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Char Dham Yatra sets new record

Strength of devotees coming for Char Dham pilgrimage in Uttarakhand has set a new benchmark as it has recorded more than 56 lakh footfalls in the ongoing pilgrimage season so far.

A statement issued by the state government stated that the number of devotees coming to Char Dham Yatra in 2026 had crossed 56.18 lakh. This is more than previous all-time high figure of around 52 lakh devotees recorded in 2023.

The statement read that record number of pil

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Detained PoJK girl repatriated

Army today repatriated a detained PoJKgirl via Chakkan-da-Bagh crossing point in Poonch district of Jammu.

Officials said Samiya Azeem, a resident of Bains Gala, Seri, in Kotli area of PoJK, was apprehended by troops on October 2 in Lam sub-sector after she entered the Indian territory.

As investigation revealed that she had crossed to his side inadvertently, she was repatriated in the morning via Chakkan-Da-Bagh, District Poonch, after completion of all legal formalities.

Pak-based terrorist declared proclaimed offender

A Special NIA Court has declared a wanted terror accused, who is based in Pakistan, a proclaimed offender, following an application filed by the National Investigation Agency.

Nazir Hussain, a resident of Hari, Poonch, is wanted in a terror conspiracy case being investigated by NIA, following the recovery of several grenades from an over-ground worker in Surankote area of the border district in October

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Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to Kagan, Soai

STOCKHOLM, OCT 07: Henri BKagan and Kenso Soai won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for their efforts to resolve mysterious mirror images in chemical molecules.

"Henri Kagan and Kenso Soai have provided a solution to a chemical mystery that is over a century old: how homochirality can emerge spontaneously," Heiner Linke, chair of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry, said in a news release. "The chemical reactions they have developed are spectacular."

Kagan, 95 years old and

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PM's journey reflects strong democratic mandate: Jitendra

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Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25 years in public office was a reflection of the country's strong democratic tradition.

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'We will do it'

Modi gives new mantra to make India 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047

NEW DELHI, OCT 07: ***Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday gave a new slogan -- "We Will Do It" -- for realising the dream of making India a developed country by 2047, saying the goal will be achieved through visionary policies and hard work.***

"One of the biggest challenges the country faces is the division of society along the lines of votes," he said while addressing 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha' on his completion of 25 years as head of government.

"But when a farmer's field lacks water, does the problem affect only one caste? When there is no electricity, does darkness fall only on one community? The answer is no. If the problem belongs to everyone, the solution must be for everyone," he said.

The prime minister said the dream of a developed India that people were seeing today would surely come true.

"There is no reason for India to stop. A hundred years ago, there were less than 40 crof us; today, we are more than 140 cr. The 140 crciti-zens together will build a developed India by 2047, and we certainly will. We will do it," he said.

"Viksit Bharat by 2047: We Will Do It. Top 3 Economy: We Will Do It. Self-reliant: We Will Do It. Global Manufacturing Hub: We Will Do It. Hosting the Olympics: We Will Do It. Step into space: We Will Do It. This energy, this enthusiasm, this confidence is extraordinary," he said.

Highlighting his government's achievements in different sectors, Modi said what once seemed unimaginable has become possible.

Who would have thought that 25 crore people could rise out of poverty within a decade, yet India made it happen, he said.

"That is why I believe in the strength and potential of 140 crore Indians. After 25 years of experience, I can say with confidence that we are witnessing India's transformation right before our eyes," he said.

Referring to Captain Smit Machchhar, an Indian pilot with flydubai who foiled an attempt by his co-pilot to crash an Israel-bound flight despite being stabbed, the

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Cabinet expansion post-GST Council meet, talks with Farooq: CM

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said the government would take a call on the expansion of his Council of Ministers after the GST Council meet and consultations with party president Farooq Abdullah.

"A decision on the expansion of his Council of Ministers is likely be taken after his return from Delhi and consultations with NC president Farooq Abdullah," he said while speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function in Srinagar.

There is growing pressure on the Omar Abdullah to expand his cabinet as he completes two years in government this month. But it is going to be a tough task for him. There are many ministerial aspirants in NC against only four vacancies in the cabinet.

Congress, NC's alliance partner, had refused to accept any cabinet berth till the time statehood was restored and 'rights' of the people were restored.

So far, Omar is running his government with five ministers, four from his own party and one independent, against the permitted nine.

Cracks in the alliance widened in October last year after the Congress had accused its alliance partner of 'betrayal' in Rajya Sabha seat-sharing. Ahead of the Rajya Sabha polls for the UT's four seats, NC had announced three candidates and offered Congress the fourth, deemed unwinnable.

The Congress said it had been assured a "safe seat" and decided not to contest. NC took the first three seats; BJPwon the fourth.

In the 90-member House with the majority mark being 46, the NC at present has 41 and the Congress six MLAs, taking the bloc to 47 with just the two parties.

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NSA-level security dialogue

India, Canada vow to combat organised crime, terrorism

NEW DELHI, OCT 07: At the invitation of National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, the Senior Diplomatic and International Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada, David Morrison visited India from 05-07 October 2026.

MEA in a statement said, the meeting in New Delhi was held as part of the ongoing bilateral security dialogue at the NSA level. The previous dialogues in this format took place in New Delhi in September 2025 and in Ottawa in February 2026.

It said that both sides acknowledged the guidance provided by their respective Prime Ministers during their meetings in New Delhi in March 2026 and on the margins of the G7 Summit in Évian in June 2026.

The leaders noted with satisfaction the sustained and constructive bilateral engagements over the past year, guided by mutual trust, respect for each other's concerns and sensitivities, and a shared com

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2 festival trains to run between Delhi-Katra

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In view of the extra rush of passengers during the festive season, Northern Railway has decided to run two reserved Festival Special Express trains between New Delhi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra for the convenience of travellers and pilgrims.

Officials said that the railway administration will operate Train N004083/04084 New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Reserved Festival Special Express for two trips each.

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India slams OIC remarks on J&K, action against terror infra in Pak

UNITED NATIONS, OCT 07: Rejecting the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's remarks regarding Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi's actions against terror infrastructure in Pakistan, India said the group is "unable to distinguish between the victim and perpetrator".

Lok Sabha MP from West Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb delivered India's national statement at the UN General Assembly Sixth Committee on 'Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism' here.

Deb is part of a visiting delegation of 15 MPs, who arrived here for their UN familiarisation week.

The MPs will have diverse engagements in the UN during the visit.

In his remarks, the former Tripura chief minister responded strongly to the OIC statement that had made references to Jammu and Kashmir.

"I also address now the statement delivered by the chair of the OIC on India's focused and measured actions against terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, from where terrorist attacks against India were planned and directed," Deb said.

He said it was 'regrettable that those delivering the statement' are 'unable to separate fact from fiction and distinguish between victim and perpetrator'.

Asserting that India retains the right to defend its people against cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan, Deb said there will be consequences for indulging in terrorism.

He also rejected OIC's 'unwarranted reference' to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The OIC chair would do better to focus on Pakistan's illegal occupation, especially in Rawalakot, where wanton killings, brutal violence and the denial of basic rights to the people living there are so visible. Such

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Major reshuffle in admin

Govt orders transfers, postings of 41 IAS, 8 JKAS officers

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In a major reshuffle in the administration, the government today ordered transfers and postings of 41 IAS and 8 JKAS officers with immediate effect.

As per a GAD order, Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Jal Shakti Department (additional charge of the posts of financial commissioner, revenue, and administrative secretary, estates department), shall also hold the additional charge of the post of administrative secretary, revenue department, relieving Kumar Rajeev Ranjan of the additional charge.

Ashish Chandra Verma, financial commissioner (additional chief secretary), tourism department, (additional charge of the post of administrative secretary, agriculture production department) is transferred and posted as financial commissioner (additional chief secretary) Agriculture Production Department.

GAD secretary MRaju (additional charge of the post of administrative secretary, health & medical education department), is divested of the additional charge of the department of health & medical education. He shall hold additional charge of the post of administrative secretary, Hospitality & Protocol Department and the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation &Reconstruction.

R Alice Vaz, commissioner, Planning, Development & Monitoring De

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5 OGWs held with pistols, grenades

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Five OGWs of terrorists were today apprehended by security forces along with pistols and grenades KhrewanChadder area of Kulgam in the valley.

Acting on a credible input, a joint party of Army's 9 Rashtriya Rifles and 18 Battalion of CRPFarrested five OGWs from KhrewanChadder area.

They were identified as Tajamul Hussain Mir, Rehmat Ali Naikoo, Tehrim Ahmed Bhat, Manzoor Ahmed Bhat and Kifiyat

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'Will take call'

SC on plea to recall verdict on poll panel appointment law

NEW DELHI, OCT 07: The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to examine a plea seeking recall of its recent split verdict on whether challenges to the 2023 law governing the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners should be referred to a larger Constitution bench.

On September 23, a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma had given split opinions on whether a batch of pleas challenging the validity of a 2023 law that excludes the Chief Justice of India from the panel for selecting the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) should be referred to a larger Constitution bench.

It had said due to a difference of opinion, the matter be placed before CJI Surya Kant on the administrative side for constitution of a bench of appropriate strength for an effective and authoritative adjudication.

On Wednesday, a bench comprising the Chief Justice of India and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana was told about the recall application by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan.

"We will examine and take a call," the CJI said. Sankaranarayanan told the bench that the recall application had earlier been mentioned before a bench headed by Justice Datta, but the matter had subsequently been released from that bench and he was asked to mention it before the CJI.

"There is a split verdict on the Chief Election Commissioner issue. We have mentioned an application for re

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Terrorist hideout busted; AK rifle, grenades recovered

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In a major success, security forces today busted a terrorist hideout in the dense Nagda Nar woods of Handwara in Kashmir's Kupwara district, and a huge cache of arms & ammunition from there.

Acting on a tip-off about the presence of a hideout of terrorists in Nagda Nar woods, a joint team of Army,policeand CRPF launched a search operation in the area, officials said.

While the troops were combing the woods, they came across a hideout of terrorists. Its search led them to the recovery of a large cache of arms & ammunition, officials said.

The recovery included an AKrifle, three grenades, 857 AK rounds, 192 PIKA (machine gun) rounds, eight AK magazines, a silencer, 83 pistol rounds and other incriminating material, the officials added.

The hideout was later destroyed by the forces. While

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Moving in right direction: IAF Chief

NEW DELHI, OCT 07: IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal A P Singh on Wednesday said the Air Force is moving in the "right direction", but the pace can be little faster than it is today, and asserted that it needs to bolster its capabilities in the age of rapidly evolving technology.

Addressing a gathering of air warriors and IAF veter

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Prez, Guv visit Atal Tunnel; pay obeisance at Hidimba Temple

SHIMLA, OCT 07: Besides visiting the 9.02-km-long Atal Tunnel, a highway single-tube tunnel located at an altitude of over 10,000 ft above sea level, President Droupadi Murmu and Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today paid obeisance at the holy Hidimba Temple here.

At the North Portal of the tunnel, the President, on her 2nd day of the three-day visit to the state, was accorded a traditional welcome by local residents. Technical Education Minister and Minister-in-Waiting during the President's visit, Rajesh Dharmani, MP Kangana Ranaut, Lahaul-Spiti MLA Anuradha Rana, Deputy Commissioner Kiran Badana, officers of the district administration and Army officials also welcomed the President. Rajesh Dharmani presented a memento to the President on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the governor described the Atal Tunnel as a world-class example of engineering excellence, saying that it had brought Lahaul-Spiti signif

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