

Lt Guy, Omar greet public on Gandhi Jayanti

SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, which will be celebrated tomorrow on 2nd October, 2026.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor has said, "On the occasion of the 157th birth anniversary of our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, I extend my heartiest greetings to the people of Jammu Kashmir.

"Pujya Bapu showed the world that truth, non-violence and self-reliance are eternal paths to peace. His timeless ideals of Satya, Ahimsa, Swadeshi, Swachhata and Sarvodaya continue to guide humanity and inspire us to dedicate ourselves to the country's ► P11

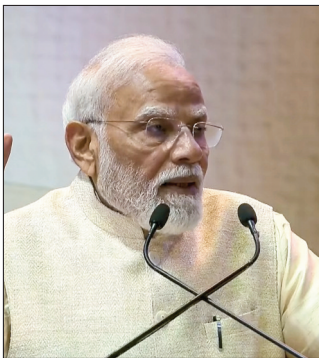
Capt Smit Machchhar's valour averted 9/11-like attack: Modi

PM calls for faster, latest service delivery models

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday praised Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar's bravery for fighting valiantly and preventing another 9/11-like attack, without fearing for his own life.

Addressing the centenary celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) here, he said that Captain Machchhar has shown the world the highest form of courage.

The prime minister said that without fearing for his own life, Captain Machchhar fought valiantly and prevented another 9/11-like attack from happening, a statement issued by his office said. He said that 140 crore Indians salute Captain Machchhar



and are praying for his well-being.

The prime minister said that he also spoke with the injured Captain's father, mother and wife.

"He is undergoing treatment. Today, the entire world is proud of



him. I urge my fellow citizens to pray for Smit's long life and excellent health, and to honour our brother Smit, who has brought glory to India," PM Modi said.

For every Indian, ► P11

LG attends JKP's Kashmir Marathon-Run for Unity Despite linguistic, traditional diversity, India's 'heartbeat' remains one: Sinha

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday graced the closing ceremony of the Kashmir Marathon-Run for Unity. He commended the enthusiasm and energy of the youth who participated in the event and congratulated all the runners and lauded the Jammu Kashmir Police for organizing the marathon, which has become a symbol of peace, unity and progress in the Union Territory.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor emphasized that the Run for Unity was not merely about speed or endurance, but about the strength of collective resolve and faith. He said that when people walk together, no destination remains impossible and underlined the importance of determination and unity in overcoming chal-



lenges. "Run for Unity race is not merely the speed of our steps. It is the speed of our resolve and it is the speed of that faith which tells us that when people walk together, no destination remains impossible," he said. Highlighting India's diver-

sity as its greatest identity, the Lieutenant Governor noted that despite differences in language, tradition, food, and attire, the heartbeat of India remains one. He stressed that unity is India's strength, and when millions of steps move in one direction, even the highest mountains can be crossed.

"Through the Kashmir Marathon-Run for Unity, youth have sent a message that no goal is too distant for a united India. All the runners have conveyed that their participation was an investment in a shared future, and their run was not only for themselves but for the new generation of Jammu Kashmir, which dreams of a better India and for that youth who is working day and night to make Jammu Kashmir a self-reliant and developed Union Territory," he said. The Lieutenant ► P11

J-K EV Policy notified

Rs 15 Cr approved to revamp traditional SMVD yatra route

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led Government has accorded administrative approval for restoration of the traditional Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route at an estimated cost of ₹15 crore.

The Chief Minister said the restoration of the traditional route is aimed at pre-

serving its heritage while strengthening infrastructure and improving facilities for pilgrims undertaking the revered journey.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine is among the major pilgrimage destinations in Jammu and Kashmir, attracting millions of devotees from across the country and abroad every year.

The project will ► P11

200 shops served 'notices'; traders seek relief ahead of festive-season

Chamber seeks amicable resolution, meets JMC Comm

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JAMMU: Around 200 shopkeepers and commercial establishments across Jammu city were served show-cause notices issued by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), triggering anxiety in the business community at a time when traders are preparing for the upcoming festival season and already dealing with

many hardships due to sluggish market demand.

The notices, which require the affected traders to submit documents within 72 hours, have left many shopkeepers worried about the future of businesses that, according to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu, have been operating for decades. The Chamber said several establishments have ► P11

JMC clarifies notices; meets stakeholders

JAMMU: In view of concerns arising among the trading community following notices issued by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to the Narwal Fruit Mandi and ► P11

NASHA UKT J-K ABHIYAN Over 4K accused arrested since April this year: DGP

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Over 4,000 people involved in the drug trade have been arrested in Jammu and Kashmir as part of the 'Nasha Mukta Abhiyan' launched in April this year, Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat said on Thursday.

Addressing the participants of 'Run for Unity' here, Prabhat said police have registered 3,257 cases under the

NDPS Act since April 11 when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched the campaign from Jammu.

"Around 4,000 individuals have been arrested and 170 convictions have been secured," Prabhat said, adding that more than 2,500 cases have already been disposed off.

In terms of property attachments, Jammu and Kashmir currently ranks number one across ► P11

Govt officer, tout held for taking bribe

SRINAGAR: The Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB) in Jammu and Kashmir have arrested a senior government officer and a middleman accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000, an official said.

Deputy Director (Law Enforcement) in the Agriculture Department, Naseer Ahmad Khan and middleman Mohammad Owais were arrested while allegedly demanding and accepting the illegal ► P11



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Nation salutes Gandhi ji and Shastri ji on their birth anniversaries

2 October, 2026

On the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, the nation pays tribute to these two great leaders who dedicated their lives to the service of the nation.

"Gandhi ji demonstrated the way of courage, simplicity, service, and power of compassion, while Shastri ji continues to motivate us in the endeavour of building a strong and self-reliant India."

- Narendra Modi

