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Trudeau accuses India of using diplomats, organised crimes to attack Canadians

Raveena Tandon Is Ageing Backwards And We Have Proof

## Prof Chandrasekar appointed CLUJVC

LG Manoj Sinha, who is also the Chancellor of the Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), has appointed Prof K S Chandrasekar, senior Professor, Institute of Management in Kerala, University of Kerala, as the Vice-Chancellor of CLUJ.

An order issued by Sinha in this regard said: "In exercise of powers vested in me under section 12(1) of the Srinagar and Jammu Cluster Universities Act, Cont. on P9 >

## Aghore, Lamberi get degree colleges

The higher education department (HED) has sanctioned two fresh degree colleges at Aghore in Jammu and Lamberi in Rajouri.

An order issued by HED commissioner Rashmi Singh said: "Sanction is hereby accorded to the establishment of two government degree colleges subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid down in the finance department's UO No FD-Code/420/2021-03-907 dated October 14, 2024." Cont. on P9 >

## LMD fines pvt hospital

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 private hospital chain based at Greater Kailash here.

The hospital, claiming specialisation 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 Cont. on P9 >

## 7 flights get bomb threats

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.

Officials said 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. Cont. on P9 >

## SIA releases pics of terrorists killed in 2023 Rajouri encounter

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The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of police has released for identification the pictures of two terrorists killed in a gunbattle in Rajouri district of Jammu in November 2023.

Two terrorists were killed and five soldiers martyred during a fierce encounter in Baajimaal area of the Kalakote belt of Rajouri on November 22-23, 2023, as part of a secu Cont. on P9 >

## Govt all set to start functioning

### After taking oath as CM, Omar to chair 'important' meeting of administrative secys

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 15

The democratically elected government would officially start functioning after CM-designate Omar Abdullah takes oath tomorrow. Having already announced to pass a 'statehood resolution' in his first cabinet meeting as & when it was held, his first official work, after he becomes chief minister on Wednesday, would be an all-important meeting with the UT's administrative secretaries.

The meeting would be his first engagement with the J&K administration. "The newly elected government of Jammu and Kashmir has scheduled an important meeting tomorrow under the leadership of its newly sworn-in chief minister," officials said.

A notice issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) said: "After the oath-taking ceremony, the chief minister shall chair a meeting of all the administrative secretaries tomorrow at 3 pm in the meeting hall on 3rd floor of civil secretariat, Srinagar."



"Accordingly, all the administrative secretaries are requested to attend the meeting on the scheduled date, time and venue," says the notice.

Though the agenda of the meeting was not known, Omar was expected to ask the administrative secretaries to give priority to public issues and listen to their grievances.

LG Manoj Sinha had yesterday invited Omar, Leader of the Legislature Party of National Conference, to form the new government in the UT.

In his letter, Sinha had expressed pleasure at Abdullah's unanimous election and confirmed the administration of the Oath of Office and Secrecy, scheduled for October 16, 2024 at SKICC, Srinagar.

"I have received a letter of Octobe<sr 11, 2024 from Farooq Ab-

dullah, president of National Conference, wherein it has been informed that you have been unanimously elected as Leader of the Legislature Party," reads a letter from Raj Bhavan to Omar Abdullah.

"I have also received a letter from Tariq Hameed Karra, President, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee, G N Malik, Secretary, CPI(M), Pankaj Kumar Gupta, National Secretary, Aam Aadmi Party, and Independent MLAs namely Payare Lal Sharma, Satish Sharma, Choudhary Mohammad Akram, Rameshwar Singh and Muzafer Iqbal Khan, offering support in the formation of government led by you," it reads.

"I am pleased to invite you to form and lead the government of Jammu and Kashmir," it added.

"As separately settled, I shall administer 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 October 16, 2024 at 11.30 am. I take this opportunity to wish you a highly productive tenure and success in your endeavours in the best interest of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," it added.

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## India at UN condemns Pak's 'unsubstantiated allegations' on J&K

### Asks it to stop HR violations in PoJK

NEW YORK (US), OCT 15: Counsellor Eldos Mathew Punnoose exercised India's right of reply against Pakistan at the Joint General Debate on decolonisation at the United Nations, condemning Pakistan's unsubstantiated allegations regarding the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

He emphasised the need for Pakistan to cease its ongoing human rights violations in Pakistan-occupied Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

Targeting Pakistan, he said, "Unsubstantiated allegations by Pakistan largely pertain to the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. India would like to reiterate that Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are, were and will be an integral and inalienable part of India. Clearly, Pakistan does not merit a response on the internal affairs of India." He said, "At this junct-

ture, we also advise Pakistan to stop the grave and ongoing human rights violations in Pakistan-occupied Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh (PoJKL). The world is witness to the divisive activities that Pakistan tries to undertake day in and day out. India would like to stress that our foundations are built on the enduring pillar of democratic values, unlike Pakistan's."

Stepping up his criticism of Pakistan, he said that the nation is familiar with sham elections, incarceration of opposition leaders, and suppression of political voices.

"Given their tainted democratic record, Pakistan considers real democratic exercises as a sham, as reflected in their statement. All countries speak from their experience. Sham elections, incarceration of opposition leaders and suppression of political voices are what Pakistan is familiar with," Punnoos said.

"It is natural that Pakistan must be disappointed to see real democracy at work. It was only last week that election results were announced in Jammu and Kashmir. Millions of voters in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have spoken. They exercised their right to vote and have chosen their leadership according to the Constitutional framework and universal adult suffrage. Clearly, these terms must be alien to Pakistan," he added.

He further criticised Pakistan by highlighting the country's notorious reputation for supporting terrorism and engaging in transnational crimes. "It is ironic that a country which is infamous across the globe for state-sponsored terrorism and transnational crimes cast aspersions on the world's largest democracy. It has been Pakistan's consistent state policy to employ cross-bor-

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## Dhankhar expresses concern over 'growing threat of demographic disorder'

JAIPUR, OCT 15: Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday expressed concern over the "growing threat of demographic disorder" in the country, saying it is no less severe in consequences than a nuclear bomb.

The vice president said "demographic dislocation" is turning certain regions into political fortresses, where elections have no real meaning.

"It is alarming to see how some areas have been affected by this strategic shift, turning them into impenetrable strongholds where



democracy loses its essence," he said while speaking at a programme at the Birla Auditorium in Jaipur.

He clarified that organic, natural demographic change is never upsetting.

However, a demographic change brought about in a

strategic manner to achieve an objective is "frightening".

The vice president underscored that analysing demographic shifts over the last few decades reveals a "disturbing pattern" that offers a challenge to values, civilisational ethos and democracy.

"If this alarmingly worrisome challenge is not addressed systematically, it would escalate into an existential threat for the nation. I need not name countries that have lost their identity 100 per cent because of this demographic disorder, demographic earthquake," he

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## Jaishankar reaches Islamabad to attend SCO meeting



ISLAMABAD, OCT 15: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today landed in Islamabad, Pakistan, to attend a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), in the first visit to Pakistan by a senior Indian minister in years.

He was greeted at the Cont. on P9 >

## Cong appoints G A Mir as CLP leader

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 15

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.

As per an order, G A Mir was appointed as the new CLP leader of Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is to inform you that following the unanimous resolution of the members of the legislative assembly, Jammu & Kashmir, authorising the Congress President to appoint

## Court extends Er Rashid's interim bail in terror-funding case

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: A Delhi court on Tuesday extended the interim bail of Jammu and Kashmir MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, also known as Engineer Rashid, in a terror-funding case till October 28.

Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh passed the order on the ground of the health condition of Rashid's father, after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said it had verified the documents and was not opposing the application.

The judge also deferred Cont. on P9 >

## Early trends on counting day nonsense: CEC

### Says need to self-introspect on exit polls

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday slammed the practice of showing early trends on counting day by news channels as "nonsense".

Exit polls create a huge distraction by raising expectations and it was a matter for self-introspection for the media, particularly electronic media," he said while addressing a press conference here.

"We do not govern exit polls, but there is a need for self-introspection. What



was the sample size, where was the survey done, how did the result come and what is my responsibility if I did not match to that result, are there disclosures - all of these need to be seen," Kumar said, flanked by Election Commissioners

- Gyanesh Kumar and S S Sandhu.

The CEC said associations such as the News Broadcasting and Digital Standards Authority should do some self-regulation.

"Counting happens roughly on the third day after the elections end. Expectations rise from 6 pm, but there is no scientific basis to this in public disclosure," he said.

"When counting starts, results start coming (in the media) from 8:05 am and Cont. on P9 >

## India rejects Canadian PM Trudeau's charges

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: India on Tuesday trashed Canada's attempts to link Indian agents with criminal gangs in that country with official sources rejecting Ottawa's claim that it shared evidence with New Delhi in the Nijjar case.

Sources said the government also rejected Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations that India was engaging in activities, including carrying out covert operations targeting Canadian nationals in his country.

The ties between India

and Canada witnessed a major downturn on Monday as India expelled six Canadian diplomats and announced withdrawing its High Commissioner from Canada after dismissing Ottawa's allegations linking the envoy to a probe into the killing of Sikh extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

"Canadian PM Trudeau's press conference yesterday was the same old Trudeau saying the same old things for the same old reasons," said a source.

The sources said the as-

sertions by Canadian officials that Canada presented credible evidence to India in the Nijjar case is simply not true.

"The central assertion from all Canadian officials is that credible evidence has been presented to India. This was also repeated by their Charge d'Affaires Stewart Wheelers to the press. This is simply not true," the source said.

"From the very beginning, the Canadian approach has been to make vague accusations and put

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## Probe can't be thwarted by quashing FIR if materials show prima facie case: SC

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: The Supreme Court has said when a First Information Report (FIR) alleges dishonest conduct by an accused and materials disclose commission of a cognisable offence then the investigation cannot be thwarted by quashing the FIR.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said it was trite law that an FIR was not an encyclopedia of all imputations.

It observed that while deciding if a criminal proceeding or an FIR should

be quashed at the very threshold, the allegations in the FIR, including the materials collected during investigation, should be taken at face value to determine whether or not a prima facie case against the accused for investigation was made out.

"Thus, when the FIR alleges dishonest conduct on the part of the accused which, if supported by materials, would disclose commission of a cognisable offence, the investigation should not be thwarted by quashing the FIR," the bench said in its

verdict pronounced on October 14.

The top court's decision came on an appeal filed by one Somjeet Mallick, who had challenged the February 1 order of the Jharkhand High Court, which quashed an FIR against an accused.

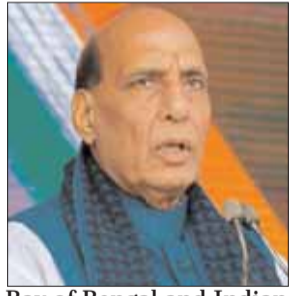
Mallick alleged that his truck was in possession of the accused since July 2014, however, its rent, including arrears amounting to Rs 12.49 lakh, had not been paid.

The bench noted the allegations in the FIR, which Cont. on P9 >

## Inviting outside forces dents efforts for unity: Rajnath on maritime security

VIKRABAD (TELANGANA), OCT 15: In a message to the neighbouring countries who share maritime boundaries with India, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday stressed that maritime security is a collective effort and inviting "outside forces" to the doorstep would dent efforts for unity.

Speaking after laying the foundation stone for a Very Low Frequency (VLF) Naval Station at Vikarabad near Hyderabad, he said maintaining peace in the



Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean region should be top priority.

Cooperation of India's friendly nations is essential in this effort, as even if one country is left out, the nation's security will be at risk, he said.

"Bharat believes in bringing all together and not breaking. That is why we are making every possible step to take the friendly neighbouring nations along," he said.

The VLF naval station will prove to be very important for maritime forces when it becomes functional, he said.

The upcoming radar station at Damagudem forest area in Vikarabad district is the Navy's second VLF communication transmission station in the country. Cont. on P9 >

## India inks big-ticket Predator drone deal with US

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: India on Tuesday inked a mega deal with the US to procure 31 Predator long-endurance drones from American defence major General Atomics under the foreign military sales route at a cost of nearly USD 4 billion to boost Indian military's combat prowess along the contested borders with China.

The deal, signed in presence of top defence and strategic brass of India in the national capital, marks a significant upswing in military ties between the two countries, officials

procured at an estimated cost of around USD 4 billion, officials said.

India is acquiring the drones primarily to crank up the surveillance apparatus of the armed forces, especially along the contested frontier with China.

In June last year, the Defence Ministry approved the procurement of the MQ-9B Predator armed drones from the US under a government-to-government framework.

The MQ-9B drone is a variant of the MQ-9 'Reaper' which was used to Cont. on P9 >