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of the DAY

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

-Buddha

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National Conference on Cold Water Fisheries

Rs 100 Cr Integrated Aqua Park project to boost aquaculture infra: Rajiv Ranjan

J&K can be national fisheries model: Sinha

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SRINAGAR: Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh on Saturday announced a Rs 100 crore Integrated Aqua Park Project in Anantnag district to strengthen aquaculture infrastructure and create employment opportunities in the region.

Singh, the Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD) and Panchayati Raj, announced during the National Conference on Cold Water Fisheries organized by the Department of Fisheries, here.

The event was also attended by J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and Union Min-



ister of State, FAHD and Panchayati Raj S P Singh Baghel.

The Integrated Aqua Park Project to be established in Anantnag district will strengthen aquaculture infrastructure, boost cold-water fisheries development, increase fish

production and create employment opportunities in the region, Singh said.

He said there is a need to scale trout production and strengthen the incomes of cold-water fish farmers by enhancing productivity, improving value addition and tapping into export markets where these species hold strong demand. He emphasised the government's focus on promoting end-to-end

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CM calls for tapping fisheries potential

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday emphasized the need to adopt improved scientific techniques and develop modern infrastructure and value addition to enhance cold water fisheries production in Jammu and Kashmir while ensuring sustainability and livelihood security for fish farmers. The Chief Minister was addressing a day-long National Conference on Cold Water Fisheries held at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC)

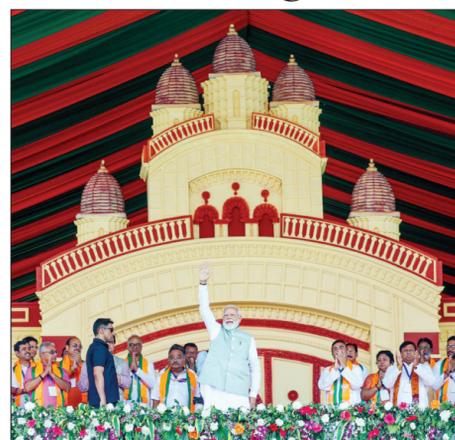
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PM Modi attacks TMC on SIR, predicts Mamta's Bengal exit

KOLKATA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the ruling TMC, accusing it of opposing the SIR of electoral rolls to "shield infiltrators" and alleging that illegal immigration under its rule had altered West Bengal's demographic balance, turning Bengali Hindus into minorities in several areas ahead of the assembly elections.

Addressing a massive rally at the iconic Brigade Parade Ground here, Modi framed the upcoming assembly polls as a decisive battle for the state's future, declaring that the "countdown has begun to oust the Maha Jungle Raj" of the Mamata Banerjee government and urging people to bring about political change to "save the soul of Bengal".

The prime minister said a BJP government in the state would ensure governance based on "Sabka



Saath, Sabka Vikas", warning that "Sabka Hisab Liya Jayega" (everything will be accounted for) for the alleged atrocities committed by TMC goons once the rule of law prevails.

Alleging infiltration had emerged as a major security concern, Modi claimed

the TMC government had encouraged illegal immigration for electoral gains and that demographic changes were visible in several districts.

"The TMC is deliberately making Bengali Hindus a minority in several places,"

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INBRIEF

Wangchuk freed from Jodhpur jail

JODHPUR: Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk was released from Jodhpur central jail on Saturday after the Union government decided to revoke his detention with immediate effect. Wangchuk was detained on September 26 last year under the National Security Act (NSA) pursuant to an order issued by the Leh district magistrate. He has already undergone nearly half of the detention period stipulated under the Act.

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Commercial LPG sale starts in 29 states, UTs

NEW DELHI: Commercial LPG cylinder distribution has begun in 29 states and Union Territories, while authorities have stepped up raids and surprise inspections across the country to curb hoarding and black-marketing amid heightened pressure on cooking gas supplies, a senior oil ministry official said on Saturday.

Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said panic booking continues to rise despite the fact that there are enough stocks available to meet domestic household requirements of cooking gas LPG. India, she said, has ade-

quate crude oil inventories, and domestic refineries are operating at full capacity, ensuring sufficient availability of petrol and diesel across the country.

"There are no dry-out reports from any retail outlets. Our refineries are operating at full capacity, and sufficient petrol and diesel are available. Based on our requirements, we produce adequate petrol and diesel domestically and do not need to import," she said.

Sharma said domestic LPG supply is being prioritised even as the government continues to closely monitor the situation amid the prevailing geopolitical

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Experts stress threat-based 'VIP Security' amid surge in demands after attack on Dr Abdullah

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JAMMU: The recent assassination attempt on National Conference (NC) president Dr Farooq Abdullah in Jammu has triggered political reactions and renewed debates over security arrangements in Jammu and Kashmir, even as officials and observers caution against drawing premature conclusions or equating the incident with a terror attack.

The attack attempt, which took place during a private wedding function in a posh area of Jammu, is being viewed by investigators as a 'revenge-driven act' by an individual rather than an organised terrorist strike. Authorities have maintained that the matter remains under in-

vestigation and is sub-judice. The accused has been remanded to five days' custody for questioning, and the exact motive and possible linkages are yet to be conclusively established.

Despite the ongoing probe, several political leaders from different parties have used the incident to raise the fresh demands for enhanced personal security cover.

Security experts warn that such reactions, if driven by political considerations rather than genuine threat assessments, could place an unnecessary burden on the already stretched security apparatus in the Union Territory.

Officials point out that indiscriminate expansion of VIP security cover may divert manpower from safe-

guarding vulnerable installations and maintaining general law and order. Jammu and Kashmir continues to face complex security challenges, including counter-terror operations, border vigilance and protection of critical infrastructure. In this context, the J&K Police and Central forces have been operating with heightened professionalism and alertness.

Security analysts underlined that the thwarting of the attack itself demonstrates the effectiveness of the existing protection framework. The Close Protection Team (CPT), a crucial component of the VVIP security system, played a decisive role in neutralising the threat.

"Typically comprising a minimum section of highly trained personnel

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DM forms teams to monitor LPG stock

JAMMU: District Magistrate Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas on Saturday chaired a meeting with LPG gas distributors operating across the district.

Additional District Magistrate Vidhu Shekhar, Anusya Jamwal and Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh were also part of the meeting.

At the outset, the DM categorically directed all distributors to adhere to the prescribed supply

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SIT to probe assassination bid on NC chief

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police has constituted a seven-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the recent assassination attempt on former chief minister and National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah during a marriage function here.

Inspector General of Police, Bhim Sen Tuti ordered the setting up of the SIT, considering the "seriousness and sensitivity" of the case. The team comprises senior officers including SSP Sanjay Sharma, SP Headquarters Jammu Irshad Hussain Rather, DySP Arvind Kumar Sambyal,

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CM Omar rolls out online ticketing for J&K gardens

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday launched an online ticketing solution for entry to gardens across the Union territory.

An official spokesman said it marks a significant move towards promoting digital governance and enhancing visitor convenience. The Department of Floriculture, Gardens and Parks, in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Bank, has introduced an online ticketing solution for entry to gardens, he said. The

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Ganju takes over as PK Chairman

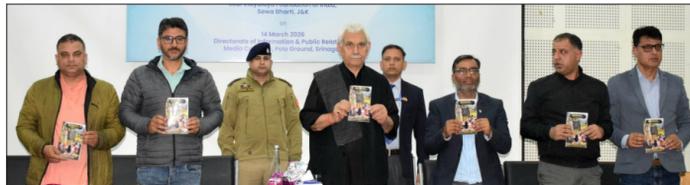
JAMMU: Panun Kashmir, an organisation representing Kashmiri Pandits, has expelled its former chairman Ajay Chrungoo with immediate effect and ordered an enquiry into his alleged foreign links, including a reported interaction with US-based Pakistani ISI agent Ghulam Nabi Fai, a circular said on Saturday.

Chrungoo has been replaced by Tito Ganju, the circular issued by Panun Kashmir said.

Chrungoo was not immediately available for comment. The circular was issued by Panun Kashmir

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Kashmir's future lies in quality of life, not just economy: Sinha



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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called upon the people to introspect and contribute in social progress.

"Ask yourself: What am I doing for my community? What legacy am I building

for the people? What inheritance do I wish to leave for future generations? The answers within you will reshape our tomorrow," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the release event of the book "Mehsoos-Stories of social transformation" at DIPR

Auditorium, Media Complex, Srinagar. The book highlights inspiring grassroots stories of selfless service and transformative social initiatives undertaken by volunteers of Sewa Bharti J&K and Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India. "This book is inspiring

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Hosabale calls for accord to counter divisive forces

NEW DELHI: RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Saturday said that several divisive forces are trying to fracture the social psyche based on class and caste, and gave a call for unity in society and the country.

Paying tributes to Sant Ravidas on his 650th birth anniversary year, Hosabale said he holds a distinct position in India's "illustrious tradition of sants."

While rejecting birth-based discrimination, he considered deeds as the only testimony of greatness, the RSS second-in-command noted. Sant Ravidas



played a "historical role" in shaping the social mindset for getting rid of dogmas and outdated customs, shedding the irrelevant traditions and accepting social transformations in tune

with the changing times, he said.

"In present times, when several divisive forces are trying to fracture the social psyche based on class and caste, all of us need to resolve to work towards the unity and integrity of the society and the nation by understanding the essence of Poojya Sant Ravidas's life message," Hosabale said.

Highlighting the importance of the Sant tradition in shaping India's spiritual and social life, Hosabale said it has not only played a key role in strengthening

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