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Vehicular traffic restored along Srinagar-Jammu National Highway

Srinagar, Oct 15 : Traffic movement has been restored along the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway after being disrupted earlier today after three trucks collided in Ramban. Authorities confirmed that the vehicles stranded between Nashri and NAVYUG Tunnel are being cleared.

Commuters are urged to exercise patience and follow lane discipline to avoid any further delays.

3 held for thefts at religious places

Jammu : Three persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in a series of thefts at multiple religious places in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, police said on Saturday. The stolen property has also been recovered from the possession of the arrested accused, they added. The donation boxes kept at four mosques and two temples were stolen in the intervening night of September 20 and September 21 from different villages of remote Dachhan.

Congress appoints GA Mir as new CLP leader of Jammu and Kashmir

Jammu : A day ahead of the government formation in Jammu and Kashmir, Congress on Tuesday appointed G A Mir as the CLP leader of the party. This is to inform you that following the unanimous resolution of the members of the legislative assembly, Jammu & Kashmir, authorizing the honourable Congress President to appoint a new CLP leader, the honourable Congress president has appointed G A Mir as the new CLP leader of Jammu & Kashmir," the order issued by K C Venugopal reads.

DM imposes prohibitory orders on movement in 2 km area from IB in Samba

Jammu : District Magistrate Samba, in exercise of powers vested under section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, ordered that no person/group of persons shall move in the areas up to 02 Km along the International Border in district Samba from 2200 hrs to 0500 hrs. (10:00 PM to 05:00 AM). In case the movement is necessary, the person/persons shall produce their valid ID-cards to the BSF/Police authorities. Any person found violating the order shall be dealt with in accordance with the law. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for a period of Sixty Days from the date of its issuance, unless withdrawn/ rescinded earlier.

Court extends Engineer Rashid's interim bail till October 28

New Delhi : A Delhi court on Tuesday extended the interim bail of Jammu and Kashmir MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, also known as Engineer Rashid, in a (Cont. on Page-11)

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Stage set for Omar Abdullah to take oath on today as first CM of UT

Omar Abdullah to chair first meeting of all Administrative Secretaries after oath

TT Correspondent Srinagar, Oct 15 : Stage is set for Omar Abdullah to take oath as the first chief minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir following the victory of his National Conference in the maiden assembly election after the abrogation of Article 370.

Preparations have been put in place for the oath ceremony of the chief minister and his council of ministers at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) on Wednesday, officials said. The chief minister and his ministers will be administered the oath of office and secrecy by J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at 11:30 am. Security has been tightened around the venue of the swearing-in ceremony. The security has been beefed up especially as a lot

of VVIPs will be attending the event. We will ensure the smooth conduct of the event," the officials added. Invitations to attend the



oath ceremony have been sent to the constituents of the INDIA bloc. National Conference (NC) Kashmir provincial president Nasir Aslam Wani said it was not clear yet who all will be attending the ceremony. We will get to know about the

VVIP attendees later this evening after receiving their confirmation," Wani said. Sinha on Monday invited the NC vice president to

Abdullah, President, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, wherein it has been informed that you have been unanimously elected as Leader of the Legislature Party."

He said he has also received a letter from Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra, CPI(M) secretary G N Malik, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national secretary Pankaj Kumar Gupta and Independent MLAs-elect Payare Lal Sharma, Satish Sharma, Mohammad Akram, Rameshwar Singh and Muzafar Iqbal Khan extending their support to the NC. I am pleased to invite you to form and lead the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. As separately settled, I shall administer (Cont. on Page-11)

take oath as the J&K chief minister. The invitation came a day after the Centre revoked President's rule in the Union Territory.

In a letter to Abdullah, Sinha said, "I have received a letter of 11th October, 2024 from Dr. Farooq

LMD fines Private Hospital for ambiguous billing, overcharging

Jammu : In a significant move to ensure compliance with the Legal Metrology norms and protect consumers from fraudulent practices of erring traders, the Legal Metrology Department (LMD) has taken action against a Punjab-based Jammu private Hospital chain based in Jammu at Greater Kailash.

The Hospital, claiming specialization in orthopedic surgeries and bone related treatments, has been fined by LMD for conducting transactions using non-standard unit of measurement which is not in consonance with the law. The hospital

was found guilty of violating provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, which mandates a set of accurate information, and the use of standard units of measurement in all commercial transactions, including medical devices. The instant case came to light following a special inspection conducted by a team of Legal Metrology Department Jammu District on the directions of the Controller Legal Metrology Department J&K, Anuradha Gupta for regulating commercial transactions in the healthcare sector as well and to enforce the compli-

ance of the Legal Metrology Act/rules to protect against fleecing of the consumer by the Hospitals, ensuring fair trade practices. During the investigation, it was discovered that the hospital was using non-standard units of measurement in its billing for medical services and devices. Discrepancies were particularly noted in transactions related to the quantity (in terms of weight, measure, or number) of surgical materials or dressing supplies used during the surgical procedures, and as reflected in the patient billing. (Cont. on Page-11)

ADGP facilitates officers for outstanding efforts in investigation of cases leading to conviction

Jammu : Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone Anand Jain IPS on Tuesday facilitated Insp. Amit Sangra (EXI-005663, the then SHO P/S Hira Nagar) and Insp. Sushil Sharma (EXI-007128, the then SHO P/S Billawar) with a Commendation Certificate Class-I along with cash reward for their exemplary performance as investigators.

The award was presented in a simple ceremony held at Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ) Jammu today. Insp. Amit Sangra has been recognized for his outstanding work in

securing convictions in case FIR no. 17/2017 U/S 302 RPC P/S Hira Nagar in which Hon'ble Court has convicted the accused to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 10,000/- on 05-12-2022. Insp. Sushil Sharma has been recognized for his exceptional investigative efforts, resulting in key conviction in case FIR no. 101/2016 U/S 302 RPC P/S Billawar in which Hon'ble Court has convicted the accused to life imprisonment on 16-03-2023. Anand Jain, IPS lauded both the officers for the relentless efforts in combating heinous crimes and securing convictions, effectively.

SIA releases pictures of terrorists killed in 2023 Rajouri encounter for identification

Jammu, Oct 15 : The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir Police has released for identification the pictures of two terrorists killed in a gunbattle in Rajouri district in November 2023, officials said. The two terrorists were killed, along with five soldiers, during a fierce encounter in the Baajimaal

area of the Kalakote belt on November 22-23, 2023, as part of a security operation. The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) from SIA has issued public notices in newspapers including the terrorists' pictures for identifying them, the officials added. The details of the unidentified terrorists have also been released in a section of media.

Jaishankar arrives in Islamabad, EAM Jaishankar, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif exchange greetings

New Delhi/Islamabad, Oct 15 : External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif shook hands and exchanged greetings in a rare occurrence on Tuesday (October 15) as the latter received foreign dignitaries at a dinner hosted for Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) leaders in Islamabad. The visuals showed the two leaders exchanging words while also shaking hands with each other, before Jaishankar walked away as Sharif showed him the way. The EAM arrived in the Pakistani capital city today to lead a delegation at the SCO Council of Heads of Government Meeting.

This marked the first visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to Pakistan in 9 years. Jaishankar's aircraft landed at the Nur Khan airbase on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital city at around 3:30 pm (local time) and he was greeted by senior Pakistani officials. It is the first time in nearly nine years that India's foreign minister travelled to

Pakistan even as the ties between the two neighbours remained tense over the Kashmir issue and cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan. The last Indian Foreign Minister to



visit Pakistan was Sushma Swaraj.

She had travelled to Islamabad to attend the 'Heart of Asia' conference on Afghanistan held from December 8-9, 2015. Sharif holds bilateral meetings with SCO leaders, discusses cooperation. Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday held separate meetings with leaders of various SCO member states on the sidelines of the summit, exchanging ideas to promote bilateral ties and strengthen the intergovern-

mental international organisation. Pakistan is hosting the two-day SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) summit on October 15 and 16. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

(SCO) comprises China, India, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus - with 16 more countries affiliated as observers or "dialogue partners". According to official statements, Sharif held separate meetings with Belarusian Prime Minister Roman Golovchenko, Tajik Prime Minister Qohir Rasulzoda, and Kyrgyz Prime Minister Akylybek Japarov, discussing ways to further strengthen bilateral relations.

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7 flights get bomb threats via X

New Delhi, Oct 15 : Seven flights, including one bound for the United States, received bomb-threat messages through a social media handle on Tuesday, prompting security agencies to undertake specific counter-terrorist drills at various airports. The threats via microblogging platform X came a day after three international flights originating from Mumbai received bomb threats, causing trouble to hundreds of passengers and airline crew. The messages posted on Monday were declared a hoax. The sources said an X handle issued threats on Tuesday to seven flights - an Air India Express flight from Jaipur to Bengaluru via Ayodhya (IX765), a SpiceJet flight

from Darbhanga to Mumbai (SG116), an Akasa Air flight from Bagdogra to Bengaluru (QP 1373), an Air India flight from Delhi to Chicago (AI 127), an Indigo flight from Dammam (Saudi Arabia) to Lucknow (6E 98), an Alliance Air Amritsar-Dehradun-Delhi flight (9I 650) and an Air India Express flight (IX 684) from Madurai to Singapore. The X handle has since been suspended by the platform after the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) wrote to cyber-security agencies.



appointed Bomb Threat Assessment Committee. The flight landed safely, and the aircraft will be released for

operations following all mandated security procedures," the spokesperson said. The

SpiceJet aircraft landed safely at the Mumbai airport and was directed to an isolation bay as a precautionary measure. "All passengers disembarked normally and security agencies were immediately notified. After thorough security checks, the aircraft has been cleared for further operations."

The aircraft and passengers are being re-screened according to the laid-down

Ahead of oath-ceremony, security beefed up in and around SKICC

TT Correspondent Srinagar, Oct 15 : All arrangements have been put in place with security being tightened in and around the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar ahead of tomorrow's swearing-in ceremony of Omar Abdullah as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

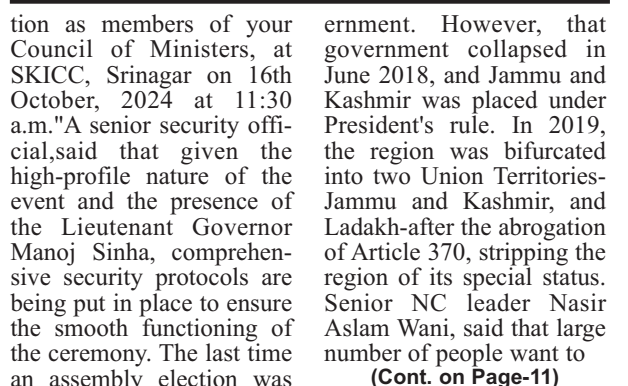
Omar, along with his Council of Ministers, will be administered the oath of office by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at 11:30 a.m. on October 16 tomorrow. The Lieutenant Governor extended an official invitation to Omar Abdullah yesterday, marking a pivotal moment for the Union Territory as Jammu and Kashmir prepares to have an elected government for the first time in over a decade. A letter from the Raj Bhawan read, "I am pleased to invite you to form and lead the Government of Jammu and

Kashmir. As separately settled, I shall administer the oath of office and secrecy to you, and to those recommended by you for induction as members of your Council of Ministers, at SKICC, Srinagar on 16th October, 2024 at 11:30 a.m." A senior security official said that given the high-profile nature of the event and the presence of the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, comprehensive security protocols are being put in place to ensure the smooth functioning of the ceremony. The last time an assembly election was

held in the erstwhile state was in 2014, leading to a People's Democratic Party (PDP)-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) coalition gov-

ernment. However, that government collapsed in June 2018, and Jammu and Kashmir was placed under President's rule. In 2019, the region was bifurcated into two Union Territories- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh- after the abrogation of Article 370, stripping the region of its special status. Senior NC leader Nasir Aslam Wani, said that large number of people want

in their written complaints to the Election Commission (EC), have alleged that the batteries in some of the EVMs were charged at 99 per cent during counting on October 8. The complaints follow the Congress' shock defeat in the Haryana Assembly elections after the party failed to win a simple majority even after 10 years of the BJP rule in the state. The Congress has said that the assembly polls results were "unexpected" and have alleged discrepancies in the EVMs in some seats.



EVMs can't be hacked like pagers used for blasts: EC refutes Congress allegations after Haryana polls

New Delhi, Oct 15 : During the announcement of election dates for Maharashtra and Jharkhand, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar clarified that EVMs cannot be hacked as they are not connected like pagers that were recently used for bomb blasts in the Middle East. He stated that the difference is that EVMs are not connected like pagers. The clarification from the EC came as Congress recently alleged discrepancies in the electronic voting machines during the counting of votes for the Haryana

the first-level checking of EVMs begins 5-6 months

Commission further clarified that the battery of an EVM was like that of a calculator and dismissed claims that the machines could be tampered with like pagers. The Congress had alleged that varying EVM battery levels across different polling stations in Haryana might have impacted the poll results. EVMs have a single-use battery like a calculator battery and not a mobile battery. He further added that the EVMs had three-layered security, including the batteries and

in their written complaints to the Election Commission



before polling takes place. "An EVM is commissioned 5-6 days before voting takes place. A new battery is inserted that day," Rajiv Kumar said. Recently, the Congress candidates from 20 assembly constituencies,

win a simple majority even after 10 years of the BJP rule in the state. The Congress has said that the assembly polls results were "unexpected" and have alleged discrepancies in the EVMs in some seats.

From being 'taboo', BJP rose with highest vote share in J&K

New Delhi, October 15 : "From being a 'taboo', Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rose with highest vote share in Jammu & Kashmir and that is the amazing story of an incredible journey personified by recent Assembly election in the Union Territory". In an exclusive conversation during media conclave organised by national TV Channel, Bharat24, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh thus summed up the best ever performance so far of BJP in Jammu & Kashmir and said, the credit goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for having introduced in the last 10 years a new work culture and a new norm in the practice of democracy wherein the benefits of development and public welfare schemes reached to every section of society regardless of caste, creed or religion. This, he said, was a huge departure from the politics followed by Congress Party which was primarily based on vote bank considerations.

Citing a simple example, Dr Jitendra Singh referred to PM Awas Yojana, wherein colonies and colonies of

kutcha houses were converted into pucca houses even in such segments of society which had perhaps never voted for BJP because they were misled through all kinds of misgivings by Congress Party. It is the same segments of society which are now undergoing a change of heart when they find that under Modi, BJP is a Party that has ensured fair deal to every citizen, following the mantra for "Justice to all, appeasement to none". We have seen those times, recalled Dr Jitendra Singh, when Returning Officer would reject all the nomination papers and accept only one, that of the ruling Party candidate and declare him a winner uncontested even before the day of polling. From there, he said, we transversed into a long spell of militancy where for over three decades, elections were held under fear of gun with hartal call by Pakistan and Poll boycott by separatist groups resulting in just 8% to 10% votes which was managed by a handful of individuals and families to perpetuate their rule from generation to generation.