

INBRIEF

BrahMos giving Pak
'sleepless'
nights: Shah

NOIDA: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said BrahMos missiles manufactured in a now-transformed Uttar Pradesh were giving "sleepless" nights to Pakistan, while the AK-203 assault rifle manufactured in Amethi has become a weapon against "Naxalites and terrorists".

He was speaking during the inauguration of the fourth edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) in Greater Noida.

Shah, who is also the Union cooperation minister, rejected critics' claims about the state of the economy and asserted that India has not only maintained but "strengthened" its economic growth under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's **▶P11**

PM praises 'Make in India' success, cites infra growth

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday highlighted the success of his government's 'Make in India' initiative, and said creation of infrastructure, enterprise and innovation allows the country to prosper.

The 'Make in India' programme was launched on September 25, 2014 with the ambition of making India a global hub for manufacturing, design and innovation.

"More made in India. More investment in India. More exports from India. A transformation visible across sectors. 'Make in India' is about creating infrastructure, enterprise and innovation that allow India to grow and prosper," he said in a post on X.

The prime minister also posted a video on his social media handles showcasing the success India achieved in semiconductor industry, aerospace, train engines and coach manufacturing, ship building, metro networks, automobile, medicines, solar power, mobile phone making among others.

The 'Make in India' initiative is focused on facilitating **▶P11**

Karan Singh briefs PM on digitisation of rare 'manuscripts' archives



NEW DELHI: Statesman, scholar and former Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Karan Singh, accompanied by his son and former MLC Vikramaditya Singh, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi today. The meeting saw discussions on current affairs, and, religious and heritage conservation initiatives in Jammu & Kashmir. Dr. Karan Singh during the **▶P11**

Omar's statehood resolution 'sparks' ruckus in Assembly; House adjourned

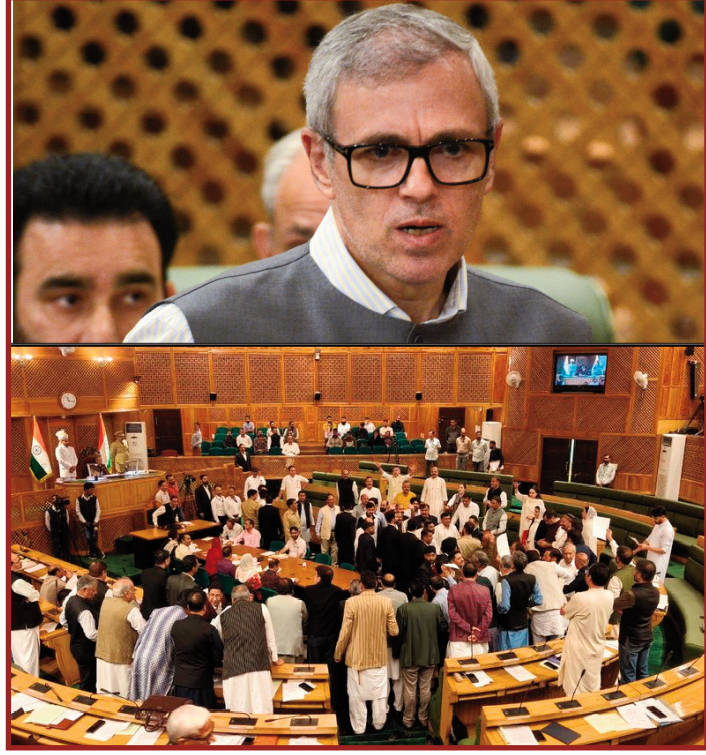
“BJP MLAs enter well in protest, war of words erupts”

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday moved a resolution in the assembly to seek urgent restoration of full statehood to the union territory, leading to ugly scenes in the House and even fist fights.

Members of the opposition BJP stormed the well of the House in protest, and angry words broke out between them and legislators of the ruling National Conference (NC).

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather later adjourned the House when his repeated pleas asking the MLAs to go back to their seats went unheeded.



Don't smuggle back Art 370, 'Autonomy': LoP warns CM



SRINAGAR: Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, on Friday accused Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of invoking Article 370, **▶P11**

HC turns down ED's plea for more charges in JKCA Scam

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Friday rejected a petition filed by the Enforcement Directorate seeking addition of charges related to receipt and concealment of stolen property in a case linked to the alleged Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association fund scam.

Justice Sanjay Parihar, however, set aside a trial court's finding that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) lacked 'locus standi' to move such an application, but held that the substantive prayer for invoking sections 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and 424 (dishonest or fraudulent removal or concealment of property) of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) lacked merit based on the material currently available.

The anti-money laundering probe agency had challenged an order dated March 22 passed by the chief judicial magistrate (CBI cases), which dismissed its application seeking the incorporation of additional charges under sections 411 and 424 of the RPC into the primary case being prosecuted by the CBI.

The ED contended that although the CBI filed the primary chargesheet under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant) of the RPC, the material gathered during the probe disclosed sufficient grounds to frame charges for receiving and concealing stolen property as well.

Refusing to add the charges at this stage, the court observed that the accusations emerging from the CBI chargesheet were essentially founded upon **▶P11**

Patnitop envisioned under Global Tourism Destination Scheme: CM

“'Hailstorm damage in Banakoot assessed'”

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today informed the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly that Patnitop has not been declared a world-class tourism destination by the Government of India, while the J&K Government has proposed the destination for consideration under the Centre's Globally Competitive Tourism Destination Scheme.

Replying to a question by MLA Chenani Balwant Singh Mankotia during the Question Hour of the ongoing Autumn Session, the Chief Minister said a preliminary survey for identification of suitable land parcels, along with comprehensive stakeholder consultation conferences, had already been completed for the proposed initiative.

He said the requisite ground data and basic details for the proposal were currently being compiled. No funds have so far been sanctioned or released by the Government of India for the proposed project.

On the revision of the PDA Master Plan-2000, the Chief Minister said the Tourism Department had initiated the process for comprehensive revision and preparation of Master Plans for various Development Authorities, including the Patnitop Development Authority.

He said the initiative seeks to address rapid urban growth, modern infrastructure requirements and sustainable spatial development, besides optimising land use, improving public amenities and establishing a clear roadmap for long-term development.

The Chief Minister informed the House that the Request for Proposal, as finalised by the Steering Committee constituted by the Government, had been floated for engagement of a consultancy agency to prepare the Master Plan. Regarding **▶P11**

85th Foundation Day celebrations of CSIR Technological sovereignty 'decisive' to national sovereignty: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: Technological sovereignty is crucial to national sovereignty and India cannot remain dependent indefinitely on imported technologies in areas critical to its economy, security and development, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, said today.

Addressing the 85th Foundation Day celebrations of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) at C. R. Subramaniam Hall, NASC Complex, Pusa, New



Delhi, he said CSIR laboratories must identify areas of critical technological dependence and work towards indigenous solutions that are globally competitive in performance, quality and cost. **▶P11**

Police arrests man in Samba firing incident

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday arrested an accused allegedly involved in a recent firing incident on the national highway in Samba district, officials said.

Acting on specific information about the movement of the accused, police teams launched a coordinated operation during patrolling in the jurisdiction of police station Vijaypur and arrested Harish alias Herry, a resident of Ranjari in Samba district, they said.

The accused was wanted in connection with the firing incident that took place on the highway at Tarore under the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana, officials said.

In the firing, Vishal Singh alias Vishu, son of Narinder Singh, a resident of Rahya in the Vijaypur area of Samba district, was injured and hospitalised, they said. A case has been registered at Bari Brahmana **▶P11**

Centre extends AFSPA in parts of 3 NE states

NEW DELHI: The Centre has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, in specified areas of Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur for another six months from October 1, according to Gazette notifications published on Friday.

This followed a review of the law and order situation there.

The AFSPA, which gives special powers to the Armed Forces, will remain in effect in these areas for six months from October 1, unless withdrawn earlier, the notification said. In Manipur, the Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the "disturbed area" declaration **▶P11**

'A terrorist country is asking me that question': Jaishankar's strong reply to Pak journalist at UN

UNITED NATIONS: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday sharply responded to a Pakistani journalist who asked him a question related to terrorism. "A terrorist country is asking me that question. Come on," Jaishankar said in a strong response to the question by the Pakistani journalist here.

Jaishankar and Liberia's Foreign Minister Sara Beysolow Nyanti delivered remarks to the press at the UN headquarters on the Group of Friends on Safety and Security of Shipping and Seafarers.

After their remarks, the Pakistani journalist stood up and shouted a question to Jaishankar, "When will your government stop sponsoring terrorism in Pakistan?"

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Harish



Parvathaneni, told the Pakistani journalist, "You have heard your reply. You have heard your response, loud and clear."

On Thursday, an Indian journalist had asked Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, as he entered the UN building, "When will you stop harbouring terrorists?"

Earlier, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has

said, "Frustrations are mounting among the international community over the lack of UN reforms, asserting that those opposing them are "using" the world organisation and "don't care" about it.

Jaishankar said that while the issue of reforming the UN has been a regular theme every year as nations gather in New York for the annual General Assembly sessions, but "I feel it's getting stronger."

"The frustrations are mounting because at the end of the day, if we are serious about reform, we need some text-based negotiation because you can't have a negotiation without a text. Then it's not a negotiation. Then it's just gaining time."

He underlined that the "sentiment for reform, I do think, is **▶P11**

STATEHOOD RESOLUTION

Govt attempts to overrun its constitutional domain; challenges Parl, SC: Sham Sharma

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA Sham Lal Sharma, accompanied by MLAs Dr. Narinder Singh, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Yudhvir Sethi, Arvind Gupta and Surinder Bhagat, addressed a press conference at the BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, and strongly criticised the NC-Congress government over the resolution moved by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the ongoing autumn session of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

Sham Lal Sharma said that the NC-Congress government was attempting to over-



run its constitutional domain and challenge the authority of Parliament and the Supreme Court, while using the Assembly to revive issues concerning autonomy, separate identity and the pre-1953 arrangement, which, he said, posed a serious danger to the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. The resolution moved by the Chief Minister today referred to the Assembly resolutions of June 26, 2000 and November 6, 2024, besides calling for the immediate and urgent restoration of full statehood to J&K.

Sham Sharma said that although the autumn session of the J&K Assembly was progressing, the proceedings

had, according to him, not been conducted properly by the government and the Chair right from the first day. He alleged that the government was presently on the backfoot because of its failures and that the Speaker was attempting to provide a "safe passage" to the government instead of ensuring the proper functioning and sanctity of the House.

Sharma said the government was trying to create an issue out of thin air to divert attention from the basic issues concerning the people. He asserted that the BJP was committed to pursuing positive politics and standing firmly with the people of Jammu & Kashmir. **▶P11**