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land, besides washing away standing crops and inflicting damages on both government and private buildings. "Given the enormity of restoration challenges, Jammu and Kashmir is looking forward to a comprehensive relief and rehabilitation package from the Central Government," he added.

Emphasizing the importance of first-hand assessment, Omar Abdullah said his visit to the remote and isolated areas of Kathua was aimed at understanding the ground realities. He also undertook an aerial survey of damages in Hiranagar and Lakhanpur, the entry point of Jammu and Kashmir.

Later, the Chief Minister convened a meeting with district administration, including Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma, ADC, and senior civil and police officers. He directed the DC to conduct extensive tours of all affected areas and submit detailed ground reports at the earliest.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, underlined that the Bani region too has suffered extensive damages due to landslides triggered by torrential rains. He said that in villages such as Moar, Najote, and Kanthal-Majra, nearly 100 families have lost their land and property completely. He demanded allotment of five marlas of land for such affected families, besides highlighting other pressing concerns, including damages to the Jalana Bridge, delay in tendering of work for High School Lohai, upgradation of High School Sadrota, as well as amnesty from KCC loans and electricity bills for affected families.

The Chief Minister assured that the government would examine all these demands with due seriousness and extend all possible support to the affected families.

NC to decide...

"You can name anyone you want but it is the party which is going to decide on this.

"As far as I know, there has been no such talk in the National Conference."

Meanwhile, according to an official spokesperson Omar Abdullah undertook an aerial survey of the flood-affected areas of district Reasi before reaching Mahore to meet the people reeling under the devastation.

Accompanied by MLA Gulabgarh, Er. Khurshied Ahmed, and other senior officials, the Chief Minister expressed deep solidarity with the affected families and reaffirmed his Government's commitment to prioritizing their relief and rehabilitation.

Addressing a gathering of flood victims, Omar Abdullah spoke with empathy and candor: "The purpose of my visit here is to share your pain and express my condolences for the loss of lives and property you have suffered. I want you to believe that you are not alone in this difficult time," he said, assuring people of sustained Government intervention to help them rebuild their lives.

The Chief Minister recalled that his wish was for Er. Khurshied Ahmed's first programme as MLA to be one of joy and development-laying the foundation of new projects or inaugurating new facilities. "But destiny had something else in store," he remarked. "It is not a favour that Khurshied Sahab and I are here; it is our duty and our way of repaying the faith you placed in us last year."

Reflecting on the unusual challenges faced by Jammu and Kashmir this year, Omar Abdullah said that J&K had gone from the threat of severe drought earlier in February-April, to unprecedented floods that wreaked havoc from Kathua to Kupwara. "In the beginning of the year, there was no sign of rain, and I had asked our irrigation, flood control, and PHE departments to prepare for drought. Yet, when the rains came, they came with such fury that plains and mountains alike were ravaged," he noted.

He candidly acknowledged that lapses in planning and road construction practices may have compounded the damage, particularly where mountain cutting led to landslides and road collapses. "Thousands of kilometres of roads under PWD and PMGSY networks simply vanished," he observed, stressing the need for better foresight in future infrastructure planning.

Interacting personally with affected families, the Chief Minister assured them that comprehensive relief measures and long-term rehabilitation plans were being put into motion. "We will not only help you tide over the immediate crisis but also ensure that your lives are rebuilt afresh with dignity and resilience," he pledged.

Civil Judge Prelim...

Preliminary Examination for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) in Subordinate Judiciary. The Exam is being conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission on September 28, 2025 in two sessions (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 02:30 PM to 04:30 PM).

As per the order, 5 Examination Centers have been notified in District Jammu for the said examination.

"To avoid any kind of law-and-order situation on the day of examination, assembly of 5 or more persons within a radius of 100 meters around all the 05 notified examination centers shall be strictly prohibited from 05:00 AM to 06:00 PM (except authorized personnel). Any person who contravenes this order shall be liable to be punished in accordance with the provisions of Section-223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)," the order stated.

J&K's innovation ecosystem...

monitoring mechanisms and strong institutional linkages with Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in schools across J&K. The initiative will focus on providing mentorship, capacity building for ATL teachers, and guiding students in transforming ideas into commercial prototypes.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor lauded the ATL Sarthi initiative aimed at connecting every Atal Tinkering Lab to larger ecosystem of guidance and mentorship.

"The Atal Tinkering Lab is a fitting tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. These Labs are empowering our young students and providing them with the tools for new discovery and self-development, and imparting skills like problem-solving. By nurturing the curiosity of India's 'Amrit Generation,' ATL labs are laying the foundation for a developed and aspirational nation," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the steady transformation taking place in J&K's innovation ecosystem at the school level by Atal Tinkering Labs.

Jammu, Udhampur, Rajouri, Kulgam, Shopian, Srinagar and many other districts are witnessing significant rise of student-led innovation and equipping students with future-ready skills, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for 500 additional Atal Tinkering Labs for Jammu and Kashmir, at a cost of Rs 100 crore, under the Frontier Region Program.

He said these additional labs will play a crucial role in inclusive innovation by starting Atal Tinkering Labs in remote and tribal areas.

The Lieutenant Governor also emphasised the need to increase the number of Atal Tinkering Labs in the Jammu division. He said these labs will provide the youth of the region with the vast opportunity to invent effective solutions to local problems in areas such as agriculture, handicrafts, tourism, and disaster management.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that under the leader-

ship of Prime Minister, innovation is no longer limited to industries; it has become a permanent part of our society.

He urged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir-the future innovators-to take advantage of the support provided by the Government of India and realize their dreams.

The Lieutenant Governor said the landmark Rs 1 lakh crore fund for research, development and innovation, for the next 6 years is accelerating progress in high-priority sectors, ranging from energy security to climate action and deep technologies like Quantum Computing and Artificial Intelligence.

He called upon the University of Kashmir to focus on skill development, and capacity building for Atal Tinkering Lab teachers, unlocking their potential and promoting creativity and innovation.

The Lieutenant Governor made a special mention of Atal Tinkering Lab students from across Jammu Kashmir for providing innovative solutions to address local problems and challenges. He also visited the stalls showcasing the innovative projects by the students of ATLs and interacted with the young innovators.

The occasion also witnessed the release of the coffee table book celebrating the successful innovations by the ATL students from Jammu Kashmir. The representatives of Corporate and Foundation partners also briefed on their CSR initiatives aimed at fostering a stronger innovation ecosystem in the UT of J&K.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy & Space also graced the launch ceremony.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr. Deepak Bagla, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog; Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department; Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Ram Niwas Sharma, Secretary School Education; Deepali Upadhyay, Program Lead, Atal Innovation Mission; Prof. Naseer Iqbal, Registrar, Kashmir University; senior officials, heads of educational institutions, faculty members, teachers, and students of Atal Tinkering Labs were present.

LG Kavinder Gupta...

meeting, the Lt Governor emphasized the need for heightened vigilance, seamless inter-agency coordination, and proactive measures to safeguard peace, security, and public order across Ladakh. He underlined that the safety and well-being of citizens remains the top priority of the administration and directed officials to maintain a robust mechanism for monitoring the ground situation on a continuous basis.

The Lt Governor stressed upon close cooperation between civil and security agencies to ensure swift response to any challenge. He also called for strengthening intelligence-gathering networks, ensuring community participation in maintaining harmony, and enhancing preparedness to deal with any untoward incident.

The Lt Governor said, "Ladakh has always been known for its peace, harmony, and brotherhood. However, certain anti-social elements are trying to disturb this atmosphere. I urge the people not to fall prey to such attempts. We must maintain peace at all costs."

Highlighting the developmental journey of the region, Shri Kavinder Gupta said Ladakh has witnessed massive progress under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi after becoming a Union Territory. "Our focus is on building a prosperous, peaceful, and developed Ladakh. No disruptive force will be allowed to derail this progress," he asserted.

The Lt Governor appealed to the public to avoid violence and assured full government support: "The Government stands firmly with the people of Ladakh. Every life is precious and we are ensuring the best possible medical care for those injured."

Providing details of the medical response to the people injured in yesterday's incident, Shri Kavinder Gupta informed that on September 24, a total of 90 patients were brought to SNM Hospital, Leh. Of these, three were brought dead and one was declared dead on arrival. Seven patients were critically injured, 20 suffered major trauma, and 61 had minor injuries. While 50 patients were discharged the same day, seven underwent major surgeries, and 45 blood transfusions were carried out.

"On September 25, one critically injured patient was airlifted to New Delhi through an Indian Air Force aircraft for advanced treatment. Presently, 18 patients remain admitted while 11 more were discharged today. The bodies of the four deceased have been handed over to their families after completion of all legal formalities," he said.

On the directions of the Lt Governor, the Deputy Commissioner Leh also visited SNM Hospital to enquire about the well-being of the injured, review the medical facilities, and ensure that all possible assistance is being extended to the patients and their families.

Reiterating his appeal for unity, the Lt Governor said, "Peace and harmony are the foundation of Ladakh's identity. Together, we must protect this legacy and ensure the safety and security of every citizen."

People paying less...

disputes, and accelerate refunds for MSMEs, benefiting every sector.

"Despite this, some political parties are attempting to mislead people of the country. The Congress and its allies, who were running the government before 2014, are lying to the public to hide failures of their government.

"The truth is that during Congress governments, there was rampant looting through taxes, and even the looted money was being looted further. The common citizens of the country were suffering due to the burden of taxes," he said.

Modi, took over as Prime Minister in 2014, said his government has significantly reduced taxes, curbed inflation, and increased both income and savings for people.

He said by making income up to Rs 12 lakh tax-free and implementing new GST reforms, citizens are set to save Rs 2.5 lakh crore this year alone.

The nation is celebrating the GST Bachat Utsav (Savings Festival), Modi added.

The Prime Minister further said stakeholders have experienced three distinct phases -- pre-GST, post-GST, and now the next-generation GST reforms -- and emphasised the significant difference these have made.

Before 2014, Modi said the multitude of taxes made it difficult to manage both business costs and household budgets.

A shirt priced at Rs 1,000 attracted nearly Rs 170 in taxes before 2014. After the introduction of GST in 2017, this dropped to Rs 50. With the revised rates effective from September 22, the same Rs 1,000 shirt now incurs only Rs 35 in tax, he said.

Elaborating further, Modi illustrated the tangible benefits of GST reforms with a relatable example.

He said in 2014, spending Rs 100 on essentials like toothpaste, shampoo, hair oil, and shaving cream incurred Rs 31 in taxes, pushing up the bill to Rs 131.

After introduction of GST in 2017, the same Rs 100 worth of goods cost Rs 118, resulting in direct saving of Rs 13.

With the latest generation of GST reforms, this cost has further reduced to Rs 105, yielding a total saving of Rs 26 compared to pre-2014 rates, the PM said.

Modi further said a household spending Rs 1 lakh annually on necessities in 2014 would have incurred Rs 20,000-25,000 in taxes.

Doda police secures "community service" punishment in public nuisance case

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DODA: In a significant step towards maintaining public order and discipline, the Hon'ble Court, Doda, has issued a Community Service Punishment Order against Roshan Lal S/o Tulsi Ram, R/o Roat, Tehsil Marmat, District Doda.

On Sept 11, 2025, the accused was found in a drunken state at Mandir Mohalla, Roat, where he shouted loudly and created a public nuisance, thereby disturbing peace and tranquility in the area. He also used abusive and offensive language towards passersby, causing inconvenience to the general public. Following the incident, an Istigassa under Section 355 BNS was produced before the Hon'ble Court, Doda.

Today, the Court directed that the accused shall undergo six days of community service at Government Higher Secondary School, Goha, Marmat.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled, 4 bovines rescued, 2 accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police team of PS Udhampur while performing routine naka checking at Naka point Jakhani, intercepted an Auto Load Carrier (JK14H-8234) coming from Ghordi side. During checking, 04 bovine animals were found tied cru-

Doda police organises Sewa Parv cleanliness drive across offices, PSs & PPs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In accordance with the directions of SSP Doda, Sh. Sandeep Mehta, Doda Police today organised "Sewa Parv" activities across the district, covering DPO Doda, DPL Doda, all Police Stations, and Police Posts.

As part of the programme, extensive cleanliness drives were conducted at these establishments, where all available personnel including the SDOs, SHOs and I/C PPs actively participated to ensure sanitation and proper upkeep of the premises. Similar initiatives were also undertaken in other units to promote hygiene

and create a clean and healthy working environment.

The Police officers made awareness among the masses in the respective areas about the cleanliness and hygiene and briefed people to keep their areas clean and green. The citizens were asked to make Mohalla Committees and work for the mission of "Clean Doda, Healthy Doda".

This initiative underscores Doda Police's unwavering commitment to community service, cleanliness, and fostering a healthy atmosphere across all police establishments.

Pipping ceremony held at RPHQ Jammu

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JAMMU: A solemn yet impressive pipping ceremony was held at the Range Police Headquarters, Jammu to formally confer the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police upon Robinder Raina, who has recently been promoted by the Police Headquarters, Jammu & Kashmir. He has been posted as Private Secretary to the Deputy Inspector General of Jammu Range, marking a significant milestone in his distinguished career.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of SSP Sanjay Sharma, Staff Officer to DIG Jammu, along with Gazetted Officers and personnel from various ranks of RPHQ Jammu. The gathering reflected the



pride and camaraderie of the police fraternity as they celebrated the professional advancement of one of their own.

During the event, DIG Jammu extended his heartfelt congratulations to the officer and wished him great success in his new role. He emphasized the importance of leadership, dedication and renewed vigor in serving the public and upholding the values of the Jammu & Kashmir Police. The DIG encouraged the newly promoted officer to approach his responsibilities with rejuvenated energy and unwavering commitment.

The ceremony concluded with warm applause and best wishes from colleagues and senior officers.

TRAVELTIME!		
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		
11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
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	
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
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		

FIND CINEMA		
SHIN CHAN: THE SPICY KASUKABE DANCERS IN INDIA		
PVR KC JAMMU	09:20 AM / 8:20 PM	
JOLLY LLB 3 (HINDI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 1:10 PM / 4:20 PM / 7:30 PM / 10:15 PM / 10:45 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	9:55 AM / 04:25 PM / 7:40 PM / 10:55 PM	
CHALO BULAAVA AAYA HAI- (PUNJABI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	2:30 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	11:40 AM	

elly and being transported illegally without valid permission from District Udhampur towards Kashmir valley.

The accused persons, identified as Anil Kumar S/O Madan Lal R/O Hartaryan, Tehsil Ramnagar, District Udhampur and his associate Joginder Kumar S/O Kikru Ram R/O Mani Ramnagar A/P Satani, District Udhampur were arrested on the spot. The vehicle was seized and all the 04 bovines were rescued safely.

In this regards, a Case FIR No. 344/2025 U/S 223(a) BNS & 11 PCA Act stands registered at Police Station Udhampur.

Another notorious drug peddler nabbed, heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police team of Police Station Rehambal led by its SHO while performing patrolling and checking duty intercepted a suspicious person who attempted to evade the police by turning back and walking away upon noticing the patrolling party. His behavior raised further suspicion.

On being frisked, the person was identified as Jeevan Kumar S/O Tuleyinder Kumar R/o Ward No. 07, Udhampur. During the search, 3.53 grams of heroin was recovered from his possession.

The accused was arrested on the spot. In this regard, Case FIR No. 147/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rehambal. Further investigation is underway.

Army commander reviews security, counter-terrorism grid

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Army's northern commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma on Thursday reviewed the security situation and counter-terrorism grid in Basantgarh area of Udhampur district, the command said.

Basantgarh, a hilly area connecting Udhampur with Kathua and Doda districts through dense forests, has witnessed a series of encounters between Pakistani terrorists and security forces over the past couple of years.

The last encounter in the area on September 19 resulted in the killing of an army personnel but the terrorists managed their escape taking advantage of thick foliage and challenging topography.

The general-officer-commanding-in-chief, northern command was briefed on changing operational landscape and dynamics during the review meeting at Basantgarh.

"He exhorted all ranks to maintain the highest standards of operational readiness," Army's northern command said in a post on X.