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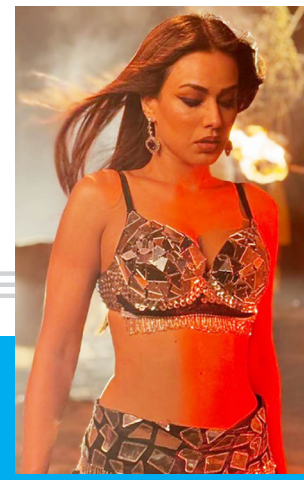
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Inaugurates National Agriculture Summit and Mela -2024 at SKUAST-Jammu CM Omar Abdullah calls for focus on agriculture varsities to tackle climate change and boost J&K's economy

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, NOV 20:

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today emphasized the critical role of agriculture in addressing climate change and improving the economy of Jammu and Kashmir. He was speaking at the inauguration of the four-day National Agriculture Summit & Farmers' Fair-2024 at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu.

Highlighting the exigency of climate change, the Chief Minister said, "Climate change is a huge challenge, and the responsibility lies on SKUAST (Kashmir and Jammu) to address it and assist our farmers. We can no longer depend solely on rain and snowfall, as climate patterns have drastically shifted. For instance, in our childhood, snowfall would arrive in December; now, it comes in February. Our average temperatures are also rising. To adapt, we need to promote modern agricultural practices, introduce new techniques and technologies, and raise awareness among farmers."

He lauded the progress made by SKUAST-Jammu in recent years, saying, "I felt



related on visiting SKUAST-Jammu. Since my last visit, the university has made remarkable progress, for which I congratulate the Vice-Chancellor and his entire team."

The Chief Minister expressed concern over the neglect of agriculture in discussions about J&K's development.

"In Jammu and Kashmir, we find farmers in every corner, yet when we discuss progress, we focus on factories, tourism, and facilities for pilgrims at religious plac-

Omar Abdullah expresses sorrow over massive Fire in Srinagar Rainwari

sell it outside, leading to a positive shift in J&K's economy."

Omar Abdullah called for efforts to restore farming as a viable and respected livelihood for future generations.

"Our farmers must feel confident that their hard work on the land will generate income. However, it is disheartening that the younger generation is distancing itself from agriculture. Productive agricultural land is increasingly being used for non-agricultural purposes because our children hesitate to connect with agriculture and allied sectors. This mindset needs to change," he lamented.

Speaking about Jammu's agricultural potential, he said, "Multiple-farming, cultivating staple crops, and utilizing land for high-value products hold immense potential. Jammu is already renowned for its RS Pura

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LG Sinha Inaugurates Joint Edition of Jammu Film Festival and the International Film Festival of Srinagar We will ensure exemplary punishment for them: LG Sinha

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, NOV 20:

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the joint edition of Jammu Film Festival (JFF) and The International Film Festival of Srinagar (TIFFS), at Aquaplex Crown, Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu. Jammu tourism packages

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations to the organizers and all the participants. He said the entries from more than 50 countries is a testimony to vibrant, peaceful and prosperous J&K UT under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

"Peace, vibrant movie cul-



ture and economic prosperity are interlinked and I want to warn those who are trying to disrupt normal life or day dreaming of bringing disorder that existed before 2019", the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said, "Our law enforce-

ment agencies are monitoring the anti-India elements and separatists' ecosystem and if they try to put people's lives in danger or compromise India's integrity, we will ensure exemplary punishment for them".

The Lieutenant Governor

called upon filmmakers to utilise their craft to inspire people to follow the right path, serve their art and also give priority to national interest. He observed that cinema is vital element of soft power and global

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Article 370 would not have been revoked had PDP not joined hands with BJP: NC leader Wani

SRINAGAR, NOV 20:

Senior National Conference leader Nasir Aslam Wani on Wednesday claimed that Articles 370 and 35A would not have been revoked in Jammu and Kashmir had the PDP not joined hands with the BJP in 2014 to form government in the erstwhile state.

He alleged that the Mehbooba Mufti-led party thought of

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Delhi Court to decide Jurisdiction of Terror Case against Engineer Rashid, his Bail on Nov 21

NEW DELHI, NOV 20:

A Delhi court is likely to decide on Thursday whether a case of alleged terror funding against Jammu and Kashmir Lok Sabha member Engineer Rashid be transferred to the designated MP/MLA court now that he is a lawmaker.

Additional Sessions Judge Chanderjit Singh also posted for tomorrow the order on Rashid's regular bail application.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh holds talks with Chinese Counterpart in Laos

NEW DELHI, NOV 20:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday held delegation-level talks with his Chinese counterpart Dong Jun in Vientiane, weeks after Indian and Chinese militaries completed disengagement of troops from two last face-off points in eastern Ladakh. The meeting took place in the capital city of Laos on the sidelines of a conclave of 10-nation ASEAN grouping and some of its dialogue partners.

"Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh holding bilateral meeting with Chinese Defence Minister Mr Dong Jun in Vientiane, Lao PDR," Singh's office said on 'X'. Indian and Chinese militaries completed the disengagement exercise in Demchok



and Depsang late last month after the two sides reached an agreement following a series of negotiations to resolve the festering border row.

The two sides also resumed patrolling activities in the two areas after a gap of almost four-and-a-half years. Singh began his three-day visit to Vientiane on Wednesday, primarily to

attend a meeting of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus).

ADMM-Plus is a platform comprising 10-nation ASEAN (Association of South-east Asian Nations) and its eight dialogue partners -- India, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the

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Additional Ration, 12 gas cylinders will be New Year gift for people of J&K: Satish

SRINAGAR, NOV 20:

Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Satish Sharma on Wednesday said the enhanced ration quota and 12 gas cylinders will be a new year gift for the people of JK.

Sharma was talking to reporters in Srinagar.

The National Conference in its poll manifesto promised to provide 12 LPG cylinders to the economically weaker sections each year for free.

"We are going to announce the New Year gift for the people of Jammu and Kashmir", the Minister said adding "additional Ration and 12 cylinders will be announced on the eve of new year".

"Give us eleven months to fulfil the gap of 11 years of development for that we



need people's cooperation", he said.

"First we have to get back the statehood so that all issues could be redressed and for that the Chief Minister had already met the central leadership, Sharma said.

"I believe that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is personally committed to restoring statehood, and after that, all other issues will be addressed," he said.

In reply to a question, the Minister said that all

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Dy CM outlines multi-pronged strategy to eradicate illegal mining in J&K

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, NOV 20:

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, today chaired a high level meeting to deliberate on the pressing issue of illegal mining across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Deputy CM issued clear directives for stringent measures to eradicate illegal mining activities, stressing the importance of night-time vigilance and frequent inspections. He emphasised that no mining operations or hot mix plants should be allowed to function without proper permissions, asserting that accountability at every level of administration was essential to achieving this goal.

Surinder Choudhary ordered immediate seizure of machinery and vehicles in-



comprehensive data on mining activities and ensure consistent coordination with the police to enhance field-level monitoring.

The Deputy CM noted that robust data management would not only expose irregularities but also strengthen the overall governance of mineral resources.

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involved in illegal mining. He highlighted the need for imposing substantial penalties on violators, stating that such measures would serve as an effective deterrent against unauthorised activities.

Highlighting the environmental consequences of illegal mining, the Dy CM expressed concern over

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Forest Fire Triggers Landmine Blasts along LoC in Poonch

MENDHAR/JAMMU, NOV 20:

Nearly half a dozen landmines, part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, exploded following a forest fire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Wednesday, officials said.

The forest fire started from across the border in afternoon and spread to this side in the forward areas of Krishna Ghati sector of

Mendhar Sub-division, the officials said.

They said about six blasts were heard at regular intervals over the past few hours after the fire activated the landmines but there was no report of any casualty.

Efforts are on to control the flames, the cause of which is yet to be clear, the officials said, adding that a

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Army chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi embarks on visit to Nepal

NEW DELHI, NOV 20:

General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) on Wednesday embarked on a visit to Nepal, marking a significant step in further bolstering the close defence cooperation between India and Nepal.

During his visit from November 20 to 24, General Upendra Dwivedi will interact with Naveen Srivastava, Indian Ambassador to Nepal and thereafter he will have an informal discussion with



General Ashok Raj Sigdel, Chief of the Army Staff, Nepali Army at Shashi Bhanu, a Defence Ministry statement said.

On November 21, the Army chief will be given a Guard of

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Kashmir Situation under control, All security Agencies working in Synergy: CRPF IG

SRINAGAR, NOV 20:

The situation in Kashmir is under control as all security agencies are working in synergy, a top CRPF officer said here on Wednesday.

Inaugurating the second edition of CRPF Cup Srinagar Sector, a cricket tournament to be held from November 20 to 28, Inspector General of CRPF (Srinagar Sector) P K Sharma said the aim is to have maximum connect with the youth of Kashmir.

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CS reviews progress on development of 'Bagh-Gul-e-Dawood' at Sgr

Asks for establishing such gardens in other tourist spots of J&K
SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, NOV 20:

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today in a meeting of Floriculture, Gardens & Parks Department, assessed progress on development of Chrysanthemum Theme Park (Bagh-e-Gul-e-Dawood) here at Botanical Garden, Srinagar.



Present in the meeting were Commissioner Secretary, Floriculture Department, Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, DG, Codes, DG, Budget, representative from SKUAST-K and other

concerned officers.

Dulloo, while reviewing the current status of the project, enquired about its viability from the concerned

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Dr Jitendra Launches India's First Indigenous Antibiotic 'Nafithromycin' For Resistant Infections

NEW DELHI, NOV 20:

In a groundbreaking step for India's biotechnology sector, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today formally launched the first indigenous antibiotic "Nafithromycin" for resistant infections.

It is only after 2014, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over that our researchers received the right kind of support to explore their potential, said Dr. Jitendra Singh and added that Modi's personal intervention has made the task far



easier now.

The antibiotic "Nafithromycin" has been developed with the support of "Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council" (BI-RAC), a unit of the Department of Biotechnology and has been brought to mar-

ket under the trade name "Miqnaf" by pharma company "Wolkardt". It is the country's first indigenously developed antibiotic aimed at tackling Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

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Bitcoin, Cryptocurrencies not Legal in India

NEW DELHI, NOV 20:

Bitcoin and cryptocurrency are in news again after allegations were levelled against Congress's Maharashtra president Nana Patole and NCP (SP)'s Supriya Sule of being involved in "illegal bitcoin activities" to fund their poll campaign. Here is a look at what cryptocurrency/bitcoins are:

CRYPTOCURRENCY: A cryptocurrency is a digital or virtual currency secured by cryptography, which makes it nearly impossible to counterfeit or

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J&K Police arrest Three Drug Peddlers with Contraband in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, NOV 20:

Police have arrested three drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession in Baramulla district.

Police on Wednesday said that a Police party of Uri Police Station headed at a checkpoint established at Gingal Bridge, intercepted one person who was identified as Syed Hassan Shah resident of Gingal.

During his search 6.5 Kgs of contraband Cannabis powder-like substances was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and



shifted to the Police Station. Similarly, a Police party at a checkpoint established at Janbazzpora Baramulla, intercepted one person who was identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie a resident of Binner.

During the search, 100 grams of contraband Charas-like substances was recov-

ered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to the Police Station.

Police also arrested a person at a checkpoint established at Forest Check Post Gantamulla Baramulla, along with 30 grams of contraband Charas-like

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