

INBRIEF

Hawker dies
of gunshot
wound at
Resham Ghar

JAMMU: A 35-year-old man was found dead at his residence here on Thursday with a gunshot wound in the head. Police are suspecting suicide or accidental firing even as some family members and relatives alleged that he was killed.

Deceased Deepak Sharma, a resident of Resham Garh Colony in Jammu city, was a newspaper hawkker by profession, officials said.

According to the officials, Sharma sustained the fatal gunshot injury at around 12:30 pm and died on the spot.

A police team rushed to the house after being informed about the incident, along with forensic experts, and seized a firearm ► **P11**

ACB files 2
FIRs against
JKAS officer

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered two separate cases against a Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officer for allegedly amassing disproportionate assets and indulging in malpractices in the distribution of PDS foodgrains, officials said on Thursday.

The first FIR was registered against Sheeba Inayat, the then block development officer of Singhpora/Pattan, for accumulation of assets disproportionate to known source of income held by her, an ACB spokesman said in a statement.

He said the assets include huge bank balance, FDRs/LIC policies, ► **P11**

Architects of 9/11 not
hiding in caves: India
‘knocks’ Pak at UNSC

UNITED NATIONS: In a scathing attack on Pakistan, India has said the "architects" of the 9/11 attacks were not hiding in "caves or badlands," but had long evaded detection, asserting that the same "permissive environment" continues to support terror groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Speaking at a UN Security Council meeting, India's Permanent Representative Harish Parvathani invoked the history of the September 11, 2001 attacks. He said al-Qaeda leaders Osama bin Laden and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed were eventually found in settled communities rather than remote hideouts.

"The international community supported the global campaign to counter terrorism in the wake of 9/11. Let us not forget, however, that al-Qaeda's terror ecosystem established its strategic depth beyond Afghanistan through its affiliates," Parvathani said on ► **P11**

Sinha calls for early warning system on
climate change for real-time decisions

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday called for creating an early warning system on climate change so that real-time decisions can mitigate its impact.

Addressing a national seminar on environment, climate and sustainability, Sinha said systems should not merely record changes in glaciers, forests or river valleys, but also forecast what could happen next.

"We must be able to deliver that information to those who today need to decide what should be built, where it should be built, and what should be conserved," Sinha



said.

Sinha said the role of scientists and environmental experts is no longer just to describe the changes taking place. "They must become co-

creators of early warning systems. The time when we waited five years for a report on a subject is gone. Now we must make real-time decisions," he said. ► **P11**

5th Edition of SEMICON India Conference
**Modi pitches India as manufacturing
hub; asserts support for chip industry**

■ Govt to
target 200
chip design
startups:
Vaishnav

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday pitched India as a trusted alternative for global manufacturing, telling chip industry leaders that his government is taking every step necessary to make the country a preferred semiconductor destination.

"The world is looking for new and trusted manufacturing destinations; India is steadily preparing itself to meet this need," Modi said,



inaugurating the fifth edition of the SEMICON India conference here. "India is taking every step needed to become a preferred destination for the semiconductor industry."

The prime minister paired the pitch with news that Indian-made chips have begun reaching customers for the first time. "Now our chips, coming out of India's plants, have started reaching customers in the country and the

world," he said.

He framed the push within a broader narrative of economic momentum, citing 7.8 per cent quarterly GDP growth, a recent sovereign rating upgrade by a ► **P11**

2 Pak based JeM terrorists killed,
1 suspect detained in Udhampur
GOC-in-C reviews security, anti-terror ops

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JAMMU/POONCH: Two Pakistani terrorists of the proscribed Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit were killed and an alleged over-ground worker was detained in a remote high-altitude area in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said on Thursday.

The joint operation by the Army, police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was conducted in the dense Brattal Sohan and Khubban forests of Majalta, bordering Kathua district, amid heavy rain, they said.

The Army and police confirmed the killing of the two terrorists in the operation,

with the latter identifying the slain ultras as Saddam and Mustafa, both Pakistani nationals.

"In a joint intelligence-based operation during the intervening night of September 16-17, confirmed inputs indicated the presence of terrorists in the general area of Brattal, Udhampur. Despite hostile weather, difficult terrain and poor visibility, troops of White Knight Corps, Police and CRPF launched a targeted counter-terrorism operation, resulting in the neutralisation of two terrorists."

"The operation is still in progress, with search and surveillance continuing in the area. Security forces remain deployed to track and neu-

tralise any remaining threat," the Jammu-based White Knight Corps of the Army said in a post on X.

In a separate post on X, the Jammu and Kashmir Police said the two neutralised Pakistani JeM terrorists were identified as Saddam and Mustafa.

An AK-series assault rifle with four magazines, an M4 carbine with three magazines, a Glock pistol with two magazines and four grenades were seized from the scene of the gunfight, police said.

Army's northern commander Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma lauded the White Knight Corps for its swift, precise and professional action in ► **P11**

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**Sinha celebrates PM's
birthday with children**

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah extended their greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 76th birthday on Thursday.

"Wishing Hon PM @narendramodi ji a very happy birthday. Wish you good health and a long life," Abdullah said in a post on X.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor said Modi's visionary leadership in shaping a self-reliant, developed and progressive new India continues to inspire all. "Heartfelt birthday greetings to our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri @narendramodi Ji. Your ► **P11**



Abdullahs' want
Statehood to revive
their kingdom: LoP

SRINAGAR: Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, on Thursday alleged that the Abdullah family wants statehood for imposing the Public Safety Act (PSA) and open firing on youth.

Speaking to reporters in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, Sharma said people of Jammu and Kashmir are not concerned about the restoration of statehood, and that only the Abdullah family wants it "to bring back their lost kingdom". ► **P11**

Pahalgam Attack Case: Court
issues NBW against LeT Cmdr

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JAMMU: A special NIA court in Jammu has issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Saifullah, who has been linked to several major terror attacks, including the April 2025 Pahalgam massacre, officials said on Thursday.

Saifullah is a resident of Changa Manga village in Pakistan's Kasur. He is also known in the terror ranks by the aliases of Sajid Jatt, Ali Bhai, Habibullah Malik, Langda, Noomi, Numan, Usman Habib and Shani.

He is a key figure in the terror outfit's operations and has remained active for over two decades. The NBW comes after NIA busted

a "deep-rooted" LeT module headed by Pakistani terrorist Abdullah, alias Abu Hureira, who was arrested with another Pakistani accomplice, Usman alias Khubaib, and three local operatives early this year.

Quoting an order issued by the special NIA court on September 8, the official said the case arose after J&K Police intercepted a LeT operative in the Pandach area of Srinagar in March, leading to the successful arrest of the entire group, particularly Abdullah, who had been on the run for 16 years, and successfully established bases outside the Union Territory.

Seeking the NBW against the LeT commander for his role in the terrorist module, the NIA ► **P11**

Govt approves
Rs10.22 Cr for
devp of Tribal
Tourism Village

SRINAGAR: The Government of Jammu & Kashmir, led by the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, has accorded administrative approval for the development of a state-of-the-art Tribal Tourism Village at Behri Qasab in Mendhar area of Poonch district.

The project, sanctioned at a cost of ₹10.22 crore under the Capex Budget 2026-27, aims to showcase the rich tribal culture and heritage of the region while strengthening local ► **P11**

Because of Patel, 'Ek Bharat'
will be 'Ek Bharat' always: VP

HYDERABAD: Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Thursday said the country's first Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel carried an extraordinary responsibility in the integration of princely states with the Indian Union post-Independence and laid the foundation for a strong unified 'Ek Bharat'.

Only because of Patel, 'Ek Bharat' will be 'Ek Bharat' forever, he said.

Patel's contribution must be understood in the larger context of national consolidation, he said, speaking at the Hyderabad Liberation Day celebration organised here by the Centre



to mark the merger of the erstwhile princely state of Hyderabad with the Indian Union.

The Vice President said that September 17, 1948 marked the conclusion of a decisive chapter in the history of independent Bharat, with the integration of the erstwhile Hyderabad state into the Indian Union following the events of September 1948 and 'Operation Polo'. He said that Hyderabad Liberation ► **P11**

Dr Jitendra
launches 51st
Doppler Radar
at Sambalpur

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, on Thursday virtually inaugurated the India's 51st state-of-the-art Doppler Weather Radar at Sambalpur, Odisha, in the presence of Chief Minister of Odisha, Mohan Charan Mahi.

The inauguration marks a significant addition to India's weather observation infrastructure and is aimed at strengthening forecasting and early warning capabilities across Western Odisha and adjoining ► **P11**