

CJP stir against CEC: Delhi Police detains more than 7K protesters

BJP terms protest ‘flop show’, defeat of 'mobocracy'

NEW DELHI: An unprecedented security clampdown and the detention of over 7,000 protesters, including CJP leader Abhijit Dipke, four former chief ministers and YouTuber Dhruv Rathee, helped the government thwart a planned mass mobilisation at Jantar Mantar on Saturday to press for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Jantar Mantar, a designated protest site, wore a deserted look throughout the day, with the deployment of over 30,000 security personnel and waves of barricades in Lutyens' Delhi to keep the protesters away from the area.

Opposition parties likened the situation to one worse than the Emergency, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urging the youth to "keep ▶ P11



124 ex- IAS, IFS officers back EC, SIR

NEW DELHI: A total of 124 former IAS, IFS, IPS and allied services' officers have strongly defended the Election Commission (EC) and the SIR process, saying a system cannot be honest when someone wins and rigged when that person loses. In an open letter to the citizens of India, ▶ P11

India denounces Pak's lies on J-K Slams ‘nuclear’ rhetoric

UNITED NATIONS: India slammed Pakistan at the UN, saying it is "regrettable" that Islamabad continues to abuse the platform of the world organisation by peddling lies and falsehoods about the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

India exercised its Right of Reply in response to a statement by Pakistan in the Fourth Committee of the UN General Assembly Friday on the Agenda Item 'Decolonization'. The Committee deals with Special Political and Decolonization issues.

"It is regrettable that Pakistan continues to abuse this august forum by peddling lies and falsehoods about the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," Member of Parliament Mahima Kumari Mewar said.

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Right of Reply, Mewar said a country like Pakistan, with an "established" record of military dictatorship, sham elections, incarceration of popular elected leaders, religious extremism and sponsoring terrorism as an instrument of state policy should, in future, refrain from "preaching homilies" at this platform.

"Jammu and Kashmir is and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India," she said.

India called upon Pakistan to stop the grave and ongoing human rights violation in the areas illegally occupied by it, where the population is in open revolt against Pakistan's military occupation, repression, brutality, and illegal exploitation of resources.

Mewar said that in the last few months, the Pakistani armed forces ▶ P11

LG addresses valedictory session of GCC Summit Sinha: GCCs to be vital part of J-K industrial ecosystem in a decade

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JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday addressed the Valedictory Session of the J&K Global Capability Centre (GCC) Summit 2026. He said that Jammu Kashmir is poised to emerge as a significant destination for Global Capability Centres, driven by its young talent, improving infrastructure, investor-friendly policies and growing innovation ecosystem.

Congratulating IIM Jammu, NASSCOM, partner institutions and the administration for successfully organising the two-day summit, the Lieutenant Governor urged participants to reflect on a key question about why companies seeking their next talent hub, innovation centre and capacity destination should Jammu Kashmir be their preferred ▶ P11



LG Sinha extends Navratri greetings

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the eve of Navratri, which commences tomorrow, October 11, 2026.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "Greetings and warm wishes to everyone on the auspicious occasion of Navratri. As the nine sacred days of prayers ▶ P11

India closely monitoring neighbourhood: Rajnath



JODHPUR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that India is closely monitoring developments in the region and beyond, and their strategic implications, as the world witnesses major changes in modern warfare and the global security order.

Speaking at Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 at the Jodhpur Air Force Station, Singh said that the Indian

armed forces, driven by the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', are undergoing a fundamental transformation "structurally, materially and strategically".

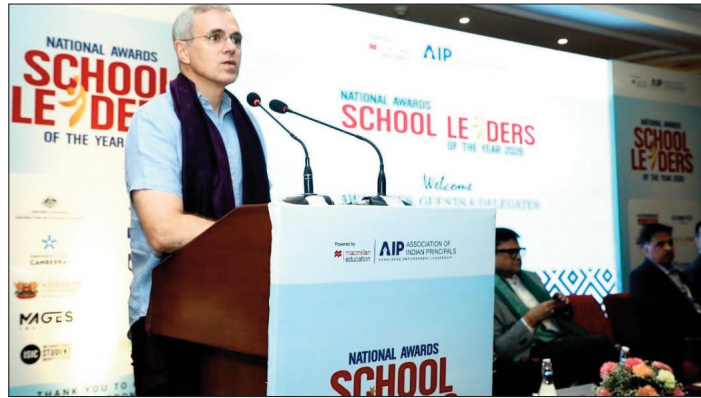
"India is continuously monitoring developments in our region and beyond along with their broader strategic implications," Singh said after witnessing an aerial display.

He said the established world order was rapidly changing while the shape of the future order was yet to emerge.

"India's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat does not mean isolation from the world. It means developing domestic capacity to design, develop, manufacture, maintain and upgrade critical defence technologies," he said.

The defence minister said modern warfare is becoming increasingly complex with rapid technological changes and the emergence of new areas of conflict. ▶ P11

School Leader of Year 2026 Summit & Awards Education must prepare children for life, not just for exams: Omar



NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday called for a future-ready education system that prepares children for life beyond examinations by equipping them

with critical thinking, digital literacy, adaptability and a strong sense of responsibility.

He said governments, educators, institutions, parents and communities must work collectively to address the diverse academic, social and developmental needs of children.

The chief minister was addressing the 'School Leader of the Year 2026 Summit and Awards' here, which brought together leading educators, school principals and institutional heads to celebrate excellence, innovation and leadership in K-12 education.

K-12 education refers to the 13-year schooling system, from kindergarten (K) through class 12, typically covering students aged 5 to 18 before they enter higher education.

Emphasising the role of school leaders in nation-building, Abdullah said principals and headteachers do much more than administer schools. They shape the ▶ P11

Cache of arms, ammunition located in Baramulla forest

5 landmines defused along LoC

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BARAMULLA/POONCH: A major cache of arms, ammunition and explosive material was recovered from a forest area in Baramulla district, police said on Saturday.

Acting on specific intelligence inputs generated by Sopore Police, a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) was launched in the forest area of Mukaam Cherhar, in Sopore township of the north Kashmir district, a police spokesperson said.

He said the searches resulted in the recovery of a major cache of arms, ammunition, grenades, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)

and other related material.

During the search operation, a blue barrel and a bag were found concealed beneath a large boulder, he said.

A Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) was immediately called to the spot for examination and safe handling of the suspected explosive material, the spokesman said.

The recovered material included two assault rifles -- an AK-47 and AK-76 -- along with seven magazines and ammunition, four pistols along with four magazines and ammunition, a multi-grenade launcher (MGL) with five rounds, 11 hand grenades, three ▶ P11

NIA to enquire mid-air cockpit attack on Capt Smit Machchhar

NEW DELHI: Anti-terror agency NIA has registered a case to probe and unearth the larger conspiracy behind last month's mid-air attack on Captain Smit Machchhar inside the cockpit of an Israel-bound flydubai flight, officials said on Saturday.

It was reported that on September 30, 2026, the Omani first officer of flydubai flight no 1073 stabbed the Indian pilot, Captain Machchhar, mid-air "in an apparent attempt to hijack or cause it to crash", according to the First Information Report (FIR) filed by the ▶ P11

MoS PMO urges for scaling up innovation

NEW DELHI: Industry must come forward to accelerate innovation, translate scientific research into commercial ventures and scale up India's technological capabilities to achieve the national objectives set for 2047 and strengthen the country's strategic sovereignty, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, ▶ P11

J-K BJP to launch district-wide protests against NC Govt: LoP



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SRINAGAR: The BJP in Jammu and Kashmir will launch protests across districts against the government to highlight people's issues, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Sunil Sharma

said on Saturday.

Speaking to reporters here, Sharma said, "The way the government is currently functioning in Jammu and Kashmir, it is miles away from the common man and the poor... it is the duty of the BJP at this moment to become the voice of the poor and those on the streets."

He said the party tried hard to raise issues confronting the people inside the Assembly, but the government had shown no inclination to address the concerns of the poor and various sections of society.

"Even today, they remain busy trying to save their own house in the name of ▶ P11



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