

World hasn’t forgotten 9/11, 26/11, Pahalgam attacks: India exposes Pak

“ WHEN MEDIA CAN REACH MASOOD AZHAR AND GET CONFIRMATION FROM HIM ABOUT SUCCESS OF OP SINDOOR, "SURELY THE PAKISTANI STATE KNOWS HIS WHEREABOUTS ”

UNITED NATIONS: Exposing Pakistan’s double-peak on terrorism at the UN, India has called out Islamabad’s efforts to gloss over its state support for terror by announcing rewards for JeM chief Masood Azahar, underlining that the world has not forgotten 9/11, 26/11 and Pahalgam attacks.

India on Wednesday exercised its Right of Reply in response to the Pakistan representative’s statement in the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly on the Agenda Item: Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism. “Pakistan speaks of combating terrorism while seeking to obscure

India slams attacks on 2 Saudi airports

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday strongly condemned the recent attacks on two airports in Saudi Arabia, asserting that targeting civilian infrastructure is completely "unacceptable".

Saudi authorities said three people have been killed in attacks reportedly carried out by Houthis militants over the last two days on Abha international airport and King Khalid airport.

"India condemns the attacks over the past few days targeting Abha International Airport and King Khalid

PM seeks global framework over cyber fraud, deepfakes

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for a global framework to tackle cross-border cyber frauds and the growing threat of deepfakes, urging governments, technology companies, telecom operators and financial institutions to come together for a mechanism to prevent such frauds before they reach the people.

He said India has gained considerable experience in tackling cyber frauds and is ready to share its learnings with the world.

Modi warned that cyber frauds and cyber crimes do not respect borders and asserted that technology achieves scale only when it gains trust.

"Technology achieves scale only when it gains trust. And you all know that cyber fraud and cyber

GST Council curbs arrest power of tax officials, approves faster refunds: FM

“ CM ABDULLAH ATTENDS 57TH GST COUNCIL MEETING ”

NEW DELHI: The GST Council on Thursday approved a sweeping overhaul of tax administration, removing GST officers' power to arrest taxpayers, raising the threshold for criminal prosecution to Rs 5 crore, and providing a faster 3-day refund for most claims.

The council has approved an easier process for small suppliers to register on e-commerce platforms. This includes a simplified procedure for making changes to GST registration, a reduction in penalties, and the estab-



lishment of a committee of officials to address the transition towards invoice matching for input tax credit claims.

A Committee of Officers, expected to submit its report within 3 months, will examine the issue of protecting a genuine buyer who holds a proper invoice, has received the goods and has paid his supplier in full.

Also, the council has approved a Rs 10,000 threshold for serving GST notices. Addressing reporters after the 57th GST Council meeting, Sitharaman said the process reform under GST 2.0 has been driven by the principle of trust and is part of the 'Reform Express' under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The process reforms will be

Nana Patekar passes away at the age of 75

“ PM, LG mourn demise ”

PANAJI: Veteran actor Nana Patekar, who went from painting zebra crossings and printing movie posters to a mainstream artiste who stood out for his raw, earthy performances across diverse films such as “Krantiveer” and “Khamoshi: The Musical”, died at his Goa home in the early hours of Thursday. He was 75.

Patekar, whose powerful screen presence was felt even in ensemble comedies such as “Welcome”, is suspected to have suffered a heart attack, doctors said.

The actor was taken to a private hospital after he was found unconscious at his apartment in

2 killed, 6 injured in road crash

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JAMMU: Two persons were killed and seven others critically injured when an SUV skidded off the road in Ramban district, officials said on Thursday.

The accident took place on Wednesday night when the vehicle carrying nine persons was going towards Chunthan.

The deceased were identified as the driver of the vehicle, Vijay Singh, and 26-year old Sunil Singh. While one of the injured was referred to

Lt Guv Sinha interacts with Mumbai media delegation

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday interacted with a delegation of media representatives from Mumbai at Lok Bhavan, Srinagar.

During the interaction, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted the rapid pace of infrastructure modernization across the Union Territory over the past few years. He said that the realisation of the dream of Kashmir to Kanyakumari rail connectivity marked a historic milestone in Jammu Kashmir’s development journey. “Under



the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the expansion of railway infrastructure is driving a major boost in the tourism, horticulture, industrial and other economy sectors of the Union Terri-

CGD Policy to modernise energy infrastructure: CM

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said the Jammu and Kashmir City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy 2026 is a major step towards expanding access to clean fuel, strengthening industrial competitiveness and modernising the energy infrastructure in the Union Territory.

The CGD Policy was notified following its approval by the Council of Ministers earlier.

The policy establishes a clear, investor-friendly and time-bound framework to expand the use of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) across households, commercial establishments, industries and the transport sector.

"The City Gas Distribution Policy will help expand access to clean and reliable energy while creating an enabling environment for industry and investment. It is an important step towards building a cleaner, more efficient and sustainable energy future for Jammu and Kashmir," the chief minister said.

He said the policy envisages phased expansion of City Gas

Dr Vikas Kundal takes over as Divisional Commissioner

“ Farewell organised in honour of Ramesh Kumar ”

JAMMU: Dr Vikas Kundal on Thursday took over as Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, in a formal charge handover and takeover ceremony held at the Divisional Commissioner’s Office, Jammu.

The outgoing Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, formally handed over the charge to Dr Vikas Kundal in the presence of senior officers and officials of the Divisional Commissioner’s Office.

A farewell function was subsequently organised in honour of the outgoing Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar. Senior officers and officials felicitated him and acknowledged his contributions towards the administration and development of Jammu Division, while conveying their best wishes for his new



The Political Leap Behind the “Vote Chori” Charge

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“ The central weakness in the vote chori campaign is the distance between the examples offered and the certainty of the conclusion announced. A wrongly excluded voter deserves a remedy. An unexplained discrepancy demands investigation. Neither automatically establishes that a named official deliberately stole votes. Dhruv Rathee’s reported Bengaluru speech on 8 October cited West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, with a further reference to Goa, while demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar’s resignation. The theft allegation was carried into the protest’s slogan. That is the political leap this debate must examine: from evidence of possible or actual failure to a verdict about intention and personal responsibility. The campaign deserves the same scrutiny it demands of the Election Commission. Public anger cannot substitute

“ CJP and Dhruv Rathee must answer for the distance between the evidence they cite and the certainty of the accusation they promote ”

for the evidence needed to sustain its most serious charge.

CJP has a political programme to defend

At its 24 September press conference, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) sought a halt to upcoming elections, a freeze on Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, or SIR, and restoration of the January 2025 rolls. It also demanded Kumar’s resignation, criminal proceedings against him and replacement of the 2023 law governing Election Commissioner appointments.

Those demands extend well beyond correcting individual names. They seek changes to the leadership, legal framework and conduct of elections. Each proposal needs its own justification. Voter grievances do not automatically establish the

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2026 / PROPOSED CJP MOBILISATION

THIS MARCH DOES NOT SPEAK FOR US.

Our response to the "Vote Chori" narrative

01 SHOW THE EVIDENCE

Show what establishes deliberate vote theft.

02 EXPLAIN THE ROLLBACK

How would January 2025 rolls protect legitimate new voters? [2]

03 ANSWER VOTERS

Correct wrongful exclusions. Establish responsibility.

WE WANT A STRONG INDIA.

FAIR ELECTIONS. FACTS. ACCOUNTABILITY.

Private players in space sector generate avenues; reduce brain drain: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: The opening of India’s space sector to private players has created new opportunities for young scientific and technical talent within the country and helped reduce the need to look abroad for employment, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, said today.

Dr Jitendra Singh was addressing students at the NaMo Book Fest at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, a two-day festival being held on October 7-8 and commemorating 25 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Head of Government, through books written by different authors on various facets of his life, leadership and public service. The festival was coordinated by senior journalist Ashok Shrivastava.

Later, interacting with students in a question-answer session, Dr Jitendra Singh said that earlier, limited opportunities within the domestic space ecosystem meant that many young professionals looked overseas, whereas the opening up of the sector



Landmine recovered along LoC in Poonch

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MENDHAR: Army troops on Thursday detected and destroyed a landmine along the Line of Control (LoC) in Mendhar subdivision of Poonch district, officials said.

The landmine was detected during routine patrolling in Balakote forward area and subsequently destroyed by a bomb disposal team, they said. As part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, the forward

IGP Sujit Kumar felicitates Srinagar Police for busting inter-state narcotics network

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SRINAGAR: Kashmir Police Chief Sujit Kumar on Thursday felicitated Srinagar Police for busting an organised inter-state narcotics network, officials said.

Eight people were arrested, and huge quantities of narcotic substances, cash, gold and other valuable assets worth crores of rupees were recovered as a team of Srinagar Police busted the network operating in Srinagar.

Kumar, the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir Zone, felicitated the team led by SSP Srinagar G V Sundeeep Chakravathy. It included Zonal SP Showkat Ahmad, Sub-Div-



sional Police Officer Junaid Wali, and others.

The investigation also exposed inter-state linkages and financial channels associated with the organised