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Light rains, snow likely

The meteorological department today predicted a brief spell of rains and light snowfall in J&K between November 4 and 5.

According to a MeT official, weather would remain generally cloudy on November 4 and 5, with the possibility of light to moderate rains or snowfall at many places in J&K. The forecast indicates a return to dry weather conditions from November 6 to 15, offering respite after the brief wet spell, the official said.

The official said thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds were also

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Soldier killed in accidental fire

An Army jawan was today killed after his service rifle went off accidentally inside a camp in the Poonch district of Jammu.

Officials said Naik Amarjeet Singh was on sentry duty when he sustained a bullet injury, following the accidental discharge of his service rifle at a camp in Jhulass village.

He was rushed to the

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577 police personnel promoted as Sub-Inspectors

The police headquarters has ordered the promotion of 577 officers to the higher rank of Sub-Inspectors (SIs).

Following their promotions, the SIs were adjusted in different zones/wings of the police department, says the order.

The order, signed by AIG-P Sandeep Wazir, was issued with the approval of the director general of police, the order further says.

"All the promotees shall be relieved forthwith," says the order.

SBI donates Rs 1.55 cr to CM's Relief Fund



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A deputation of the State Bank of India (SBI) today called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the civil secretariat here and presented him a cheque of Rs 1.55 cr as a contribution to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

The delegation was led by Jayant Mani, Deputy General Manager (Business and

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Gold falls by Rs 300 to Rs 1,25,300/10g

NEW DELHI, NOV 03: Gold prices fell by Rs 300 to Rs 1,25,300 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday as a stronger dollar and easing global uncertainties weighed on investor appetite for the safe-haven asset.

The precious metal of 99.5 per cent purity declined by Rs 300 to Rs 1,24,700 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes). It had closed at Rs 1,25,000 per 10 grams on Friday, according to the All India Sarafa Association. Gold of 99.9 per cent purity had settled at Rs 1,25,600 per 10 grams on Friday.

On the other hand, silver rallied by Rs 1,000 to

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Darbar Move resumes

Omar greeted with garlands as he walks to secretariat

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On the first day of re-opening of Darbar Move offices in the winter capital city of Jammu, chief minister Omar Abdullah was today garlanded profusely by civil society members & shopkeepers as he travelled on foot through the fashionable Residency Road and the historic Raghunath Bazar to reach the civil secretariat.

Visibly elated by the unprecedented welcome, he remarked: "Darbar Move has rekindled the enthusiasm of Jammu city."

The biannual Darbar Move, to be followed now onwards, marks the formal opening of offices in the winter capital.

As scheduled, the chief minister left his official Wazarat Road residence at about 9 am and, after 15



minutes or so, reached Shaheedi Chowk, where he was warmly greeted and garlanded by the office bearers of Jammu Chamber of Commerce and the shopkeepers' associations of Residency Road & Rajinder Bazar.

From Shaheedi Chowk, he walked through Residency Road and Raghunath Bazar. On the way, hun-

dreds greeted him with garlands. He was also seen exchanging pleasantries with some bystanders and shopkeepers.

Along nearly half a kilometer of the road stretch, Jammuites in hundreds extended him their greetings and the best wishes, and hoped that his government would take steps to redress their grievances.

At Raghunath Bazar Chowk, Omar was felicitated by Raghunath Bazar Association. From there, he proceeded on foot towards City Chowk, where he was received by members of the City Chowk & the Kanak Mandi Bazar associations.

He then walked to the civil secretariat, not far from City Chowk. At the

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Bihar elections

Congress a spent force, out to sink RJD: Modi

SAHARSA, NOV 03: Stating that Congress is a spent force in Bihar and will make the RJD sink, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today charged the Rashtriya Janata Dal with having stalled development projects in Bihar by putting pressure on the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre to "avenge" its ouster from power in the state in 2005.

"The Congress grudgingly agreed to declare Tejashwi Yadav as the INDIA bloc's chief ministerial candidate, after the RJD



placed a 'katta' on its head," he reiterated while addressing a rally in the north Bihar district of Saharsa.

"Now in the current elections, the Congress, which is already a spent force in Bihar, has vowed to make the RJD sink," he claimed. Modi urged the people to

punish the RJD for its "sins" and asserted "the NDA stands for development while the jungle raj wallahs for destruction".

"The RJD was sharing power at the Centre when it was voted out of power in Bihar in 2005. Projects like the Kosi Mahasetu had been sanctioned by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. So enraged was the RJD by Nitish Kumar forming a new government in the state that it put pressure on Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi and

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20 killed as powerful quake jolts Af'stan

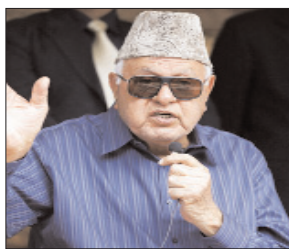
KABUL, NOV 03: A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake that struck northern Afghanistan overnight killed more than 20 people and injured around 320, the health ministry said Monday.

In the Balkh and Samangan provinces "around 320 countrymen have been injured and more than 20 have been killed," ministry spokesman Sharafat Zaman said in a video message shared with journalists, specifying that this was a preliminary toll.

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Farooq accuses LG of sitting on files



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NC president Farooq Abdullah today accused LG Manoj Sinha of sitting on government files and obstructing the implementation of business rules.

"He (LG) is sitting on the

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2 terrorist hideouts busted

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Security forces today busted two terrorist hideouts during a search operation in the dense Kulgam woods of the valley.

forest area of Damhal Hanjipora in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, officials said on Monday.

Officials said an operation was launched jointly by 9 Rashtriya Rifles and police on a tip-off in Damhal Hanjipora woods of Kulgam.

During searches, the forces came across two old

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LG lays foundation of new houses for Chisoti flood victims

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Stating that Atholi-Machail Mata road would be reconstructed, LG Manoj Sinha today laid the foundation stone for the construction of new houses for the flood-affected families of Chisoti in Kishtwar district, where 64 people, mostly pilgrims, lost their lives in a massive cloudburst & the resulting flash-floods on August 14 this year.

Sinha, who visited Chisoti, laid the foundation stone of new houses for the flood-affected families and paid homage to citizens & security personnel who had lost their lives in the cloudburst.

19 houses, that were completely damaged, would be rebuilt free of cost with the support of High-Range Rural Development Society (HRDS India), a Civil Society Organisation.

"The catastrophic floods swept away precious lives, wiped out several homes



and tore through infrastructure. I am hopeful that the three-bedroom prefabricated smart houses for which the foundation stone was laid today will help bring the lives of the affected families back on track," the LG said in his address on the occasion.

He appreciated HRDS India for its noble initiative.

"Since SDRF relief is insufficient, I had earlier requested HRDS India to rebuild 1,500 fully damaged houses across the UT under Operation Sindoor and in the aftermath of August

floods, to which they had agreed. This initiative will provide huge relief to the affected families," he said.

Each house will feature a concrete foundation, utilising prefabricated technology, including fiber cement boards, powder-coated GI sheets, and a steel structural framework with C-channel sections. These materials have been selected for their strength, durability, and ability to withstand harsh climatic conditions, ensuring long-term resilience and suitability to the region's envi

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SC 'shocked' at scale of digital arrest scams, vows tough action

NEW DELHI, NOV 03: The Supreme Court on Monday said it needs to deal with digital arrest cases with an iron hand as it expressed shock over the scale of such cybercrime cases in the country, with over Rs 3000 crore allegedly extorted from victims, including senior citizens.

Digital arrest is a growing form of cybercrime in which fraudsters pose as law enforcement or court officials or personnel from government agencies to intimidate victims through audio and video calls. They hold the victims hostage

and put pressure on them to pay money.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and Joymalya Bagchi, which appointed an amicus curiae to assist the court in the matter, perused two sealed cover reports submitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

"It is shocking that over Rs 3000 crore have been collected from the victims, including senior citizens, across the country. If we don't pass stringent and harsh orders, this problem will magnify.

"We have to strengthen the hands of our agencies through judicial orders. We are determined to deal with these crimes with iron hands," the bench observed.

The top court posted the matter for hearing on November 10 and said that it will pass certain directions based on the suggestions from the amicus.

Justice Kant said that the CBI has pointed out that crime syndicates were being operated from offshore locations where they have "scam compounds" having financial, technical and hu

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Pakistan secretly conducting nuclear tests: Trump

NEW DELHI, NOV 03: US President Donald Trump, during a recent interview, made a huge revelation when he mentioned that Pakistan has been secretly testing nuclear weapons.

He also reiterated that the United States would resume its own nuclear testing to 'keep pace' with other powers, including Russia, China and North Korea.

Trump said that while the US had refrained from testing for over three decades, several countries,



including Pakistan, continue to carry out underground nuclear trials away from global scrutiny.

"We're going to test because they test," Trump said.

"And, certainly North Korea's been testing. Pakistan's been testing. They

don't go and tell you about it. They test way underground, where people don't know what's happening. You just feel a little vibration."

Trump's comments mark the first time a sitting US president has directly accused Pakistan of continuing nuclear testing.

He said other nations such as Russia and China were also secretly conducting tests while avoiding public discussion. "We're an open society. We talk about it. They don't have

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Ladakh LG meets Def Min, seeks augmentation of air services

NEW DELHI, NOV 03: Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh here today and held a detailed discussion with him on strengthening welfare initiatives and taking air connectivity measures for the Union Territory, particularly during the winter months when Ladakh remains cut off from the rest of the country.

Gupta apprised him of the unique challenges faced by the people of Ladakh owing to extreme climatic conditions and limited accessibility during the prolonged winter sea-



son. He sought the ministry's continued support in extending humanitarian as-

sistance under Operation Sadbhavana, an initiative of the Indian Army that has

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