

Farooq, J&K dy CM escape unhurt in attack near Jammu marriage hall

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SRINAGAR: A man was arrested after he opened fire at a wedding function in Jammu allegedly aiming at former J&K chief minister and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary .

The firing incident happened at Greater Kailash area when Farooq Abdullah and deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary were leaving a marriage function. The accused, identi-



Security personnel deployed outside the residence of NC president Farooq Abdullah in Jammu on Wednesday.

fied as Kamal Singh Jamwal, was quickly overpowered by a protection team present at the venue and taken into custody. "Allah is kind. My father had

a very close shave. The details are sketchy at the moment but what is known is that a man with a loaded pistol was able to get within point blank range &

discharge a shot. It was only the close protection team that deflected the shot & ensured that the assassination attempt failed," said chief minister Omar Abdullah in a post on X. He said that there are more questions than answers at the moment, including but not limited to how someone was able to get this close to a Z+ NSG protected former CM. "Thankfully both the DCM & @nasirsogami who were accompanying my father at the time are also safe and sound. The almighty shielded them," he said. Senior police officials rushed to the spot and an investigation has been launched to ascertain the circumstances and motive behind the incident. NC spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said that all the three NC leaders were safe. "I have spoken to Dr Farooq Abdullah

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Sahab, deputy chief minister Surinder Ji, and Nasir Aslam Wani Sb. They are safe and fine," he said. Senior NC leader and advisor to the chief minister Nasir Aslam Wani told mediapersons: "He tried to fire his revolver at Dr Farooq Abdullah, but Allah saved him. Allah did a great favour. The deputy chief minister of J&K was also present at the wedding and Dr Farooq Abdullah was there as well," Wani said.

50 Kashmiri nursing students in Raj face FIRs over recognition row

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SRINAGAR : The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) on Wednesday reached out to Union home minister Amit Shah, seeking the revocation of FIRs and suspension orders against Kashmiri students at Mewar University in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan.

The association cited "academic uncertainty and harassment" following a dispute over the legitimacy of their nursing degrees.

The controversy centres on over 50 Kashmiri students currently in the fifth semester of the BSc Nursing programme. These students, who were admitted under a Jammu and Kashmir scholarship scheme funded by the Indian Army, recently discovered that their course allegedly lacks mandatory statutory approvals from the Indian Nursing Council (INC) and the Rajasthan Nurs-

17 STUDENTS BOOKED, 33 SUSPENDED AFTER PROTESTING OVER LACK OF MANDATORY APPROVALS FOR BSC NURSING COURSE AT MEWAR UNIVERSITY

ing Council (RNC). With only four months remaining until graduation, the students are in a state of distress.

"If the programme lacks these approvals, their degrees will not be recognised for professional practice, rendering years of academic effort and financial investment void," said Nasir Khuehami, the national convener of the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association. The situation escalated after

the university administration reportedly failed to provide documentation proving the course's recognition. When students staged a peaceful protest on the campus, demanding transparency, the university responded with punitive measures rather than dialogue, the JKSA said.

As many as 17 Kashmiri students were named in an FIR and subsequently detained by the local authorities, while 33 were placed under suspension by the university.

The JKSA labelled these actions as coercive, urging the Union home ministry to ensure the students are not victimised for seeking clarity on their future.

The association has proposed two solutions: Either the university secures the necessary approvals immediately or facilitates a transfer for the affected students to a recognised institution to safeguard their careers.

NIA seeks life term for Andrabi for ‘waging war against India’

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NEW DELHI : The NIA has sought life imprisonment for Kashmiri separatist and Dukhtar-e-Millat chief Asiya Andrabi following her conviction in a UAPA case, saying she had waged war against India and a stern message is required to be sent that conspiring against the State will invite the harshest penalty.

Submissions were made before the Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh, who was hearing arguments on the quantum of sentence against Andrabi and her two associates, Sofi Fehmeeda and Nahida Nasreen. They were convicted under the stringent anti-terror law, Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), earlier in January.

"The convicts are well-educated women, and their acts were part of a deep-rooted con-

spiracy to wage war against the Government of India. They were not just part of the conspiracy but were the main perpetrators," the NIA submitted in its written arguments. The special public prosecutor representing the NIA submitted before the court that Andrabi and her two associates used social media and seditious gatherings with the support of terrorist entities based abroad to wage a war against India. "From a reading of posts, imputations made and assertions on Twitter and Facebook posts of convicted persons, it is evident that they were running a concerted war against the government established by law in India," the SPP said.

She submitted that they used their proscribed organisation, Dukhtar-e-Millat, to incite insurrection and seek the secession of Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India.

‘Be fair to homebuyers’: Top court slams CBI for builder-bank nexus probe

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to be fair to homebuyers in its ongoing investigation into the alleged builder-bank nexus, and pulled up the agency for its reluctance to take up fresh cases involving new builders and for filing charge sheets without custodially interrogating bank officials.

"Going by the way in which the investigation is proceeding, we will have to constitute a monitoring committee headed by a former judge to oversee these investigations. We will not allow the CBI to disappoint millions of homebuyers, as they are now doing," a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said while hearing petitions by homebuyers affected by the subvention scheme.

Under the subvention scheme — a tripartite agreement between the builder, homebuyer and banks — lenders release loans to builders, who undertake to pay the EMIs until a specified cut-off date or until possession of the flat is handed over.

The CBI is probing 28 such cases and was directed in Feb-



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ruary to examine 44 additional petitions filed by homebuyers who said builders failed to deliver possession while banks pursued them for EMI defaults.

The CBI, represented by additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, said of the 44 fresh petitions, it was willing to probe 20, while suggesting that 22 cases be referred to the economic offences wings (EOWs) of the states where the projects are located. "CBI seemingly wants to wriggle out of its responsibility given by the court by suggesting that the cases be handed over to the

concerned EOWs. We disapprove of such a stand," said the bench, also comprising justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi.

The court directed the agency to take up the 22 cases as well. "If state police was so fair, they would have carried out an investigation so far. We want you to be fair to the homebuyers," the bench said.

It also directed the agency to specify a timeline for completing the pending probes.

Bhati informed the court that the 22 cases involve new builders with projects spread across several states. The bench responded, "Assuming what you say is correct, should we discriminate between homebuyers then? Matters that we have entrusted you are also across states."

Advocate Rajiv Jain, assisting the court as amicus curiae, pointed out that although the builders in the 22 cases may be different, the lending banks and financial institutions in most cases are common with those already under investigation. The court directed the CBI to register regular cases in all 42 matters within a week and allowed it to seek assistance from the directors general of police of the concerned states for officers from the EOW.

100 J&K students in Iran to return on March 14, 15

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NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: The J&K Students Association (JKSA) said on Wednesday that around 100 students stranded in Iran will return to India via Armenia on commercial flights on March 14 and 15.

In a statement, the association said this will be the first batch of students returning from Iran amid the ongoing conflict in

West Asia. "Students will travel on Flydubai flights scheduled for March 14 and 15, which will operate as connection flights via Dubai to Indira Gandhi International Airport," said JKSA national convener Nasir Khuehami.

"There is no formal evacuation plan in place for Indian students in Iran, and those returning are travelling through commercial flight arrangements," Khuehami added. Imran Khan

of Kupwara, whose son Nafi Khan is in Urmia, Iran, said nearly 100 students there are very scared amid the conflict. "Our request to the Centre is to ensure their safety until they reach home," said Imran.

Nasir Aslam, advisor to J&K's CM, said the government is making all effort to ensure the student's safety. "The government will provide buses for these students from Delhi Airport to Srinagar," he said.

{ **PROTEIN POWDER RACKET** }

'7,000 KG OF FAKE SUPPLEMENTS SOLD IN 2 YRS'

NEW DELHI: The investigation into the fake protein powder racket busted by Delhi Police on Saturday has revealed that the accused sold more than 7,000 kg of corn starch, milk powder, and other cheap agents as branded protein powder through shops and delivery platforms across Delhi-NCR over the past two years, investigators said on Wednesday.

The racket, investigators said, came to light on Saturday when the Crime Branch raided a factory in the Brahmapuri area.

Sufficient stock of LPG, petrol: J&K govt

SRINAGAR : The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday said that there was ample stock of LPG and petroleum products in Jammu and Kashmir and people need not to panic owing to the Iran-Israel-US war and fuel crisis in the Middle East.

Consumer affairs and public distribution minister Satish Sharma said that the government was keeping a keen eye on the supply position. "There is sufficient supply of petrol and petroleum products, and there is no need to panic. We will tackle it judiciously. We have directed officials to keep a vigil and any-

body found hoarding or overcharging of LPG or petroleum products would face action," Sharma said in a press briefing.

Divisional commissioner Anshul Garg addressed a press conference saying that LPG and petrol was enough to last two weeks in Kashmir valley "There is daily monitoring of our stock position of essential supplies like high speed diesel, motor spirit and LPG. As of today we have an LPG stock of 13 days in Kashmir, a comfortable position as we usually keep a stock of 15 days. People should rely on official updates and refrain from panic buying," he said.

Kejriwal writes to HC chief justice to transfer excise policy case

NEW DELHI: Former Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal, along with others previously accused in an excise policy case, on Wednesday wrote to the chief justice of Delhi High Court, DK Upadhyaya, asking for a transfer of the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI's) plea against their discharge by a trial court to a different bench, from the currently assigned bench of justice Swarna Kanta Sharma.

In a representation to Upadhyaya, Kejriwal claimed he has a "grave, bona fide, and reasona-



Arvind Kejriwal

ble apprehension" that the hearing in the matter would not be impartial and neutral.

On February 27, the trial court discharged Kejriwal, Sisodia and

21 others. On March 9, justice Sharma's bench stayed the trial court's recommendation on the initiation of departmental action against the CBI's investigating officer in the liquor policy case.

Issuing notice to all 23 accused on CBI's plea against their discharge, justice Sharma said certain observations and findings of the trial court at the stage of framing of charges prima facie appeared erroneous and needed consideration.

"It is respectfully prayed that CrI. Rev. Petition No. 134 of 2026 (CBI v. Kuldeep Singh & Ors.)

may be transferred from the Bench presided by Hon'ble Dr. Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma to any other appropriate Bench, as deemed fit, in the interest of justice and to maintain the confidence of litigants and the public in the fairness of the process," the representation by Kejriwal said.

He said during the first hearing on 9 March 2026, the HC issued notice and recorded a prima facie view that the trial court's detailed order was erroneous without hearing the discharged accused.

TERRORIST HIDEOUT BUSTED IN BANDIPORA

SRINAGAR : Security forces busted a terrorist hideout in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir, recovering a cache of arms and ammunition, officials said on Wednesday.

The hideout was found during a search operation in the Ranar forest area of the district, officials added.

The recoveries included one RPG launcher, five RPG rounds, one light machine gun (LMG) and two ammunition belts of the LMG. The forces also recovered seven AK magazines, 544 AK rounds, 3 ammunition pouches, one pistol magazine, one grenade, five UBGL grenades and other war-like stores.



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Tourists enjoy the shikara ride amid rain on Dal Lake in Srinagar on Wednesday.

Rain, snow continue to lash J&K, Ladakh for second day

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SRINAGAR : Light rains lashed plains of Kashmir, and snowfall witnessed in parts of Ladakh for the second day on Wednesday as the meteorological centre (MeT) predicted erratic weather in J&K till March 19. The MeT said that rains were witnessed in summer capital Srinagar besides Baramulla and Kupwara in north Kashmir and Pahalgam in south Kashmir. "6.4 mm rains were received in Kupwara," an official of J&K MeT said.

Head of Ladakh MeT centre, Sonam Lotus said that snowfall was experienced in Zojila and Zanskar.

"Weather Update at 1 pm: Currently snowing on Zojila-Drass, Panikhar -Zanskar area while cloudy at rest of the places of Ladakh. Raining at scattered places of Kashmir & cloudy in Jammu region. Improvement from tomorrow," said Lotus on X. Fresh snowfall and rains lashed Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday ending a prolonged dry spell and above normal temperatures. The winter this year was largely dry with more than 54 percent of deficit in precipitation. The weather is expected to be wet and cloudy with light to moderate rain/snow at scattered places on Thursday as well followed by two days of dry weather- March 13 and 14.

"Overall, erratic weather to continue till 19th March," the J&K MeT update said.

The MeT said that rains and snowfall are also expected between March 15 and 21 intermittently. "Generally cloudy weather with a spell of light rain/snow (over higher reaches) towards March 15 night and March 16 morning at scattered places followed by rains and snowfall at scattered places on March 17,18 and 19," the update said. "March 20 and 21 will be generally dry with the possibility of brief spell of light rain at isolated places can't be ruled out," it said. The temperatures plunged across Kashmir valley for the past two days.