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Minister inaugurated a 400-meter Synthetic Athletic Track and a Synthetic Football Turf, flagging off a 100-meter sprint of girls before himself taking part in a 100-meter sprint, amidst applause from the gathering.

The Chief Minister also laid foundation stone for four crucial road connectivity projects, including the upgradation of Shajinga Link Road and Khatijinag Road; construction and upgradation of the Dar Mohallah-Watalbagh-Dangerpora road; construction of the Pati Waskura-Kharbagh road; and construction of the Tehsil Bagh-Lar Bye Pass-Yanihama-Dangerpora road.

During his tour, Omar Abdullah was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Minister for Youth Services & Sports Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Principal Secretary PDD Rajesh H Prasad, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Jatun Kishore, Director General YS&S Anuradha Gupta, Managing Director KPDCIL, Chief Engineers of PDD and PW(R&B), Secretary J&K Sports Council, and other senior officers.

Addressing a large gathering at Government College of Physical Education, Omar Abdullah described the day's inaugurations and laying of foundation stone of multiple works "the beginning of a new era of development in Ganderbal." He said that these projects were not a favour to the people but an expression of gratitude for their trust and support.

The Chief Minister announced that every block in Ganderbal will be equipped with a modern cricket and football ground, as well as a library and reading room with internet facilities, so that both sports enthusiasts and students preparing for competitive exams are equally supported. He asked Youth Services & Sports Department to allow local residents access to the athletic track and football turf at GCOPE during non-academic hours, ensuring wider community participation.

Highlighting the newly inaugurated Saloora Grid Station, Omar Abdullah, who represents Ganderbal constituency, said it would significantly strengthen the power distribution system in the district. He further assured that funds had been allocated for upgrading facilities at the Ganderbal District Hospital, along with recruitment of additional doctors to address manpower shortages.

Omar Abdullah also reflected on the political and administrative challenges following the 2019 changes, but asserted that his government is determined to deliver despite all these limitations. "We will not make excuses, nor will we stop working. We will provide roads, jobs, education, health, electricity, drinking water, and playfields to our people," he said, assuring that no part of Ganderbal district will be left behind.

Concluding his address, the Chief Minister vowed to work "day and night" to ensure that Ganderbal continues on a steady path of growth and development, echoing the legacy of Baba-e-Qaum, Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah.

LG vows to...

further said.On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor laid cornerstones for GOBARdhan Biogas plants and Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs) under SBM (G) for various locations. The Lieutenant Governor interacted with Safai Mitras and felicitated the Swachhagrahis. He also released a documentary on Shri Anarnath Ji Yatra 2025, highlighting Best Sanitation Practices. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Bharat Bushan, DDC Chairman Jammu; Yudhvir Sethi, Vikram Randhawa, Arvind Gupta, Members of Legislative Assembly; Mohammad Aijaz, Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj; Shri Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range; Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Anoo Malhotra, Director General Rural Sanitation; senior officials, Swachhagrahis, members of social organisations, and people from all walks of life were present.

7 tourist spots...

were reopened in the Kashmir division include Aru Valley, Rafting Point Yanner, Akkad Park, Padshahi Park and Kaman Post. The LG had ordered the reopening of five tourist spots in the Jammu division as well. These include Dagan Top in Ramban, Dhaggar in Kathua and Shiv Cave in Salal, Reasi. The LG administration had reopened 16 tourist destinations, including some parts of Pahalgam, in June.

Mata Vaishno Devi...

pilgrims in large numbers are paying obeisance at the temple every day. So far, over 1,25,645 pilgrims have registered for darshan till Sunday night," a Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board official told PTI.

Amid chants of devotion and bhajans echoing through Katra, the base camp of Mata Vaishno Devi, and en route, devotees continue to arrive in the town from across the country and abroad to seek the deity's blessings.

Katra, the twin routes and the Bhawan temple area, dazzling with lights and flower-decked decorations, resonate with spiritual fervour and traditional gaiety as the nine-day-long festival of Shardiya Navratri began on September 22 amid multi-tier security.

He said elaborate arrangements have been made by the Shrine Board for Shardiya Navratri to ensure a comfortable yatra for devotees.

The Board has deployed volunteers to guide pilgrims, manage the anticipated rush and ensure smooth movement along the 13-km yatra route, the official 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, other paramilitary forces and quick-response teams (QRTs) is in place throughout the festival, officials said.

The pilgrimage to the revered shrine resumed on September 17, after being suspended for 22 days due to a devastating landslide along the track caused by torrential rains on August 26, which resulted in the death of 34 people and injuries to 20 others.

Northern Railway to...

Uchit Singhal said the trains are being reinstated only after ensuring track safety and continuity. "Train operations in the division are gradually being normalised as technical work on tracks and bridges is completed," he said, advising passengers to check schedules on the Northern Railway website or helpline numbers.

According to officials, the Jammu Tawi-Kanpur train will run from October 2, followed by the Jammu Tawi-Barauni and Jammu Tawi-Guwahati trains from October 3. The Jammu Tawi-Gorakhpur service will resume from October 4, and the Jammu Tawi-Yoga Nagari Rishikesh train will operate from October 5. The Jammu Tawi-Bhagalpur train will be restored from October 7.

In addition, the Jammu-Sealdah and another Jammu-Guwahati train are scheduled to become operational from October 8, officials added.

Earlier, the railways restored train services in phases, including local services on Katra-Jammu, Katra-Budgam, Katra-Banihal, and Katra-Sangaldan destinations besides

Jammu and other outside destinations, including running of freight trains in September.

Modi to release...

intellectual slavery, and its journey since has been as remarkable and unprecedented as it is inspiring.

A former RSS pracharak himself, Modi also praised Hedgegar's successor, M S Golwalkar, and said his statement that "this is not mine, this belongs to the nation" inspires people to rise above self-interest and embrace dedication to the nation.

He said, "This statement by Guruji Golwalkar has shown millions of volunteers the path of sacrifice and service. This spirit of sacrifice, service, and the discipline it teaches is the true strength of the Sangh. Today, the RSS has been relentlessly and tirelessly engaged in national service for over a hundred years."

Preparations are in full swing to organise a series of events, including over one lakh 'Hindu sammelans', across the country to mark the RSS' centenary year.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday launched a collection of RSS songs, which he described as a product of devotion to the motherland, while addressing an event in Nagpur that was also attended by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

The 'Sangh Geet' album features 25 songs sung by renowned singer Shankar Mahadevan, who performed ten of them live during the event.

Praising the spirit behind the songs, Bhagwat said, "Sangh Geet is born out of devotion to the motherland and the austerity of life. These songs emerge from the lived experiences of Swayamsevaks. These songs are a product of devotion to the motherland."

Warfare now measured...

equipment to guard against such threats. Automated surveillance networks and AI-enabled systems are essential to reduce response times to seconds and ensure readiness at all times," he said.

The defence minister said warfare is now "measured in hours and seconds, not months, with satellites, drones and sensors redefining the nature of conflict".

Singh underlined that India's 7,500-km coastline, along with island territories such as the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, poses "enormous challenges", requiring advanced technology, well-trained personnel and round-the-clock surveillance.

He emphasised that maritime threats are becoming increasingly technology-driven and multi-dimensional.

"What were once predictable patterns of smuggling or piracy have now evolved into sophisticated operations using GPS spoofing, remote-controlled boats, encrypted communications, drones, satellite phones and even networks operating on the dark web," he said.

Singh also warned that terrorist organisations exploit modern tools, such as digital mapping and real-time intelligence, to plan their activities.

"Traditional methods are no longer sufficient, we must be ahead of criminals and adversaries by integrating artificial intelligence, machine learning-based surveillance, drones, cyber-defence systems and automated response mechanisms into our maritime security framework," he said.

The conference is being held from September 28 to 30 in the backdrop of "evolving maritime security challenges" and the growing strategic significance of the Indian Ocean Region.

Singh described the ICG as a vital pillar of national security that has transformed itself from a modest fleet at inception into a formidable force with 152 vessels and 78 aircraft.

Since its establishment, the ICG has apprehended 1,638 foreign vessels and 13,775 foreign fishermen involved in illegal activities within Indian waters, the defence ministry said in a statement.

Kashmir Police Chief...

strategic concerns, the spokesperson said.

During the meeting, the officer laid strong emphasis on enhanced monitoring of social media platforms to curb the spread of misinformation, propaganda, and anti-national content.

Addressing the issue of narcotics, Birdi directed officers to intensify anti-drug operations, increase surveillance on offenders, and actively work toward dismantling drug networks.

The IGP underlined the importance of community outreach and rehabilitation as part of a comprehensive anti-narcotics strategy.

A district-wise security plan was discussed in detail, with focus on key installations, sensitive areas, and inter-agency coordination, the spokesperson said.

The IGP stressed the need for proactive intelligence gathering and swift response mechanisms to effectively deal with emerging threats, he added.

Birdi directed officers to intensify area domination, conduct night patrolling in sensitive areas, and maintain strict surveillance on anti-national elements (ANEs).

He also urged officers to remain vigilant, responsive, and people-centric in their approach, the spokesperson added.

Sustainable urban planning...

that 'No one should be left behind'. We will ensure that marginalized are reached and included in development process for greater progress and prosperity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called for sustainable urban infrastructure and integration of smart technology to develop more liveable and vibrant cities and to mitigate environmental challenges.

"We must adopt sustainable practices and strictly enforce environmental regulations to create a smart urban ecosystem. Tawi Riverfront served as a protective shield for Jammu city against recent natural disasters and saved surrounding areas from flooding. It is an excellent example of sustainable development projects," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor asked the Housing and Urban Development Department to replicate the Swachhata Internship Program and Green Colony initiative of Jammu Municipal Corporation in other cities across Jammu Kashmir.

He also urged all the officials and the people to cultivate a sense of ownership for their city to strengthen connect and contribute for betterment of urban assets and public spaces.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated the students under Swachhata Internship for best model and Swachhagrahis for their exemplary contribution during Shri Anarnath Ji Yatra. Sanction letters were also handed over to beneficiaries under different schemes.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairman Jammu; Yudhvir Sethi, Vikram Randhawa, Arvind Gupta, Surinder Bhagat, Members of Legislative Assembly; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department; Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary Culture; Ramesh Kumar; Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Dr Devansh Yadav, Municipal Commissioner Jammu, senior officials, members of NGOs and people in large number attended the Sewa Parv celebrations.

MC Poonch, SDRF hold emergency preparedness programme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: As part of the ongoing Sewa Parv observance, which commenced on 17th September and will culminate on 2nd October, the Municipal Council Poonch, in collaboration with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Poonch, organised an Emergency Preparedness Programme at Jamia Zia Ul Uloom Higher Secondary School Poonch.

The programme focused on enhancing awareness and readiness among students and staff for effectively tackling emergency situations. Mr. Khalil A. Bandy, CEO MC Poonch, deliberated on the importance of preparedness, stressing the need for building a culture of safety and resilience within the community.

Inspector Masood Ahmed, Instructor Shabbir Hussain and other team members from SDRF conducted informative sessions, supplemented with live demonstrations. The practical exercises included response during a heart attack, handling fire incidents caused by gas cylinders, and safe methods of rescuing individuals from upper floors in case of emergencies.



The demonstrations were

well received and helped participants gain valuable knowledge that can prove life-saving in critical situations.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO MC Poonch Mr. Khalil A. Bandy thanked the SDRF team and the school administration for their

cooperation and contribution in making the programme a success. He also underlined that MC Poonch has already undertaken a series of scheduled activities under Sewa Parv, and more initiatives are planned until its culmination on 2nd October.

Farewell accorded to XEn PDD



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Power Development Department (PDD) bid farewell to its officer, Vijay Sharma who retired from the post of Executive Engineer (XEn) STD Kalakote Division after rendering 37 years of outstanding service.

During his tenure, the department, particularly in Poonch district, achieved significant milestones owing to his tireless efforts and visionary leadership. Among his remarkable contributions was the construction of five new receiving stations in Mendhar, Mandi, Surankote, and Poonch.

These projects have brought immense relief to residents by reducing overloading, curbing unscheduled power cuts, and ensuring steady supply to remote villages, even during harsh snowfall.

His dedicated service has left a lasting impact on the people of Poonch, who deeply appreciate his relentless commitment towards improving power infrastructure. Locals expressed heartfelt gratitude and extended their prayers for his happy and prosperous life after superannuation, wishing him success and good health in the years to come.

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	

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		

SHIN CHAN: THE SPICY KASUKABE DANCERS IN INDIA		
PVR KC JAMMU	09:55AM / 8:20PM	
JOLLY LLB 3 (HINDI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 1:10 PM / 3:45 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	
ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	11:15 AM / 7:00 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	2:35 PM / 10:40 PM	

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