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2-way movement of heavy vehicles restored on NH

The two-way movement of heavy vehicles was today restored on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway which was on August 26 blocked due to multiple landslides at Tharad bridge & Balli nallah in Udhampur district and at Maroog in Ramban district.

The landslides were triggered by heavy rainfall. The highway was restored for one-way traffic on September 10.

"Following sustained effort

2 brothers accused of murder arrested

Two brothers were today arrested from Punjab for their alleged involvement in the murder of a man over a personal dispute on the outskirts of Jammu city.

The incident occurred at Simbal Camp on October 9, when Narinder Singh was attacked allegedly by Tanveer Singh alias Kalu and Bavneet Singh alias Babbu, along with their family members, resulting

JKAS officer posted as FSL director

The government today ordered the posting of a JKAS officer as director of forensic science laboratory (FSL), J&K.

He was earlier awaiting adjustment in the General Administration Department.

An order issued by GAD in this regard says: "In the interest of administration, Om Prakash, waiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is hereby posted as Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K, with immediate effect, relieving Gurmukh, Joint Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Jammu, of the additional charge of the post."

After Cong declines seat, NC names 4th candidate for RS polls

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After Congress, which is part of the ruling alliance, declined to nominate anyone, NC today named the party's fourth candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections.

NC named party spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar as its fourth candidate for the Rajya Sabha polls. Biennial elections to fill the seats, lying vacant since 2021, will be held on October 24.

Omar stresses on making J&K destination for investment, manufacturing

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday reiterated his government's commitment to addressing infrastructural and other constraints to make Jammu and Kashmir a more attractive destination for investment and manufacturing.

"Your presence here is very reassuring for us. J&K has always valued its long-standing association with India's trade and export community," he said while speaking during an interac-

War ends as Hamas frees all Israeli hostages

Great day, says Trump

NEW DELHI, OCT 13: As part of the new Gaza ceasefire agreement, Hamas today released all 20 Israeli live hostages to Red Cross in exchange for more than 1,900 Palestinian prisoners held in Israel, bringing an end to the war which started on October 7, 2023 after the Hamas attack.

The hostages were released in two phases. In the first phase, seven hostages were released in the morning, and in the second phase, 13 more were released. They will be returning homes after two years of deadly war. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump - the mediator of the ceasefire - arrived in Israel ahead of his scheduled visit to Egypt for the Gaza peace summit.

"The war is over. This is a great day. This is a new beginning," Trump said welcoming the ceasefire. He further asserted that

Hamas would comply with the plan to disarm.

He declared that the war in Gaza was over - but the negotiations were not.

In a speech to the Israeli parliament, Trump employed his usual hyperbole to describe this moment, calling it a "historic dawn in a new Middle East".

But this is only the first phase of his 20-point plan, and major obstacles remain - including questions over the future of Hamas, the scale of the Israeli withdrawal and who will govern Gaza.

Progress will only be made if Trump remains engaged with this process. He is known, however, for not having patience with long and difficult negotiations or being interested in discussing details that are inevitable in any decent deal.

Trump has expressed his desire to expand the Abraham Accords - a key achievement in his first term that saw Israel nor-

malise relations with four Arab states - with the major goal of reaching a deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia.

That, however, is unlikely to happen without a clear path for Palestinian statehood, something the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has strongly rejected.

There is huge momentum and hope, but words alone will not solve the many conflicts in this region.

Eitan Mor, Gali and Ziv Berman, Matan Angrest, Omri Miran, Guy Gilboa Dalal, and Alon Ahel were the first ones to be handed over. The others included Evyatar David, Alon Ohel, Avinatan Or, Ariel Cunio, David Cunio, Nimrod Cohen, Bar Kuperstein, Yosef Chaim Ohana, Segev Kalfon, Elkana Bohbot, Maxim Herkin, Eitan Horn, and Rom Braslavski.

Ahead of their release, some of the hostages spoke

to their families through video calls. The calls were full of emotions as families saw their loved ones after two years.

The Israel Defence Forces posted an update on social media under the title Operation "Returning Home", confirming that the seven released hostages were being accompanied by IDF and ISA personnel on their return to Israel, where they would undergo an initial medical assessment.

"The commanders and soldiers of the IDF salute and embrace the returning hostages as they make their way home to the State of Israel," the statement read.

It also included a call to the public to act responsibly and with sensitivity, to respect the privacy of the hostages, and to rely only on official information. The IDF added that it was prepared to receive additional hostages expected to be

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Modi backs Trump's Gaza peace plan



NEW DELHI, OCT 13: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today welcomed Hamas's move to release all 20 remaining Israeli hostages, saying India supports US President Donald Trump's "sincere efforts to bring peace to the region".

Hamas released the hostages after more than two years in captivity in Gaza, as part of the first phase of Trump's Gaza peace plan. The freed hostages were handed over

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Upgrade curriculum regularly to meet NEP objectives: LG to SMVDU

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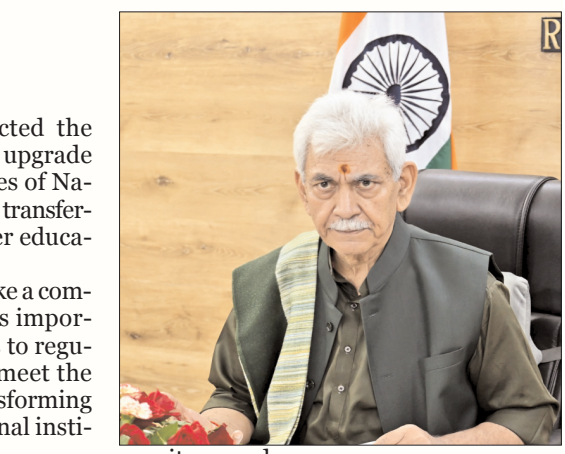
LG Manoj Sinha today directed the SMVDU authorities to regularly upgrade curriculum to meet the objectives of National Education Policy-2020, and transferring the university into a premier educational institute.

He directed the university to take a comprehensive review of the various important initiatives and programmes to regularly update the curriculum to meet the objectives of NEP-2020 and transforming SMVDU into a premier educational institute at the national level.

The LG, who chaired the 36th meeting of executive council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University at Raj Bhawan, highlighted the need for a dedicated focus on lifelong learning skills and community engagement, increasing enrolment, industry collaboration and networking, skill enhancement through short term courses, research, innovation and incubation, patents, strengthening of faculty and staff, and the introduction of new programmes from the upcoming academic year.

He directed the university to establish a specialised faculty for languages to offer integrated courses in Hindi, Dogri, French and German. He emphasised on encouraging students enrolled in foreign languages and technical courses to also pursue Hindi and Dogri languages.

He also instructed the SMVDU to implement the complete digitalisation of all uni-



versity records. The meeting also reviewed the ongoing projects and construction works in the university, implementation of NEP-2020, important matters pertaining to admissions, recruitment, faculty career advancement, non-functional promotions for non-teaching staff, end-to-end digitisation of student life cycle management process and utilization of e-Samarth dashboard.

He was informed that the university had now been designated as a 'TCS Priority College' by Tata Consultancy Services for a period of three years as part of their campus placement programme.

Prof Pragati Kumar, vice-chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, presented various agenda items before the executive council for approval and ratification.

The meeting was also attended by

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Ladakh poised to emerge as premier winter sports destination: LG Kavinder

LEH, OCT 13: Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta today said that the UT was poised to emerge as a premier winter sports destination in the country.

"Ladakh has immense potential to become a premier winter sports destination driven by its geographical terrain and extreme winter conditions. The region needs adequate winter sports infrastructure and connectivity to attract both domestic and international winter sports lovers, thereby promoting Ladakh as an adventure and winter sports destination, with a special focus on boosting winter tourism to boost livelihood opportunities of the locals," he said while



chairing a meeting to discuss the upcoming development projects related to winter sports at Drass and Zaskar.

The LG emphasised tapping Ladakh's winter sports potential to develop the region as a premier winter sports destination for skiers and winter sports

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