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Omar announces slew of reforms in CDF scheme

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Abdullah Wednesday announced a series of significant reforms Constituency Development Fund (CDF) scheme aimed at making it more flexible, transparent and responsive to local development needs in the constituencies. Speaking during the Zero

Hour of the ongoing Autumn Session of the Jammu and Legislative Kashmir Assembly, the Chief Minister said the government has intended to align the CDF guidelines with the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) to ensure uniformity and enable MLAs to undertake a wider range of developmental works in their constituencies

"The alignment MPLADS will allow our Members to execute projects that bring tangible benefits



LA adopts resolution for establishing National Law University in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Wednesday adopted a resolution moved by MLA Nizam-uddin Bhat for establishment of Jammu and Kashmir National Law University at Srinagar.

The resolution was passed through a voice vote in the

The resolution adopted on Wednesday stated, "This House manimously resolves to impress upon Government to initiate process of establishing the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University at Srinagar, without any further delay, as the funds earmarked for the first phase have already been provided,". Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah

able to do under their scheme," the Chief Minister

Under the revised guidelines, several key reforms have been introduced. The ceiling of Rs 50 lakh earlier imposed on power development works has been withdrawn, allowing MLAs to recommend projects in this sector without any upper limit. Similarly, the Rs 10 lakh cap on installation of solar energy light systems has been removed.

In the Public Health Engineering (PHE) sector, the purchase of mobile water tankers and provision of individual household connections have been made permissible. The new provisions also allow purchase of school vans and buses (both four and three wheelers), and under the health sector, MLAs can now recommend procurement of wheelchairs, tricycles,

Aviation ministry, AAI teams review Kishtwar airport proposal STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A high-level team from Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Wednesday reviewed the proposal to expand the Kishtwar airport under UDANscheme. The team visited the

proposed site to carry out a

ground-level assessment of

the area and feasibility ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

4 boys injured in 'explosion'

STATE TIMES NEWS KUPWARA: Four boys were

injured in a mysterious explosion in Kupwara district on Wednesday, officials said. The explosion took place in village Tutigund Handwara in the north Kashmir district, where some children were playing cricket, they said. The injured were identified as Uzair Tahir, Sajid Rashid, Hazim Shabir, and Zeyan Tahir, all local villagers. They were taken to GMC Handwara for treat-

Kashmir to get direct rail connectivity soon: Sr DCM

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REASI/JAMMU: starting the twin Vande Bharat trains on Srinagar-Katra route, marking the completion of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link in June, the northern railways is now eveing to provide direct connectivity between Kashmir and the rest of country, an official said.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (DCM) of Jammu division Uchit Singhal said the work is underway to address the operational and security hassles to achieve another milein Jammu and Kashmir.

Talking to PTI after introducing a two-minute stoppage for semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains running between Katra and Srinagar at Reasi station this morning, he said it was a dream project to bring Kashmir on the railway map.

Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express, inau-

gurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, marked a historic milestone as the first rail service connecting Kashmir with

Katra to Srinagar. "The work is progressing smoothly to address operational and security hassles to provide a direct train service between Kashmir and other parts of the country soon," Singhal said.

Kanyakumari. The begin-

ning has been made with the

launch of rail service between

Starting Thursday, the Vande Srinagar-Katra Bharat Express, train number 26401 and 26402, will have a two-minute stop at Reasi railway station.

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The train will depart from Katra railway station at 8.10 am and arrive at Reasi railway station at 8.28 am. It will then continue its journey towards Srinagar. Similarly, train number 26402 will return to Reasi railway station at 4:34 pm.

"The stoppage at Reasi station was introduced on experimental basis (for one after getting month) approval from the railway board because Reasi

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Actor Mukesh Rishi witnesses LA proceedings



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Bollywood actor Mukesh Rishi witnessed the proceedings of Jammu and Kashmir

Rahim Rather said. Legislative Assembly from Rishi, who has played sevthe Speaker's gallery on eral iconic characters in Wednesday. Bollywood "Today, we have renowned 'Sarfarosh'. Bollywood actor Mukesh Jammu, the city of temples.

1,342 NDPS cases registered in J&K till Sep; 81 properties

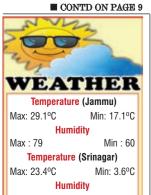
worth Rs 16.64 cr attached STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Jammu and

Kashmir Police has registered 1,342 cases under the Drugs and Narcotic Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act till September this year, of which 1,305 were challaned, leading to 142 convictions and 197 acquittals, officials said.

They said that on the financial front, 67 investigations led to the attachment of 81 properties worth Rs 16.64 crore in connection with the campaign against drug smuggling and peddling in J-K.

"Up to September 2025, 1,342 NDPS cases were registered, out of which 1.305 were challaned, leading to 142 convictions, 197 acquittals and 339 trials completed, including 12 high-convic-Additional tion cases," Director General of Police (ADGP) Crime, Sujit K Singh, said

Providing operational data. Singh said 339 trials were completed during the period, including 12 high-



President Murmu flies in Rafale fighter jet, calls it 'unforgettable experience' STATE TIMES NEWS The sortie lasted for

AMBALA (HARYANA):

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday took a sortie in a Rafale fighter jet from the Indian Air Force Station in Ambala, and described the experience as "unforgettable", one that instilled a "renewed sense of pride" in India's defence capabilities. Murmu made history as she

gallery. He has worked in more than 200 films. We welbecame the first President of come him," Speaker Abdul India to fly in two different fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF). Previously, she undertook a sortie in a Sukhoi 30 MKI in April hails from 2023 from Tezpur in Assam.

Sizeable number of Pak terrorists neutralised

during Op Sindoor: Rajnath

ways. You have seen how,

even after our surgical

strikes, they did not learn

their lessons. Terrorists from

Pakistan targeted innocent

"Our neighbouring state, who had simply gone to enjoy

Pakistan, did not mend its the beauty of Kashmir. They

sporting sunglasses, the President, who is also the commander-in-chief of the Indian Armed Forces, was seen posing for pictures and Donning a G-suit and flashing a thumbs-up gesture

were killed after being asked

he said

religion.

about their religion.

"They were forced to

remove their undergar-

ments to confirm their

'tamasha' of humanity!

We were seething in

anger...a fire burned

within all of us. But

you saw how India

showed restraint," he

Singh emphasised that

India does not believe in the

"politics of division"

What

before the French-made jet, flown by Group Captain Amit Gehani, the commanding officer of the 17 Squadron, took off at 11:27

4 more long-distance trains to resume

operations in Jammu ■ ŜTATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Four long-distance

trains will resume operations in the sixth phase from November onwards, a senior official said on Wednesday,

indicating gradual normalisation of train operations after the August rainfall. Train No 14610 (Shri

Mata Vaishno Devi Katra -Yoganagari Rishikesh) is being re-operated from November 1, followed by train No 19804 (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Kota) on November 2, train No 19028 (Jammu Tawi -Bandra Terminus) November 3 and train

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approximately 30 minutes, covering about 200 kilometres. The aircraft reached a height of about 15,000 feet above sea level and a speed of approximately 700 kilometres per hour, according to a fromstatement President's office.

Air Chief Marshal A P Singh also flew a sortie in a separate aircraft from the same air base

landing, President shared her delight in the visitor's book, saying, "The sortie on Rafale is an unforgettable experience

Pandemonium erupts in LA over BJP MLA's 'nationalist Hindus' remarks STATE TIMES NEWS should not be insulted.

SRINAGAR: Pandemonium

broke out in the Jammu and legislative Assembly on Wednesday after BJP MLA Shagun Parihar alleged the government was neglecting some Kishtwar areas as "nationalist Hindus" reside there.

The Kishtwar MLA's comments, made during the Zero Hour, were objected to by the treasury benches. Minister Javid Dar said

these remarks were communal and should be expunged. NC MLA Nazir Ahmad Khan Gurezi said thousands of Muslims have given sacrifices for the nation, and they

Amid the din, Deputy Chief Minister

Surinder Choudhary said Muslims, Sikhs and Christians in Jammu and Kashmir were equally nationalists like the Hindus. "I will request that the

hurtful words should be expunged," the Gurez MLA requested the Speaker. However, Parihar said

PDP leaders had also made such remarks during the house proceedings on Tuesday.

"PDP members stated that Hindus play divide and rule,' she alleged.

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Chugh said the

CM blatantly violating election code, says Chugh; seeks ECI's intervention

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Assembly regarding the stituencies. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday took strong note of the gross violation of the election Model Code of Conduct being done by J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah while campaigning for two Assembly by elechas been

Demanding immediate intervention of the Election Commission Of India (ECI), Chugh said the announce-

immediate commencement of classes for the National Law University (NLU) atOmpura. Budgam

on the floor of the Legislative in the two Assembly con-

Chief Minister's action is a "blatant, desperate, and cynical misuse of institutional power"intended solely to influence voters ahead of the crucial bypoll. "The statement made by the Chief

Minister Omar Abdullah on the floor of the House was a clear, calculated violation of all democratic

norms," he said

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Modi pitches India as 'steady lighthouse'

Legislators raise public issues during Zero Hour in LA

SRINAGAR: The Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, on Wednesday urged legislators to exercise restraint and use measured language while participating in debates to uphold the sanctity of the House. He observed that members, as representatives of the people, must show mutual respect and maintain the decorum of the Assembly.

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neighbouring Pakistan

for killing innocent citi-

Wednesday said a "size-

able number of terror-

ists" were neutralised

Addressing an election

Darbhanga, Singh said the

number of terrorists killed in

the operation was "sizeable"

as "we were seething in

Rajnath

during

Sindoor

DARBHANGA: Asserting

that India taught a lesson to

Singh

Pahalgam,

Minister

Operation

Bihar's

on

During the Zero Hour, several legislators raised pressing public issues, concerning their respective con-

Shagun Parihar, MLA Kishtwar, highlighted that certain remote areas like Chatter to Oli continue to lack road access, forcing residents to carry patients in palkis. She also sought expeditious completion of ongoing road projects in her constituency.

Iftikhar Ahmad, MLA Rajouri, called for immediate disbursal of flood relief and reconstruction of damaged infrastructure, besides urg-



ing for the timely conduct of DPCs in Education Department for

Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, MLA Kulgam, emphasized that every citizen has the right to express concerns freely. He demanded that detainees and youth from J&K lodged in prisons outside the Union Territory be

back shifted on humanitarian grounds to facilitate easier access for

Surjit Singh Slathia, MLA Samba, demanded an inquiry into the alleged irregularities in allotment of land in Sainik Colony and sought return of money to ex-servicemen and their families who are vet to receive plots.

for the introduction of regional languages up to the university level and establishment of hostels for Kashmiri students in Jammu.

Sagar, MLA Ali Mohammad Khanyar, reiterated the importance of strengthening democratic values, reminding members that they hold a sacred responsibility as policymakers and law-makers elected by the people.

Randhir Singh, MLA Kalakote-Sunderbani, flagged inadequate funding for PHE projects, shortage of doctors, and lack of SRTC bus services in his constituency.

Chaudhary Mohammad Akram, MLA Surankote, sought early completion of the Bufliaz-Surankote road and compensation for land donors whose payments remain pending.

Pirzada Faroog Ahmad Shah, MLA Gulmarg, expressed concern over the growing menace of food adulteration in the Valley and urged the government to take strict measures against violators ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

amid global tensions, trade disruptions STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Prime Minister

Narendra Wednesday pitched India as a "steady lighthouse" for the world amid

global sions, trade disruptions and shifting supply chains. " India

stands as a symbol of strategic autonomy peace and inclusive

growth," Modi said, addressing the Maritime Leaders Conclave at the India Maritime Week 2025 event in

India's vibrant democracy

and reliability are something

which makes India special, Modi said.

"When the global seas are rough, the world looks for a steady lighthouse. India can

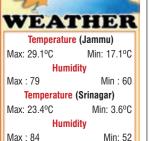
role of such lighthouse with a lot of strength,' he said. " A m i d

global tensions, trade disruptions and shifting supply India is symbol of strategic

autonomy, peace and inclusive growth." Modi said.

He said the country's maritime and trade initiatives are a part of a broader

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Sunset: 17:43 Hours

Sunrise: 06:46 Hours