geographical and snow barriers. People and lawyers expressed gratitude for such a unique beginning in such a distantly cut off area.

India will be...

robust startup ecosystem, transforming India from a job-seeking to a job-creating nation.

"In 2014, we just had 500 startups. Today, we have 1.92 lakh startups registered with DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade). In 2014, we had four unicorns and now we have 120 such establishments whose combined market value is over USD 350 million," Shah said.

Today, out of the total startups, 52 per cent are in tier-II and tier-III cities. Of the total startups, 48 per cent are initiated by women, he said.

Startup ecosystem has employed 17.90 lakh people. On an average, 17,000 startups have been set up annually and 9,000 of these are in tier-II and tier-III cities, the Union minister said.

Startup India campaign has made our youth job creators from job seekers, he said.

Maharaja Hari Singh's...

The participants, wearing traditional dresses and brandishing swords, chanted slogans in praise of the Maharaja and the country.

"We want the centre to restore the statehood and honour the Dogra turban and sword," the leader said, threatening large-scale agitation if the statehood was further delayed.

On October 26, 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession with India to repulse an attack by Pakistan army-backed tribals on Jammu and Kashmir.

Trustee of Dharmarth Trust, founded by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1846, celebrated the birth anniversary by distributing a 130 kg Laddoo.

J-K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said "tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh Ji on his Jannu-Jayanti. A statesman of excellence and harbinger of change, he introduced landmark reforms to ensure welfare of the common man.

"His legacy of inclusive governance, progressive vision and contributions to the motherland continues to inspire us," he said in a post on X.

Besides social organisations, leaders and workers of different political parties including Congress and BJP separately celebrated the Maharaja's birthday and paid rich tributes to him.

Taking a pledge to intensify its movement for restoration of statehood, J-K Congress working president Raman Bhalla said the Maharaja brought landmark legislations to protect the land, jobs and natural resources of J-K being a hilly tourist state and enacted state subject laws which showed his far sightedness.

"Maharaja's state was disbanded, divided and downgraded removing all safeguards for land, jobs and natural resources by the BJP government. It amounts to insulting the last Dogra ruler for which BJP should apologize to Maharaja and people of his state especially Dogras," he said.

BJP also celebrated the birth anniversary of the Maharaja at the party headquarters here.

"We are an inseparable and proud part of the great Indian nation due to his vision and courage," J-K BJP president Sat Sharma said, highlighting his contribution.

Simultaneously, Hindu Vahani Akhand Bharat held a vibrant tribute ceremony at its headquarters in Ghou Manhasa, Jammu. National President Rajinder Hindu, J&K President Parshotam Amit Manhas, Vice President Swami Tapan Nand Dhar, and other key office bearers, including General Secretaries from Jammu and Kashmir, gathered to celebrate the life and legacy of Maharaja Hari Singh. Floral and garland tributes were offered as speakers recalled the Maharaja's progressive policies and historic decision to accede to India by signing the Instrument of Accession on October 26, 1947.

Speakers highlighted the Maharaja's reforms, particularly his decision in 1929 to open temples in Jammu & Kashmir to Dalits, showcasing his inclusive and reformist vision. Chief Spokesperson Mreegank Manhas and other team members praised the Maharaja for his administrative foresight and socio-economic policies, which laid the foundation for a modern Jammu & Kashmir.

In another heartfelt tribute, the Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) celebrated Maharaja Hari Singh's 130th birth anniversary under the chairmanship of its officiating President, Col Karan Singh. Floral tributes were paid on behalf of DSS President Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, who was out of station. Speakers remembered Maharaja Hari Singh as a secular, fair, and compassionate ruler who safeguarded the interests of all communities under his reign.

Prominent members present included Advocate H.C. Jalmaria, G.A. Khwaja, Arvinder Singh Amn, Brigadier M.S. Jamwal, Col. Dr. Virendra Kumar Sahi Vrc, Jagmohan Sharma, Ravi Singh, Rajinder Gupta, and Pawan Sharma.

Asha Kiran Welfare Society offered floral tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on his 130th Birth Anniversary. The Society held a meeting of its Executive Members and Councilors in the Office in Janipur Colony. Flowers were offered on Maharaja Hari Singh portrait by Dr. J.P. Gupta, Chairman, Dr. Vikrant Sharma, President, Kamal Netar Gupta, General Secretary, other Executive Members and Councilors. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate J&K High Court, was also present as Special Invitee.

On this occasion Dr. J.P. Gupta and Dr. Vikrant Sharma threw a detailed light on the life history of Maharaja visa-vis various social reforms was initiated for the well being of general public of the state during his regime which included ban on Sati-pratha, Child-marriage, Un-touchability, Smoking/Tobacco use by young students, improving education system, health services and banking system.

He also abolished beggary curse and provided reservation to the poor and the backward sections of the society and provided freedom to the Press Media.

He made the accession of princely J&K State with Govt. of India on 26th of October 1947. Kamal Netar Gupta, General Secretary thanked all the Members for attending the ceremony.

Giant python captured...

kilograms, Kumar added. The python had killed and swallowed a jackal but later vomited it out. The reptile will be released in the forest, the officials said.



Shah Rukh, Rani Mukerji, Vikrant Massey conferred National Awards

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday conferred National Awards for acting to Shah Rukh Khan, Vikrant Massey and Rani Mukerji while Malayalam superstar Mohanlal was honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke lifetime achievement award in a ceremony that doffed its hat to mainstream popular cinema.

Filmmakers Vidhu Vinod Chopra, who took home the best film prize for "12th Fail", and Karan Johar and Apoorva Mehra, who received the award for "Rocky Aur Rani Kii Kahaani" for best popular film providing wholesome entertainment, completed the starry ensemble at the 71st National Film Awards.

The best director award went to Sudipto Sen for "The Kerala Story".

The National Awards for 2023 were announced in August. It's the first National Award for friends and frequent collaborators Shah Rukh and

Rani as well as for Vikrant. While Shah Rukh got it for his role in "Jawan", sharing his win with "12th Fail" star Vikrant, Rani bagged it for "Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway".

"There were whistles and loud cheers as Rani and Shah Rukh went up to receive their awards at the traditionally sober ceremony. Mohanlal, recognised for a remarkable career spanning five decades and more than 360 films, got a standing ovation from the crowd gathered at the city's Vigyan Bhawan.

"I got to know that when Mohanlal's name was announced for Dadasaheb Phalke, there was wave of happiness among people. It shows that he has made a space for himself in countless people's heart," the president said in her address after the award ceremony.

"He has presented the softest of the soft and toughest of the tough emotions quite naturally," Murmu added in a speech in which she congratulated all

the winners and touched on various issues, including the plurality of Indian cinema, Indian sensibility and women-centric films.

"Now we see women in many places in cinema like actors and producers. I have seen films about mothers, women uniting against societal wrongs, and strong women who raise their voices. I salute these filmmakers on behalf of sisters and daughters. Please thank your crews for your success, they are behind it," she said. Just like Indian literature is created in various Indian languages, the president said, Indian cinema is advancing in so many languages, dialects, regions and local environments.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav spoke of the Make in India initiative of the government. "Equipment used in the film industry such as big cameras... should be made in India. We will be started a programme on this soon," he said.

Two missing women traced, reunited with families

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu (Rural) Police achieved success in tracing and reuniting two missing women with their families in separate cases reported from Khour and Akhnour.

In the first case, Police Station Khour traced a missing woman, resident of District Jammu, whose missing report had been lodged on September 19, 2025. After completion of all legal formalities, she was safely handed over to her family, and the missing report was closed.

In another case, Police Station Akhnour traced a missing woman, resident of Gandharwan, Tehsil Akhnour, District Jammu, who had been reported missing on September 18, 2025. Dedicated searches and technical surveillance led to her safe recovery, following which she was reunited with her family and the report was closed.

Drug peddler nabbed with heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a swift and well coordinated action, police from Police Station Domana apprehended a drug peddler during a special naka laid at Muthi, recovering approximately 52 grams of heroin (chitta-like substance) from his possession.

Acting on reliable information, the naka team intercepted the accused, identified as Vishal Singh, son of Balwant Singh, resident of Indra Nagar, Satwari, Jammu. He was allegedly roaming in the area with narcotics, with the intention of selling them for wrongful gain.

In this connection, FIR No. 208/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Domana.

Drug peddler detained, psychotropic tablets recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A drug peddler was detained while psychotropic tablets was recovered from his possession.

Police team of PP Tikri while performing a routine naka checking at Tikri point intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK14L-2453. On being questioned, the driver disclosed his identity as Veer Singh @Veeru S/o Chain Singh R/o Samole, Udhampur.

During his personal search, 108 tablets of Buprenorphine were recovered from his possession, for which he could not

provide any valid justification. The said person was immediately taken into custody on the spot.

Illegal Khair billets with vehicle seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A vehicle seized loaded with illegal Khair Billets was seized on Tuesday.



Acting on specific information, a team of the Forest Department, under the close supervision of the Range Officer Jammu, Kailash Choudhary and under overall supervision of Divisional Forest Officer Jammu, Anurag Arya, successfully intercepted and seized a Mahindra Scorpio (Reg No. JK02AJ-7321) for illegally transporting Khair Stuff in Jammu Range.

The operation was executed during late night hours by the team of Jammu Range. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found loaded with Khair billets, which were being transported without valid documentation, in violation of the Indian Forest Act (IFA).

Soldier dies from gunshot

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A soldier died from a bullet fired from his service rifle outside a military hospital in Udhampur district on Tuesday, officials said.

Police have started inquest proceedings to ascertain whether the soldier died of accidental firing or committed suicide, they said.

The soldier-driver was waiting in a parked medicine supply vehicle in the main town when he was hit by the fatal gunshot.

His colleagues rushed to the scene on hearing the gunfire and found him in a pool of blood. The armyman was rushed to hospital where he was declared brought dead, the officials said.

Jammu to Srinagar	
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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

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
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Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
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Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	715
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320
Booking:	Available on IRCTC
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
Booking:	Available on IRCTC

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