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SWEARING IN CEREMONY TODAY

Omar set to become first CM of J&K UT; Sakina, Masoodi, Surinder, Saifullah, Rather, Sagar, Rana, Satish, Karra among probable Ministers; CM to chair meeting of Administrative Secretaries at Civil Secretariat post Swearing in ceremony

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SRINAGAR, OCT 15

Stage is all set for high profile swearing in ceremony of Jammu and Kashmir UT's first Chief Minister and the council of ministers at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar today (Wednesday).

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah will be sworn in as the first CM of J&K UT while there is a possibility that eight to nine ministers will also be administered the oath by the J&K's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Reliable sources told that while Omar will take oath as the first CM of the UT, those who would be sworn in as the ministers include Sakina Itoo, the woman face of NC, Justice (Rtd) Hasnain Masoodi, Abdur Rahim Rather, Ali Muhammad Sagar while as Jammu region will also be given representation in the form of Javaid Rana, Surinder Chouhdary and Satish Sharma. Sources said from the Congress which is the alliance partner of NC, J&K PCC chief Tariq Hameed Karra may be included in the council of ministers as well. This way, there will be eight ministers in the Omar led cabinet. It may be recalled that Omar had staked claim on government formation after presenting the letters of support to Lieutenant Governor

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INDIA Alliance leaders to attend Omar's swearing in ceremony in Sgr

Kharge, Akhilesh, Kanimozhi, Prakash Karat among others to attend function, Confirmation of Rahul among other participants awaited, say NC-Congress leaders

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As the Omar Abdullah led National Conference-Congress alliance is all set to form the next government on Wednesday, several INDIA Alliance leaders have confirmed to attend the swearing-in ceremony where Omar Abdullah will be taking oath as the first chief minister of the union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The oath taking ceremony will be held at SKICC here. The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will administer oath to the new members of assembly.

Jammu and Kashmir would witness the first elected government after the erstwhile state was downgraded to the Union Territory on August 05, 2019 when the BJP-led government in centre revoked the Article 370 and 35A.

NC Spokesman, Imran Nabi Dar while said that several INDIA bloc leaders have been invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony.

However, he said only a few including Member of Parliament and President Samajwadi Party Akhilesh Yadav, Kanimozhi Karunanidhi from DMK have confirmed their participation in the meeting.

He added that the further confirmations are expected to be received by late evening.

Pertinently, NC had sent invitations to West Bengal Chief Minister

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EAM Jaishankar, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif exchange pleasantries

ISLAMABAD, OCT 15

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Tuesday exchanged pleasantries with Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, hours after landing in the Pakistani capital to attend a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).The brief exchange took place at a dinner reception hosted by Sharif at his residence in honour of the delegates of the SCO member countries.Jaishankar and Sharif warmly shook hands and held a very brief interaction.The Pakistan prime minister greeted all the leaders of the delegations of the SCO member nations.Jaishankar's aircraft landed at the Nur Khan airbase on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital city at around 3:30 pm (local time) and he was greeted by senior Pakistani officials.

It is the first time in nearly nine years that India's foreign minister travelled to Pakistan even as the ties between the

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Acknowledge 1990 exodus before inviting return: Kashmiri Pandits demand Farooq Abdullah's apology

NEW DELHI, OCT 15

Following National Conference (NC) chief Farooq Abdullah's statement about the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley, members of the displaced community have demanded that the party first acknowledge the 1990 exodus and apologise for the genocide before making any promises.Abdullah, whose party is set to form a government in Jammu and Kashmir in coalition with Congress, expressed his desire for the return of Kashmiri Pandits, who were forced to flee their homes in the 1990s."I hope our brothers and sisters who left the Valley will return home. The time has come, and they should come back to their homes," Abdullah told reporters on Saturday.He added that the NC does not differentiate between Hindus and Muslims and treats everyone equally. "There is a place for everyone in Kashmir," he stressed.However, speaking to Kashmiri Pandits, while open to the prospect of returning, voiced

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JMC imparts awareness to work animal owners

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JAMMU, OCT 15

An awareness-cum-registration programme was organized today by the Veterinary section of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) for work animal owners operating within JMC limits. The main motive of the programme was to aware the owners of Marriage buggies/ Horse cart/ horses/ Pony/ Mule/ Camel/ Donkey and other work animals

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Prof Jawaid Iqbal is new VC BGSB University, Prof. K.S Chandrasekar appointed as VC CUJ

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SRINAGAR, OCT 15

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha Tuesday appointed Prof

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Founder & Chairman, Legends League Cricket calls on LG Manoj Sinha

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SRINAGAR, OCT 15

Sh Vivek Khushalani, Founder & Chairman, Legends League Cricket today called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan. He was accompanied by Sh Yuvraj Kilachand, Co-Owner, Legends League Cricket and Ms Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council.

What went wrong within Congress that led to its drubbing in J&K Assembly elections

Ticket mismanagement, internal rifts, and leadership stubbornness behind the rout

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SRINAGAR, OCT 15

Congress suffered a setback in Jammu district, losing four crucial assembly seats—Bahu, RS Pura-Jammu South, Chhamb, and Akhnoor—due to poor ticket allocation and internal disagreements among senior leaders.

Insiders say that misjudgments in candidate selection on these key seats cost the party victory, sparking internal blame games and calls for organizational changes.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, Congress had shown potential in these constituencies, leading on one seat and giving BJP a tough contest on another. However, the last-minute announcement of candidates for the assembly elections resulted in defeats across all four seats, derailing the party's chances of securing a stronger position.

Party insiders divulged that Congress had high hopes, especially in the RS Pura-Jammu South constituency, where it had secured 44,162 votes in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, ahead of BJP's 37,798 votes. Congress leader Taranjit Singh Tony, who had actively worked in the constituency for the past three years and held a District Development Council (DDC) position, was seen as a natural candidate.

However, the party leadership fielded Raman Bhalla, a former Lok Sabha candidate and Congress working president, instead.

Bhalla, despite putting up a tough fight, lost to BJP's Dr. Narendra Singh by just 1,966 votes. Many

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Higher Edu Deptt orders establishment of two GDCs in Jammu region

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SRINAGAR, OCT 15

The Jammu and Higher Education Department Tuesday ordered establishing of two Government Degree Colleges (GDCs) in Jammu region.

According to the two degree colleges will be established at Lamberi in Rajouri district and Aghore in Jammu district. "Sanction is accorded to establishment

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Congress appoints G A Mir as new CLP leader of J&K

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SRINAGAR, 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 available 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 &

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J&K records incident free Assembly polls, first time in 3 decades

Elections from 1996 to 2014 were turbulent; 80 political workers among 700 persons killed in 2002, reveal figures

GY CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, OCT 15

The recently concluded assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir were conducted without any incidents of violence, terrorist attacks, or shelling from across the border.

The Election Commission has confirmed that not a single terror-related incident occurred throughout the electoral process in the erstwhile state otherwise known for its troubled electoral past.

Defence experts attribute the peaceful elections to two key factors: meticulous strategic planning by authorities and the unexpected participation of former disruptors in the electoral process. Separatists and individuals previously linked with organizations such as the Hurriyat Conference and Jamaat-e-Islami contested the elections this time, defusing tensions that typically mar elections in the region.

This is the first time in 32 years that elections in Jammu and Kashmir have been conducted without violence.

In previous elections, separatist elements—often with ties to Pakistan or local militant outfits—actively disrupted the process. Terrorist incidents were a grim reality during every election cycle, including deadly attacks, political killings, and cross-border shelling.

The elections from 1996 to 2014 were particularly turbulent: 1996: Numerous attacks left many dead, with several

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SCs community concerned for having no representation in new J&K Govt

Seeks Rajya Sabha seat from NC-Congress quota

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JAMMU, OCT 15

Ahead of the swearing-in ceremony for new government formation in Jammu & Kashmir, the Schedule Caste (SC) community expressed concern over its representations and hoped that the NC-Congress alliance would adjust the community in the government or send its members to Rajya Sabha.

For the first time in recent years, the Chief Minister and cabinet in Jammu and Kashmir took oath without any representative from Schedule Caste community as all seven SC-reserved seats of Jammu and Kashmir clinched by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in recently concluded assembly polls that won 29 seats out of 43 from Jammu province.

As per new delimitation of assembly segments, all seven SC reserved seats namely Akhnoor, Bishnah, Kathua, Marh, Ramghar, Ramnagar and Suchetghar of J&K falls in Jammu, Kathua, Samba and Udhampur districts of Jammu province where BJP clean swept the polls and won 22 out of 24 assembly segments.

Sham Lal Basson, State President, All J&K Dalit Chetan Manch said that

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EC announces bypolls to Wayanad, Nanded LS seats; 48 Assembly constituencies

NEW DELHI, OCT 15

The Election Commission on Tuesday announced bypolls to the Wayanad and Nanded Lok Sabha seats as well as 48 assembly constituencies.Bypoll to the Basirhat Lok Sabha seat in West Bengal and the Milkipur assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh were not announced as election petitions are pending in the respective high courts against the candidates who had won the seats earlier.Bypoll to the "

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From being 'taboo', BJP rose with highest vote share in J&K: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI, OCT 15

"From being a "taboo", Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) rose with highest vote share in Jammu & Kashmir and that is the amazing story of an incredible journey personified by recent Assembly election in the Union Territory".In an exclusive conversation during media conclave organised by national TV Channel, Bharat24, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh thus summed up the best ever performance so far of BJP in Jammu & Kashmir and said, the credit goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for having introduced in the last 10 years

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SIA releases pictures of terrorists killed in 2023 Rajouri encounter for identification

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JAMMU, OCT 15

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir Police has released for identification the pictures of two terrorists killed in a gunbattle in Rajouri district in November 2023, officials said.The two terrorists were killed, along with five soldiers, during a fierce encounter in the Baajimaal area of the Kalakote belt on November 22-23, 2023, as part of a security operation.The Senior Superintendent of Police

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LMD fines private hospital for ambiguous billing, overcharging

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JAMMU, OCT 15

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 Jammu private Hospital chain based in Jammu at Greater Kailash.The Hospital, claiming specialization 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 violating provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, which mandates a set of accurate information, and the use of standard units of measurement in all commercial transactions, including medical devices.

The instant case came to light following a special inspection conducted by a team of Legal Metrology Department Jammu District on the directions of the Controller Legal Metrology Department J&K, Anuradha Gupta for regulating commercial transactions in the healthcare sector as well and to enforce the compliance of

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