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## Terror gravest threat to humanity: EAM

NEW DELHI, Oct 29:

India today pitched for concerted global efforts to stop possible misuse of new technologies such as encrypted messaging and crypto-currency by "non-state actors", and cautioned that the social media platforms have turned into potent instruments in the "toolkit" of terror groups.

In an address at a special meeting of the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism

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## Umair among 11 appointed as JDs in ED

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Oct 29: President of India Droupadi Murmu today appointed 11 IRS officers as Joint Directors of Enforcement, in Enforcement Directorate on deputation basis.

They include Dr Umair Mir, son of the soil and posted in Enforcement Directorate at Jammu.

Dr Mir has been appointed up to 2.5.2026.

## HC seeks appearance of officials

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Oct 29: The High Court has issued bailable warrants against various officials for securing their presence before the court on next date of hearing for non-compliance of court orders.

The court issued bailable warrants to the tune of Rs 5000 against Chief Education Officer Baramulla which the court directed to be executed through SSP Baramulla.

In another case, the court, while granting two weeks' last opportunity to the SSB to report compliance in conformity with the judgment passed in

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## Weatherman forecasts snow, dip in temp

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Oct 29: Weatherman today forecast snowfall and low temperature for the first week of November saying that it may temporarily disrupt surface transportation in the hills.

"As per today's conditions, for whole 1st week of November (1-6th), weather is most likely to remain generally cloudy with possibility of light to moderate rain/snowfall over middle and higher reaches of J&K at scattered places of J&K (forecast confidence >75%)," a Meteorological

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## Gujarat to form committee for UCC implementation

AHMEDABAD, Oct 29:

The Gujarat Government has decided to form a committee to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), it said today.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting which could be the last meeting under the present BJP Government as Assembly elections are expected to be announced in the State by the next week.

Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi and Union Minister Parshottam Rupala informed the reporters about the decision.

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**WEATHER**

**JAMMU:**
Mainly dry
**TEMPERATURE**

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| Max: | 29.4 Degree C |
| Min: | 16.0 Degree C |

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**

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| RH-I (Morning): | 72.0 per cent |
| RH-II (Evening): | 70.0 per cent |
| Sunset on Sunday: | 05.43 p.m. |
| Sunrise on Monday: | 06.49 a.m. |

**SRINAGAR:**
Mainly dry
**TEMPERATURE**

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| Max: | 22.8 Degree C |
| Min: | 2.6 Degree C |

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**

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| RH-I (Morning): | 87.0 per cent |
| RH-II (Evening): | 55.0 per cent |

**LEH:**
**TEMPERATURE**

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| Max: | 12.0 Degree C |
| Min: | -3.5 Degree C |

# Cop, Engg among 4 killed, 9 injured as landslides hit Ratle project

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**KISHTWAR, Oct 29: Four persons including a police cop and an Engineer were killed and nine others injured after back to back landslides hit a mega power project in Drabshalla area here.**

As per police sources, a driver identified as Manoj Kumar, son of Hari Lal of Gujjar Kothan was working at 850 MW Ratle Hydro Electric project in Drabshalla when his excavator was hit by a landslide. The driver got trapped under the debris and later died.

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A rescue team of around dozen persons including police cops rushed to the spot to retrieve the body of the driver when another landslide hit the project site and all of them got trapped under the debris.

On getting information about the incident, a team from Police Station Kishtwar led by SHO Inspector Abid Bukhari rushed to the spot and started rescue operation.

*An excavator trapped in landslide at Drabshalla area of district Kishtwar.* *—Excelsior/Tilak Raj*

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Devansh Yadav and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar Shafqat Batt also reached the spot and supervised the rescue operation.

MoS PMO, who is also Member Parliament from the area, also spoke to the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, on receiving the report of a fatal landslide at the power project site.

**Nine persons were rescued and shifted to Community Health Centre (CHC) Thathri from where four were later referred to District Hospital Doda for specialised treatment.**

Four dead bodies were recovered under the debris and were identified as Sachin Kumar (Engineer), son of Angraz Singh of Salana, Mohammad Yaqoob (SgCt posted at Police Post Drabshalla), son of Fazal Din of Mahi Nagni Thathri, Moin Ahmed, son of Mohammad Hafiz Matoo of Drabshalla and Manoj Kumar (JCB operator), son of Hari Lal of Gujjar Kothan Drabshalla.

The injured were identified as Mohd Afzal (ASI), son of Abdul Samad of Paristan District Ramban, Vinod Parihar, son of Hem Raj of Drabshalla, Asif Mushtaq, son of Mushtaq Ahmed of Bhaderwah, Babu Ram, son of Seri Lal of Joshana Drabshalla, Zubir Ahmed, son of Ghulam Hadir of Dugga Saroor, Bodh Raj Parihar, son of Hem Raj Parihar of Drabshalla, Pancham Singh, son of Naib Chand of Salana Drabshalla and Mohd Yaseen Najar, son of Ghulam Hadir Najar of Dugga Drabshalla and Sagar Roy.

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*A view of snow covered Ashpati Glacier in Bhaderwah.*
*—Excelsior/Tilak Raj*

# HC directs for examining eyewitnesses of Nadimarg massacre

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**SRINAGAR, Oct 29: The High Court while setting aside the trial court order whereby adducing of further witnesses by the prosecution was closed in the massacre of 24 persons of minority community in 2003 directed the court below to take all steps for statement of remaining witnesses through video conferencing.**

The matter on the issue was heard and reserved on September 27 and while announcing the judgment today, the court of Justice V C Koul allowed the plea of prosecution and set aside the order of trial court dated 9.2.2011.

The court allowed the application of prosecution for issuance of commission for examination of witnesses and directed the court below to take all the necessary measures to ensure the examination of the witnesses concerned by issuing commission and recording their statement via video conferencing. Court also directed the trial court to ensure expeditious proceedings so as to conclude the matter at the earliest.

Justice Koul said that the court below has dismissed the application of the the State for examining the witness on commission on the irrelevant consideration while overlooking the material and relevant aspects of the case. "The said application of the prosecution for recording statements of witnesses on commission deserved to be allowed", read the judgment.

The revision in hand was moved by the prosecution-state against the order of Principal Sessions Judge, Shopian in a case arising from FIR No.24/2003 u/s 302, 450, 395, 120-B, 307, 326, 427 RPC, 7/27 Arms Act & 30 P.Act, for killing of 24 persons of Pandit community in Nadimarg whereby the court below had dismissed application of the petitioner-prosecution for recording the statement of witnesses on commission and the evidence of the prosecution was closed.

The prosecution counsel submitted that after completing the investigation in the case, the concerned police filed a challan before the trial court at Pulwama where from the case was committed to the court of Sessions at Pulwama and as many as 38 witnesses were cited in the calendar of witnesses and after creation of Shopian District, the case was transferred to the court below for further trial.

It was contended that the prosecution was able to record depositions of 13 witnesses and the prosecution despite the strenuous efforts has not been successful in securing the presence of the other witnesses and even the court below issued notices and warrants for securing the presence of the witnesses, but they didn't choose to appear and record their depositions.

The prosecution thereafter filed an application before the court below so that the commission is to ensure the examination of the witnesses, list of whom was also provided along with the application, who are presently residing at Purkhoo Camp, Muthi Camp and Mishriwala in Jammu.

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## 25000 employees including 4500 GOs to join B2V4

# People should expose justification of terrorism: LG

*Excelsior Correspondent*

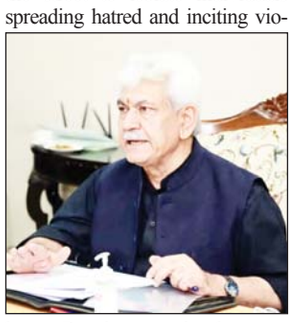
**SRINAGAR, Oct 29: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress and further action plan for saturation of deliverables during the ongoing Back to Village programme.**

"Back to Village is the celebration of inclusive development, Jan Bhagidari and public awareness. It is a unique and ambitious exercise of taking Government to the doorsteps of people," he observed.

Sinha highlighted the role of the people, public representatives, and Government departments in the peace and development process. He said it is not just the police and security forces' responsibility to establish peace but also the prime objective of every stakeholder of the community as well as those in the civil administration to ensure all sections of society enjoy the fruits of development.

"Back to Village also provides an opportunity to every single individual to foil the nefarious attempt of anti-social elements. People should expose justification or condoning of terrorism under whatever pretext by those trying to disrupt peace," he said.

People are now coming out on the street to isolate individuals spreading hatred and inciting violence. People want development, prosperity for the society and a better future for the country. Those with vested interest are rattled by overall transformation in the Union Territory and fast-paced socio-economic growth, the Lt Governor observed.



On being briefed about the targets aimed to be achieved during the ongoing Back to Village programme, he directed the Deputy Commissioners and concerned departments to ensure saturation of all deliverables.

**'People First' should be the spirit of the Back to Village programme. It is the administration's responsibility to watch over the interests of the common man and help them to prosper. Officers on the ground must establish close interaction and cooperation with the people as well PRIs, monitor quality of delivery of public services and bottlenecks in the field to be assessed, the Lt Governor told the officers.**

"It is our aim to saturate the deliverables, identify gaps and take immediate corrective measures. The effective implementation of initiatives under the Back to Village will strengthen the economic growth and social change," he added.

"Our focus is on Youth, Skill Development, Self-Employment, Strengthening of PRIs, Nasha-Mukt Panchayat and 100% saturation of welfare schemes for sustainable and inclusive development," he further added.

Sinha directed the visiting officers to identify the youth for self-employment and skill development programmes as per their abilities. He further called for taking on board private and Government

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## 'Yatris counted in number of tourists'

# Deterioration in situation forced KP employees to flee Valley: Omar

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**SRINAGAR, Oct 29: Former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that the situation in Kashmir has deteriorated forcing Kashmiri Pandit employees to flee the Valley and Government is projecting normalcy by faking the tourist arrival.**

Omar said told reporters in

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Srinagar that deteriorating situation has made Kashmiri Pandit employees to flee the Valley. "They have fled after locking their houses. They are not alone. Several other Government employees were appointed under

the PM's package, and there was an attempt to bring them back, but the situation deteriorated to an extent that they were also left with no option but to leave Kashmir for Jammu," he said.

He said that this is unfortunate and what is more worrying is that the present Government does not want to do anything about it. "They are high with just the arrival of tourists; as if the arrival of tourists is everything. They are telling lie after lie about the arrival

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## Farooq hopes for return of peace

Former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah today hoped for the return of peace in Jammu and Kashmir so that all communities could live without fear.

The National Conference (NC) president recalled the communal bonhomie that existed in the erstwhile State before the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the

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## J&K officers will get exposure: Dr Jitendra

# Nearly 2000 Govt officials from all States/UTs to attend national conference in Katra in Nov

**Sanjeev Pargal**

**Good governance, accountability on agenda*

**JAMMU, Oct 29: Over 2000 Government officers from across the country are expected to attend 25th National e-Governance Conference which will be held for two days on November 25 and 26 at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University at Kakryal in Katra town of Reasi district in Jammu region.**

The Department of Administrative Reforms· & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), in association with the UT Government of Jammu and Kashmir is organizing the conference.

Some Central Government officers are also expected to attend the conference, official sources told the Excelsior.

The DARPG has been holding such conferences at different places across the country to brief officers on good governance, accountability and other factors. Similar conferences have already been held in Leh in the Union Territory of Ladakh, Srinagar in Kashmir division, North East, Shillong, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Mumbai etc and now it is being held in Jammu,

"The Department of Administration Reforms has taken new initiative in last few years to hold such conference at national level in different States/UTs to give exposure to the officers. The officers of Jammu and Kashmir will be among those attending the conference and they will get national level exposure," Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said.

Sources said nearly 2000 officers from across the country are likely to attend two-day long conference.

The theme of this Conference is "Bringing Citizens, Industry and Government Closer".

**On valedictory session on November 26, the 'Jammu Declaration' on eGovernance will be adopted after intensive deliberations during the sessions held over two days.**

The 25th NCeG is a platform for discussion on some of the latest technologies for· promoting e-Governance and sharing knowledge and insights on the themes identified for the Conference, which will be inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Minister of State for the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, Government of India.

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## 38 junctions to have hi-tech cameras, PHQ wants facility at 28 more points

# Intelligent Traffic Mgmt & City Surveillance System to be in place in Jammu by Nov end

**Mohinder Verma**

**Live video feed to be available at ICCC, Traffic PHQ, PCR*

**JAMMU, Oct 29: Finally, the Intelligent Traffic Management and City Surveillance System along with Integrated Command and Control Centre will be in place in Jammu by the end of next month as work is apace on both the projects which will act as a decision support system for the administration and capture live events at 38 junctions of Jammu City.**

Moreover, work on 28 more junctions, which otherwise don't have traffic signals, will begin within next few months as requirement of general surveillance through hi-tech cameras has been projected by the Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters before the Jammu Smart City Limited from general law and order point of view.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that the work on Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) is apace on the first floor of the building of the Jammu Municipal Corporation at Town Hall and within next few days the process of installation of video walls and networking will begin by the company engaged by Jammu Smart City Limited for the project. The work is slated to be completed in all respects by the end of next month, they added.

**The Smart Cities Mission of Government of India lays emphasis on setting up of Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) for the city and Jammu ICCC has been envisaged to be the brain for city operations which will act as a decision support system for city administration by consuming data feeds from edge devices and different departments such as Municipal Corporation, Police, Transport, Water, Fire and Emergency Services etc and empowering the officials to make quick and informed decision based upon the real time events.**

Similarly, work on Intelligent Traffic Management and City Surveillance System, which will enable users to be better informed and to make safer, more efficient, coordinated and smarter use of transport networks will be completed by the end of next month, sources said, adding the broad objectives include traffic monitor-

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## 153 projects to be covered

# MoHUA approves Rs 1665 cr action plan for J&K

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**SRINAGAR, Oct 29: The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), in its fifth Apex committee meeting approved UT Water Action Plan (UTWAP) for 153 projects amounting to Rs 1665.10 crore for 78 ULBs of J&K under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation of Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0.**

Principal Secretary, H&UDD, Dheeraj Gupta, made a presentation on the action plan to the Apex Committee.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Union Secretary MoHUA, Manoj Joshi.

The UTWAP will be covering 99 projects under Water Supply, 4 under Sewerage and Seepage Management besides 50 Water Bodies.

It was informed that out of the total approved allocation of Rs. 1665.00 crore, an amount of Rs. 744.18 has been earmarked under CAPEX budget of Housing and Urban Development Department for providing round the clock quality water supply, universal households water tap connections to all the urban areas of J&K and coverage of households under Sewerage and Seepage Management in three Mission Cities of AMRUT including Srinagar, Jammu and Anantnag.

**Besides, under AMRUT 2.0, about 2.25 lakh new tap household connections would be provided and more than 4 lakh connections would be augmented. Likewise, 72872 sewage connections in three Mission Cities of Srinagar, Jammu and Anantnag shall be provided and 54 MLD capacities of Sewage Treatment Plants will be augmented under AMRUT 2.0.**

Pertinently, AMRUT 2.0 has been designed to provide universal coverage of water supply through functional taps to all households in all the statutory towns of the country and coverage of sewerage/seepage management in AMRUT cities by 2025-26.

The meeting was also attended by the Commissioners of Jammu Municipal Corporation and Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Chief Engineers and other concerned officers.