

THOUGHT
of the
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Too many of us
are not living our
dreams because
we are living our
fears.
—Les Brown

IN BRIEF

Fratricide: Four
CISF personnel
killed in Kathua

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JAMMU: Four Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel, including an assistant commandant, were killed after a colleague allegedly opened fire in Kathua district on Tuesday evening, officials said.

The incident took place at around 7:30 pm at Sewa-III hydroelectric power project located at Mashka village in Basohli, near the border with Himachal Pradesh, the officials said.

According to preliminary information, the accused, Head Constable Abhidesh Kumar, allegedly resorted to firing from his service rifle following an argument with some of his colleagues.

Four CISF personnel sustained critical injuries in the firing and later succumbed to their injuries at **P11**

Most wanted
LeT terrorist
'Musa' killed
in Budgam

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SRINAGAR: A most wanted terrorist belonging to Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was killed on Tuesday in an encounter with the Rashtriya Rifles in the higher reaches of Budgam district in central Kashmir, security officials said.

While Kashmir-based Chinar Corps did not reveal the identity of the slain terrorist, officials identified him as Sulaiman Shah alias 'Musa'. The Army tweeted that along with other **P11**

Man from Bihar
detained near IB
for questioning

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JAMMU: Security forces on Tuesday detained a man from Bihar for questioning at a forward village near the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district over suspicions of his possible links with Pakistan, officials said.

Tara Chand Sadda, a resident of Shoirgaon in Bihar's Araria district, was taken into custody while he was working in a field at Kaku Da Kotha village in Ramgarh sector after more than a dozen Pakistani contact numbers were found stored on his mobile phone, they said. **P11**

Devp should benefit all,
narrow disparities: RSS

YAVATMAL: Development should seek to achieve the welfare of every person with the "last person" in society at its centre, and the gap between the highest and lowest levels of development should be as small as possible, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Tuesday.

Speaking at an event organised to mark the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Jayanti here, Bhagwat also said the concept of 'Antyodaya' meant ensuring that the last person in society was as happy as possible.

"The last person in society should be as happy as possible for the country to be happy. This is what is called 'Antyodaya'," he said.

Development can not mean that everyone reaches the same level, but the disparity should be minimised, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief said.

"Some may say that in such a large society, everyone cannot remain at the same level of development. That is fine. But the gap between the lowest and highest levels of development should be as small as possible," he said.

Referring to the philosophy of late Jana Sangh leader Deendayal Upadhyaya, Bhagwat said Upadhyaya did not accept the definition of development as "the maximum good of the maximum people".

"He said there should be good for everyone," the RSS chief said. He also **P11**

Ruckus continues on Statehood
resolution; BJP MLAs 'walk out'

Speaker allowed Resolution against rules, says BJP

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SRINAGAR: Ruckus erupted in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Tuesday over the adoption of a resolution moved by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah a day ago demanding urgent restoration of full statehood.

Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma said the BJP has moved a motion seeking Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather's removal for allowing the resolution, and has left it to his conscience to step down.

The BJP said the resolution for full statehood, passed by the Assembly on Monday, was allowed by the Speaker in contravention of the rules.

As soon as the Assembly proceedings began on Tuesday, Sharma alleged that the Speaker allowed the resolution despite advice from the Law Department that it was "unconstitutional".

"I leave it to the conscience of the Speaker to step down from the chair," the LoP said.

However, the treasury benches took to their feet and shouted slogans, such as "vote chor", against the opposition.

The Speaker asked the members to take their seats. "I know what my powers and functions are as a Speaker. There is a **P11**



NC-BJP MLAs trade 'barbs' over
Municipal, Panchayat elections

MLA Pathania opposes J&K Municipal (Amendment) Bill

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SRINAGAR: BJP MLA Ranbir Singh Pathania strongly opposed the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2026, introduced by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, describing the proposed change in the delimitation mechanism as a dark chapter in the legislative history of Jammu and Kashmir. Pathania questioned the wisdom of taking the State Election Commission out of the process of delimitation of municipal wards, stressing that electoral boundaries must be determined through an independent and impartial **P11**



Assembly
passes five
Bills, CM
withdraws 2

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Tuesday passed five Bills, including those related to Ease of Doing Business, to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act, and the Municipal Act, **P11**



Assemblies, Parl are for debates: Farooq

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SRINAGAR: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday expressed hope that state assemblies and Parliament will continue to do better for the people of the country through proper discussions.

The 88-year-old National Conference patron watched his son lead the treasury benches from the Speaker's gallery, sitting through the proceedings of the ongoing session in which the Assembly passed a pension bill that will benefit former MLAs.

Attending the House proceedings, the veteran leader signalled to his son and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to **P11**



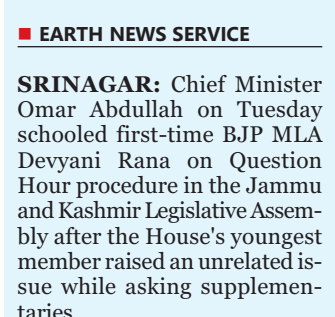
Omar schools
first-time MLA
on procedure

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday schooled first-time BJP MLA Devyani Rana on Question Hour procedure in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly after the House's youngest member raised an unrelated issue while asking supplementaries.

Rana, daughter of Abdullah's one-time close confidante who later joined the BJP, had asked a question on digitisation of land records in Jammu and Kashmir. The Chief Minister replied as per procedure.

However, when Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather allowed Rana to ask a supplementary question, she sought **P11**



LG attends felicitation ceremony for meritorious students

Empower border youth via education,
entrepreneurship to dream big: Sinha

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday congratulated meritorious students at a felicitation ceremony organised by Wadies Hindi Shiksha Samiti in collaboration with Jammu Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

Extending his greetings to students, teachers, parents, and organisers, the Lieutenant Governor said that the honoured students are not merely winners of a competition but torchbearers of India's rich tradition of knowledge, literature, and culture.

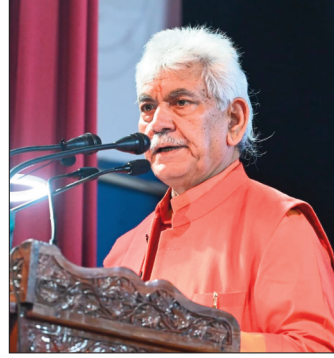
Highlighting the significance of the mother tongue, the Lieutenant Governor observed that it is not just a medium of communication but an identity, memory, and sensibility connected to the soul. He underlined that Jammu Kashmir's linguistic diversity reflects the confluence of India's shared culture. He noted that the National Education Policy places special emphasis on early education in the mother tongue and Indian languages, enabling children to learn and grow with confidence.

The Lieutenant Governor also stressed that the mother tongue is the foundation of a modern India. He urged that children must be rooted in their heritage while being given wings to soar globally. He also observed that true development of Jammu Kashmir will be realised when every child in border villages can confidently pursue their dreams.

"The real development of Jammu Kashmir will come when a child in our border villages can say with confidence "I can fulfil my dreams." I know that the children and youth of border areas are brimming with courage, talent and they are an inspiration for the entire nation," he said.

Calling upon officials, the Lieutenant Governor outlined five key themes for youth empowerment in border areas- education and technology, employment and entrepreneurship, sports and culture, connecting to opportunities, and guidance and mentorship. He emphasised that talent achieves true success when it paves the way for others.

"We must ensure that smart classrooms, digital libraries, and skill-development opportunities reach remote villages. We must create opportunities for youth in handicrafts, horticulture, agriculture, tourism, and local industries so that they become not just job-seekers but also job-creators. Let our youth hold books, pens, sports equipment and give **P11**



Counterfeit currency
racket busted, 3 held

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JAMMU: Police on Tuesday busted a counterfeit currency racket and arrested three men who were allegedly printing fake currency notes at a rented accommodation here, an official said.

Originally hailing from Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, the trio were arrested from Chowadhi area of Jammu along with low-quality counterfeit currency notes of Rs 100 denomination with a total face value of Rs 13,500, and a printing machine, a police spokesperson said.

The arrested accused as Vijay Sahani of Siwan (Bihar), Indrajeet Kumar of Maharaipur, Jharkhand and Rahul Ahirwar of Khajrao, Madhya Pradesh who were currently living as tenants at Preet Nagar, Digana, Trikuta Nagar and Marble Market areas of Jammu, respectively. On getting reliable information about suspected **P11**

DGP evaluates ongoing
Ops, security measures

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RAJOURI: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Wednesday visited Rajouri district and reviewed the ongoing operations with officers of the district, officials said.

The DGP was accompanied with Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Tejinder Singh and other senior police officers, they said.

Prabhat held a detailed review of the ongoing operations and took stock of the security situation and operational preparedness in the district, they said.

Senior officers of Rajouri Police briefed the DGP on the ongoing operations and security measures in the area.

Meanwhile, Security forces have launched search operations at nearly a dozen locations across the border districts of Rajouri, Poonch and Kathua districts following reports of suspicious movements, officials said on Tuesday.

The searches are being jointly conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Border Security Force (BSF) in the remote and densely forested areas of the hilly districts, the officials said. They said the **P11**

Dr Jitendra Singh holds Public Darbar

Udhampur witnessed revolutionary
transformation in 12 yrs: MoS PMO

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JAMMU: Udhampur has witnessed a revolutionary transformation over the last 12 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the development of infrastructure and public facilities across different sectors. This was stated by the 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 on Tuesday.

The Minister was addressing a gathering while holding a Public Darbar at Tikri near here, where he interacted with members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), several public delegations and local citizens, and listened to their issues, grievances and demands. The Public Darbar was attended by Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa led senior **P11**



2-day J&K International Buyer-Seller Meet

CM Abdullah seeks global partnerships
to take J&K products to world markets

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday called for sustained business partnerships between Jammu and Kashmir's entrepreneurs and buyers from across India and abroad, emphasising that the Government is working to create an enabling environment for investment, trade and industry while protecting the unique identity of the region's traditional products.

Addressing the inaugural day of the two-day Jammu and Kashmir International Buyer-Seller Meet organised by the J&K Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) in collaboration with the Trade Promotion Council of India at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), the Chief Minister said the Government's efforts to promote exports and attract investment must go hand in hand with making it easier for businesses to operate in J&K.

Referring to the passage of important legislation in the Legislative Assembly earlier in the day, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the Government had taken a significant step towards improving the business environment in Jammu and Kashmir. "We have brought a law in the form of Ease of **P11**



Draft J&K
Hydropower
Policy 2026
evaluated

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the Draft J&K Hydropower Policy 2026, calling for a focused policy framework to accelerate the harnessing of Jammu & Kashmir's vast hydropower potential, augment power generation capacity and strengthen the overall electricity sector. Reviewing the **P11**

India hits back at Turkey
over Kashmir references

NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir in Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's address at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), calling them "unwarranted" while asserting that no external party has any locus standi on the Kashmir issue.

During his bi-weekly media briefing, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was asked how India looked at Erdogan's recent UNGA address, in which he said that in South Asia, all disputes, including the Kashmir issue, should be addressed through dialogue within the framework of the United Nations Charter.

"India rejects unwarranted references to India and the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir made by the president of Türkiye during his UNGA address," **P11**



Jaiswal said.

"This is a matter, as you would understand, about India's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and no external party has any locus standi on this issue," Jaiswal said.

In the past, New Delhi has said that Jammu and Kashmir is, was and will remain an integral part of India.