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delayed though the electoral college was in place nearly a year ago following the assembly polls in the Union Territory.

"Today, the Election Commission of India has announced elections to four Rajya Sabha seats that have remained vacant till now. It is the right decision, though a delayed one. We welcome it," Congress chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma told PTI.

He pointed out that assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir were held a year ago and the electoral college was in place, yet the UT remained unrepresented in the Rajya Sabha for over a year: "Dair aaya, durust aaya (better late than never)," he said.

Sharma said the party leadership will soon meet to deliberate on the matter: "We will take the right decision in consultation with our central leadership," he added.

Reacting to the announcement of the poll schedule, BJP spokesperson Zorawar Singh Jamwal said, "The Election Commission announced elections for four vacant Rajya Sabha seats today. It is a welcome step."

"These new MPs, once elected, will raise issues related to the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the development of the region in Parliament," he said.

The Union Territory has been unrepresented in the Upper House of Parliament since February 15, 2021, the day when Ghulam Nabi Azad and Nazir Ahmed Laway finished their term.

Two other members, Fayaz Ahmed Mir and Shamsher Singh Manhas, had completed their term on February 10 in the same year.

According to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, four members of the Rajya Sabha were to represent the UT, but the seats remained vacant after the expiry of the previous members' terms due to the absence of the required electorate at that time.

With the constitution of the J-K Legislative Assembly, the electorate is now in place to conduct the biennial elections, the EC said.

The counting of votes will take place on October 24, an hour after polling concludes.

### CBSE to conduct...

if the Class 12 Physics examination is scheduled for 20th February, 2026, evaluation is likely to begin on 3rd March, 2026 and conclude by 15th March, 2026," Bhardwaj added.

### Four killed, 59...

even with talks are lined up with open mind, violence was provoked. Why?, they questioned.

"Sonam Wangchuk has long hinted at wanting an Arab Spring-style protest in Ladakh. His references to Gen Z protests in Nepal now seem like a blueprint. Has he used the platform for his personal issues to hide certain irregularities which are coming in light now?" they claimed.

Congress leaders made statements that almost sounded like instructions-talk of pelting stones, bandhs, arson. Why were they so ready? The entire episode smacks conspiracy motivated by politics and personal gains, they said and added, "The youth are not to be blamed. They were misled, caught up in a sinister plot for political and personal gain. The center stands committed for the welfare and empowerment of Ladakhi people and stands with the youth."

The morning began with a complete shutdown in the Ladakh capital and hundreds of people took to the streets. As the day progressed, flames and dark smoke clouds could be seen from afar.

The police resorted to firing and teargas shelling to bring the situation under control after the protesters indulged in widespread violence, officials said.

The Ladakh Apex Body (LAB) youth wing called for the protest after two of the 15 people, who were on a 35-day hunger strike since September 10, were shifted to a hospital because their condition deteriorated on Tuesday evening.

Congress leader and councillor Phuntsog Stanzin Tsepag was booked for allegedly making a provocative speech at the hunger strike venue on Tuesday.

The BJP alleged that the violence was a part of the Congress' nefarious design to create situations in the country similar to Bangladesh, Nepal and the Philippines.

"Today in Ladakh, an attempt was made to portray some protests as being led by 'Gen Z' but when an investigation was carried out, it was found that this was not a Gen Z protest but actually a Congress protest," BJP MP and national spokesperson Sambit Patra told reporters in Delhi.

The fast was to push the Centre to resume dialogue in support of their four-point demand - statehood, extension of the Sixth Schedule, separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil and reservation for employment.

Addressing an online press conference, Wangchuk said the fact that Tsering Angchuk (72) and Tashi Dolma (60) were taken to a hospital was most likely the immediate trigger for the violent protest.

With the situation worsening rapidly, he stepped in with an appeal and an announcement that he was cutting short the fast.

"I request the youth of Ladakh to stop the violence forthwith as it only causes harm to our cause and further deteriorates the situation. We do not want instability in Ladakh and the country," he told his supporters.

Teargas shells were heard in the backdrop.

"This is the saddest day for Ladakh and for myself personally because the path we are treading for the last five years was peaceful... We held hunger strikes on five occasions and walked from Leh to Delhi, but today we are seeing our message of peace failing because of the incidents of violence and arson," Wangchuk said.

He also appealed to the administration to stop firing teargas shells and urged the government to be more sensitive.

"We are ending our fast immediately... the aim of the hunger strike is not fulfilled if our youth lose their lives."

"It is time to carry forward the dialogue with a cool mind. We will keep our agitation non-violent and I also want to ask the government to listen to our message of peace... when the message of peace is ignored, such a situation arises," he said.

The situation is the outcome of frustration among the youth because they have been kept away from jobs, Wangchuk said, adding that there is "no democracy in Ladakh and the Sixth Schedule promise made to the public has not been fulfilled either".

The Constitution's Sixth Schedule, meant for the tribal population of the four northeast states of Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Assam, makes special provisions in terms of governance, powers of the president and the governor, type of local bodies, alternate judicial mechanisms and financial powers exercised through autonomous councils.

A fresh round of talks was scheduled between the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ladakh representatives, comprising members of the LAB and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), on October 6.

The two bodies have been jointly spearheading an agitation over the past four years in support of their demands and have held several rounds of talks with the government in the past.

Tension had been building up since Tuesday evening.

Responding to the protest call, Leh town shut down today, and large crowds assembled at the NDS memorial ground and later took out a march through the streets of the town, chanting slogans in support of the Sixth Schedule and statehood, officials said.

### LG Kavinder strongly...

He also played for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Taking serious note of the stone-pelting and arson incidents, which created a law-and-order situation and resulted in damage to the democratic institutions and public infrastructure, Kavinder directed the administration and law enforcement agencies to ensure strict measures for the restoration of normalcy and the safe-

ty of the public. He emphasized that violence in any form is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The Lt Governor said that those found involved in this heart-wrenching incident will be brought to justice and dealt with sternly as per the law. He further directed the police and district administration to identify and take strict action against all elements responsible for disturbing peace and causing damage.

The Lt Governor appealed to the people of Ladakh to maintain peace, harmony, and brotherhood, and to refrain from being misled by elements attempting to disrupt social fabric and public order: He said, "Our strength lies in unity and dialogue, not in violence. I urge everyone to extend full cooperation to the administration in maintaining peace and stability in the region."

Reiterating the Government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people of Ladakh, Kavinder assured that all genuine demands of the citizens will be addressed in a just and timely manner. He reaffirmed that the Administration stands dedicated to preserving the interests of Ladakh while ensuring development, progress, and security for all.

### Ladakh mob violence...

and Kargil Democratic Alliance. Series of meetings were held with them through formal channel of High Powered Committee as well as sub-committee and multiple informal meetings with leaders," the statement said.

The home ministry said the process of dialogue through this mechanism has yielded phenomenal results by increasing reservations for the Ladakh Scheduled Tribe from 45 per cent to 84 per cent, providing 1/3 women's reservations in the councils and declaring Bhoti and Purgi as official languages.

With this, the process for the recruitment of 1,800 posts was also commenced.

"However, certain politically motivated individuals were not happy with the progress made under HPC and have been trying to sabotage the dialogue process," the statement said.

The next meeting of the High Powered Committee has been scheduled on October 6th, while meetings are also planned on 25th and 26th September with the leaders from Ladakh.

The home ministry said the demands on which Wangchuk was on hunger strike are an integral part of the discussion in HPC.

In spite of many leaders urging him to call off the hunger strike, he continued with it while "misleading the people through provocative mention of Arab Spring-style protest and references to Gen Z protests in Nepal".

"On 24th September; at around 11.30 AM, a mob motivated by his provocative speeches left the venue of the hunger strike and attacked a political party office as well as the Government office of the CEC Leh. They also put these offices on fire, attacked the security personnel, and torched the police vehicle," the statement said.

The "unruly mob" attacked the police personnel in which more than "30 police/CRPF personnel were injured", it said.

The home ministry said the mob continued to destroy public property and attack the police personnel, and in self-defence, the police had to resort to firing in which, unfortunately, some casualties were reported.

"It is clear that the mob was guided by Sonam Wangchuk through his provocative statements. Incidentally, amidst these developments, he called of his hunger strike," it said.

### Navratri: Over 32,000...

pilgrimage experience for visitors arriving from across the country, he said.

This year, the Shrine Board has introduced wireless communication sets to enhance coordination and communication along the yatra route.

A multi-tier security grid involving the police, CRPF, paramilitary forces, and quick-response teams is in place throughout the festival, officials said.

The pilgrimage to the shrine resumed on September 17 after being suspended for 22 days due to a landslide along the track on August 26, which resulted in the death of 34 people and injuries to 20 others. The Navratri festival is being celebrated from September 22 to October 1.

### Police carries out...

involving offences punishable under sections of the Indian Penal Code, the spokesperson said.

"The EOW (Crime Branch Kashmir) today carried out multiple searches in the districts of Bandipora and Budgam in connection with a case of fraudulent land compensation claims related to the 400 KV DC Samba-Amargarh Transmission Line," the spokesperson said.

### CJ announces Comprehensive...

I to III, the next phases i.e. - Phase IV (July 2025 - December 2025) and Phase V (January 2026 - June 2026 aims to deepen the impact of earlier interventions and enhance the delivery of timely justice to citizens.

This structured initiative aims to address the persistent backlog of cases in the district judiciary through strategic planning, monitoring, and implementation of best practices in judicial administration.

The objectives of Phase IV are, identification and prioritization of 10+ year-old cases and cases involving senior citizens, women, and vulnerable groups; expansion of Evening/Weekend Courts and Special Arrears Sessions; strengthening of case management systems through digital dashboards and monthly performance reviews and improved coordination with the Bar and Prosecution Departments for early disposal.

The objectives of Phase V are consolidation of gains from previous phases; rollout of paperless courts in select districts on a pilot basis; enhancement of ADR mechanisms including mediation and Lok Adalats for compoundable matters and capacity building through targeted training for judicial officers and court staff.

The implementation of Phases IV and V will be closely monitored by the Arrears Committee of the High Court, with monthly reporting from all District and Sessions Judges. Progress will be evaluated based on quantifiable metrics including disposal rates, reduction in pendency, and compliance with timelines.

### Pak should focus...

dominance, and a human rights record stained by persecution - perhaps once they find time away from exporting terrorism, harbouring UN-proscribed terrorists, and bombing their own people," Tyagi added.

Ten civilians and 14 militants were killed when bomb-making materials stored at a compound owned by the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militant group exploded on Monday in Tirah Valley's Matur Dara area in Khyber district of the province, bordering Afghanistan.

Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party's provincial branch and residents claimed that the "jet bombing" in the Tirah Valley caused the explosion. However, the local administration denied the claims about aerial strikes on the compound, saying the explosives used in bomb making exploded.

### India will not...

as the "first village" not the "last village". He said the change in terminology emphasized their importance as the nation's first line of defence and our priority on the comprehensive development of border villages. "We adopted a strategic approach to a balance economic growth, security and socio-cultural integration while developing border areas here in Jammu Kashmir: We built robust connectivity to facilitate trade and tourism. Many areas deprived of electricity since 1947 were connected with grid power and internet which significantly improved quality of life," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said India's ancient Mantra and motto of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam- the world is one family" will show the way to universal brotherhood and global unity.

## Newly promoted officers and officials honoured by IGP Jammu, DIG JKS Range

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A solemn Pipping Ceremony was organised at the Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ) Jammu, where Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Shri Bhim Sen Tuti, IPS, along with Deputy Inspector General, JKS Range, Shri Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS, decorated the newly promoted officers/officials with their ranks.

The occasion marked an important milestone in the professional careers of the promoted personnel, whose service, commitment, and professionalism have been duly acknowledged.

Congratulating the officers/officials, the IGP lauded their dedication and underscored that with promotion comes greater responsibility, particularly the need to uphold the highest standards of integrity, discipline, and



accountability.

Those who were decorated on the occasion include: Subash Chander, SI (M); Neelam Singh, SI (M); Ajay Kumar, SI (M); Banty Kumar, SI (M); Dilbag Singh, SI (M); Krishan Lal, ASI (M); Davinder Pal, ASI (M); Surinder Kumar, (ASI); Kulbushan Khajuria, HC (M); Sachin Sumbaria, HC

(M); Parvinder Lal, HC (M); Rajinder Kumar, HC (M); and Anil Sharma, HC (M).

The ceremony was also attended by senior officers including DIG JSK Range; SO to IGP Jammu; CPO ZPHQ Jammu; PS to IGP Jammu; ADO, ZPHQ Jammu; DSP Estates Jammu and Sr. PO, ZPHQ Jammu.

### Jammu Rural Police recovers 40 missing mobile phones, hands over to rightful owners

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Technical Lab Team of SP Rural Office Jammu has successfully recovered 40 missing mobile phones valued at approximately Rs 7 lakhs. The missing reports of



these devices had been lodged at various Police Stations and Police Posts across Rural Zone Jammu.

Acting on missing reports received through concerned SIOs/ICPPs, the Technical Lab Team led by Incharge ASI Daljeet Singh, under the close supervision of SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma-JKPS, traced the phones from different districts across the Union Territory of J&K. With this recovery, several pending missing reports have been closed. The recipients expressed their gratitude to Jammu Police for the dedicated efforts in retrieving their lost devices.

### Hospital vehicle crushed couple to death

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: ASCOMS Hospital vehicle runs over Udhampur Couple on Hospital Road resulting in both died on the spot.

A vehicle belonging to ASCOMS Hospital, reportedly driven by a hospital driver, fatally hit a husband and wife from Udhampur while they were walking on Hospital Road on

### 9 vehicles seized for illegal mining

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized nine vehicles including two dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba, Ghagwal and Purnandal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material. Police teams headed by SHO PS Purnandal, Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal, Incharges Police Posts Rakh Amb Tali, Mansar, Supwal & Goran of PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Utterbheni of PS Purnandal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized two dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK08L-2364, JK20A-8799, three tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK21JH-2595, JK21B-8195, JK21J-2910 and four tractor trolleys without Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/ mining of the construction material in the area.

Friday. The collision was so severe that both victims died instantly. Following the tragic incident, angry relatives and locals staged a protest inside the ASCOMS hospital premises, raising slogans against the hospital administration.

### 5.03 Gms heroin recovered; drug peddler arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: Continuing its crackdown against drug peddlers, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saksena IPS has arrested one person and recovered 5.03 grams of heroin-like substance from his possession at Dhar Road Dharamkot, PS Billawar.

A Police team of P/S Billawar led by SHO Billawar Insp Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SP Upper Kathua Sh Aamir Iqbal and SDPO Billawar Sh Neeraj Padyar established a special naka at Dhar Road Near Dharamkot . One unknown person was roaming in suspicious circumstances, on seeing police party the unknown person tried to fled away from the spot, but Police party did hectic efforts and apprehened him, While questioning he disclosed his name as (1) Makhnan Din S/O Abi R/O Bobay Tehsil Majalta Distt.Udhampur . During his personal search 05.03 grams of Heroine(chitta) like substance and one mobile phone has been recovered from his possession. In this regard a case FIR No. 143/2025 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Billawar . further investigation is underway to unearth the forward and backward linkages involved in the supply chain of drugs in the area.

### Crackdown on illegal mining; 4 vehicles seized

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Jammu Police seized four tractors along with trolleys loaded with illegally mined material in Khour area of Rural Zone.

The seized vehicles include New Holland (Chassis No. NHN36300ZKF473335); New Holland (Chassis No. NHN36300ZGH362000); New Holland (Chassis No. NHN36000ZLG510062) and Sonalika (Chassis No. MZ1DYG714392S3). The vehicles were found engaged in illegal mining activities, in clear violation of mining laws.

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		

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE			
<b>11078 Jhelum Express</b>			
Departure	:	23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	:	11:15 at New Delhi	
<b>12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express</b>			
Departure	:	21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	:	05:55 at New Delhi	
<b>12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express</b>			
Departure	:	21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	:	06:55 at New Delhi	
<b>Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)</b>			
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			
<b>Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)</b>			
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			

FIND CINEMA			
<b>MIRAI (HINDI)</b>			
<b>WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU</b> 04:00 PM			
<b>PVR KC JAMMU</b> 02:20 PM			
<b>JOLLY LLB 3 (HINDI)</b>			
<b>WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU</b> 9:30 AM / 10:00AM / 12:45 PM / 1:15 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:10 PM / 7:45 PM / 10:20 PM / 11:00 PM			
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