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J&K honoured as 'Best Performing UT' at Aarogya Manthan



Jammu & Kashmir has received national recognition for its efforts under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, with the State Health Agency, J&K, being honoured as the 'Best Performing Union Territory' for achieving saturation of frontline workers with Ayushman

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Inquiry ordered against PWD AEE

The public works (R&B) department has ordered a regular departmental inquiry against Mubarak Ahmad Ganie, AEE, Sopore division, who faces an FIR under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

An ordered issued in this regard says: "In terms of Rule 33 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956,

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HC rejects ED plea

The high court today 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 ED lacked 'locus standi' to move such an application, but held that the substantive prayer for invoking sections 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property)

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Patnitop proposed as world-class tourist destination

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today informed the legislative assembly that picturesque Patnitop was not declared a world-class tourism destination by the Government of India, but the J&K government had proposed the destination for consideration under the Centre's Globally Competitive Tourism Destination Scheme.

Replying to a question during Question Hour, he said a preliminary survey for identification of suitable land parcels, along with comprehensive stakeholder

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Ladakh admin, IIM Jammu sign MoU



LEH, SEP 25: The administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh and the Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM Jammu) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the establishment of an IIM Jammu Satellite Campus at Leh.

The MoU was signed in the presence of LG Vinai Kumar Saxena.

Under the initiative, the Satellite Campus at Leh will

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LA erupts over statehood resolution; BJP MLAs storm well

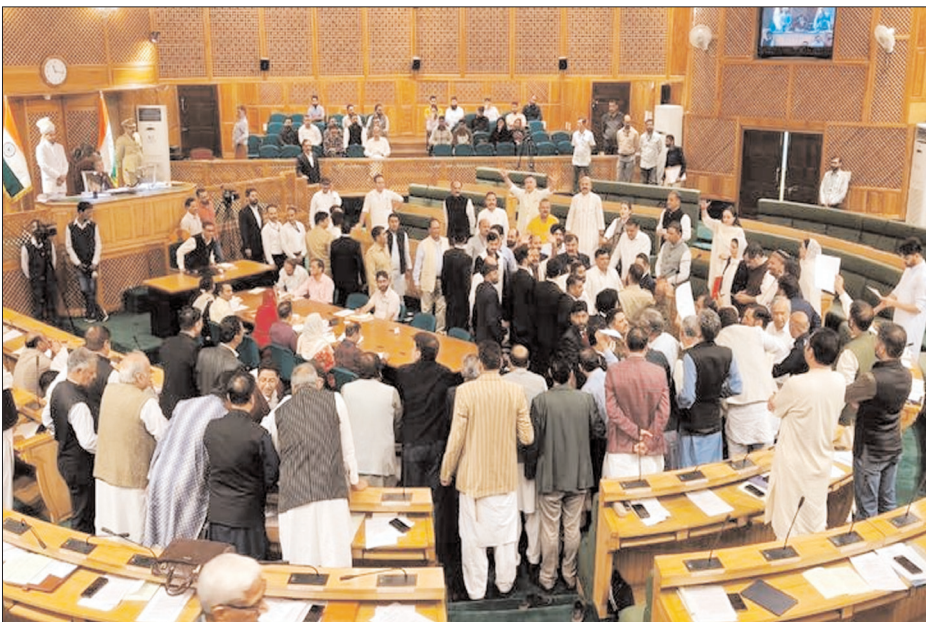
Speaker adjourns House

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Ruckus erupted in the legislative assembly today after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah moved a resolution to seek urgent restoration of statehood to Jammu & Kashmir, with BJP MLAs storming the well of the House, shouting slogans and tearing copies of the resolution.

Temper flared as soon as the CM moved the resolution. When the noise continued showing no signs of receding, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather adjourned the House.

BJP MLAs were on their feet and protested against the resolution, which had a reference to the 'autonomy



resolution' moved by the NC government in 2000 when J&K was a state.

It read: "In addition to the resolutions passed by this

House on June 26, 2000 and November 6, 2024, the House calls upon the Government of India for the immediate and urgent restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and resolves that this resolution be forwarded to the Centre."

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"Criminalisation of politics" SC to hear PIL for speedy disposal of cases against legislators

NEW DELHI, SEP 25: The Supreme Court today agreed to list for urgent hearing a 2016 PIL seeking directions to ensure speedy disposal of criminal cases involving lawmakers across the country.

Justice V Mohana, one of the judges in the bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, had on August 18 recused herself from hearing the case, saying she had appeared as a senior lawyer in the matter earlier.

The CJI-led bench was urged by senior advocate Vijay Hansaria, who is assisting the bench as an ami-

cus-curiae, that some urgent directions were needed in the case.

"This concerns expeditious trial of criminal cases against MPs and MLAs. Almost 40 percent of the legislators are facing criminal cases. It has to be listed urgently and some immediate directions are needed," Hansaria said, adding a three-judge bench can hear the case in pursuance of an earlier direction.

"Yes, it will be listed," the CJI said.

Hansaria, in his latest report on criminalisation of politics, said 251 members out of 543 in the Lok Sabha and 75 lawmakers out of

233 in the Rajya Sabha have criminal cases against them.

The affidavit filed in the apex court by Hansaria, who has been appointed amicus curiae in a PIL seeking expeditious disposal of criminal cases against MPs and MLAs, said there are over 4,000 criminal cases against Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs). The affidavit stated that the chief ministers of 14 states, out of 28, have declared criminal cases, including serious ones.

According to the data, Telangana Chief Minister

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PM lauds 'Make in India' success



NEW DELHI, SEPT 25:: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today 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 manu-

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UPI MDR won't burden consumers: FM



NEW DELHI, SEP 25: The proposed Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on select high-value UPI transactions is neither a tax, cess nor surcharge, and the collections will not accrue to the government, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday, rejecting criticism from Opposi-

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Anti-CEC protest rocks LA

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Noisy scenes were witnessed in legislative assembly today as Congress MLAs held a protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

As soon as the House proceedings began, they took to their feet and raised slogans against Kumar.

Congress MLAs - Nizamuddin Bhat, Irfan Hafiz Lone and Iftikhar Ahmad - shouted slogans against the CEC and displayed banners saying: "Protect the vote, protect the democracy" and "No democracy without fair elections".

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'Terrorist country asking me that' Jaishankar fires back at Pak reporter at UNGA

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 25: 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," he 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 him, "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?"

Jaishankar also voiced concern over repeated attacks on commercial shipping and seafarers in the Gulf, Red Sea, Black



Sea and other regions in recent months, saying such attacks disrupt maritime commerce and have cost innocent lives.

Speaking at the ministerial-level meeting of the group of 'Friends on Safety and Security of Shipping and Seafarers' on the sidelines of the 81st UN General Assembly on Friday, he listed recent incidents of attacks against seafarers and ships, saying "regrettably" these are no longer exceptional occurrences.

"In the last few months, commercial shipping and marinas have been subjected to repeated attacks in the Gulf, the Red Sea, and its vicinity.... These actions that

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111 MPs, MLAs changed parties after winning elections: ADR

NEW DELHI, SEP 25: As many as 111 MPs and MLAs changed their parties after winning elections to Parliament or state assemblies between 2022 and 2026, with the highest number of such switches recorded in Nagaland and West Bengal.

According to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch, the cases covered individual defections, party mergers, resignations followed by bypoll victories and disqualification followed by winning a seat in a bypoll.

The analysis, which covered elections and bypolls

during the period, found that 26 Lok Sabha members, seven Rajya Sabha members and 78 MLAs changed parties.

Nagaland accounted for the highest number of cases at 32, all involving MLAs. The bulk of these cases were linked to a realignment involving the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) and the Naga People's Front (NPF), with the NPF emerging as the largest recipient of lawmakers in the ADR analysis.

Overall, 25 legislators originally elected from the NDPP were among those who changed parties, while 32 lawmakers joined the NPF.

West Bengal recorded 20 cases, all involving Lok Sabha members. All 20 were originally elected on All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) tickets and subsequently moved to the Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI), according to the analysis.

The MPs have claimed a merger with the NCPI and the matter is before Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Telangana was next with nine cases, all involving MLAs. The nine were legislators elected from the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), while the Congress emerged as the principal recipient of lawmakers in the

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Iran proposes deal to reopen Hormuz if US meets its conditions

DUBAI, SEP 25: Iran has offered to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and resume talks on its nuclear programme in seven days if the United States lifts its naval blockade, waives sanctions on Iranian oil sales and observes a ceasefire that would include Lebanon.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi detailed the proposal in a private gathering on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, according to one attendee.

Trita Parsi, executive vice president of the Quincy Institute think tank, who at-

tended, said Araghchi suggested that a speedy agreement would help US President Donald Trump ahead of November's midterm elections.

There was no immediate comment from Iran's UN mission or other Iranian officials.

The proposal strongly resembles the so-called Memorandum of Understanding reached in June, but with an accelerated timetable. The earlier agreement, which had called for a 60-day interim period, quickly collapsed as Iran resumed attacks on shipping in the strait.

Trump has said he is in no rush to reach a deal, even as high oil prices fuel inflation and exacerbate cost of living concerns. On the Iranian side, there are questions as to whether the hard-liners who dominate the security forces will accept compromises championed by relative moderates, like President Masoud Pezeshkian.

"If Trump calculates this arrangement is worthwhile and can bring political benefit before the midterms and reduce gas prices, perhaps we'll see flexibility not seen in previous weeks," Parsi said. But he noted "deep

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Self-reliance must be anchored in national confidence: Kavinder

SHIMLA, SEP 25: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said the journey from Swaraj and Swadeshi to Atmanirbhar Bharat represents a continuing national endeavour towards self-confidence, self-reliance and inclusive development.

Addressing the valedictory session of a two-day national seminar at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, he said the theme of the seminar was not merely an academic subject but was closely linked with India's development journey, civilisational consciousness, social and economic aspirations and the vision for the future.



The governor said self-reliance should not mean isolation from the world. India must strengthen its own capabilities while remaining open to global knowledge, science, technology, trade and cooperation, he said.

He highlighted the rele-

vance of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of Integral Humanism and Antyodaya, which places the holistic development of the individual and the welfare of the last person at the centre of development.

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