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J&K Govt rolls out GST 2.0 reforms

Launches Suvidha Kendras, adopts 7-step consumer benefit protocol

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has commenced the implementation of Next Generation GST Reforms 2.0, effective from September 22, 2025, aligning with the national tax rationalization drive and reinforcing its commitment to consumer welfare. The overhaul simplifies the GST framework by reducing multiple tax slabs to just two primary rates-5% for essentials and 18% for most other goods and services. These measures are poised to lower the cost burden on households, insurance, medicines, education, and key livelihood sectors.

To ensure efficient, transparent, and people-centric execution, the Government has adopted Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) across all

key departments: State Taxes, Legal Metrology, Health & Medical Education, and Industries & Commerce. District and divisional enforcement teams will intensify market surveillance, verify accurate price revision, and provide direct citizen support through a network of GST Suvidha Kendras and sectoral helplines in every district.

The Suvidha Kendras are equipped to assist taxpayers in understanding GST 2.0, filing returns, remapping HSN codes, and resolving grievances.

A robust seven-step implementation protocol anchors the rollout, which include issuance of clear advisories to industry and trade associations regarding rate reductions; awareness and

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J&K BJP to hold core group meeting today to discuss RS polls

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The BJP will set the ball rolling for the elections to the four Rajya Sabha seats of Jammu and Kashmir by holding a core group meeting here on Saturday.

The Election Commission (EC) announced on September 25 that the elections to the four Rajya Sabha seats in the Union Territory would be held on October 24, more than four years after

they fell vacant.

"The core group meeting of the Jammu and Kashmir BJP will be held at the party headquarters here at 10 am on Saturday to discuss various issues of importance," spokesperson of the saffron party Girdhari Lal Raina told PTI.

He said the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) national general secretary and

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Army Chief warns Pak, says India 'will not show restraint' next time; asks troops to stay prepared

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
ANUPGARH/JAIPUR: In a stern warning to Pakistan, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi said on Friday that the neighbouring country should stop sponsoring terrorism on its soil if wants to retain its place on the world map.

The Chief of Army Staff (CoAS) also said the restraint shown by New Delhi during Operation Sindoor would not be repeated in case of a future military conflict and urged Indian soldiers to remain

poised for action. "India, as a country, is fully prepared this time. And this time, it will not show

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Azad inaugurates Global Youth Festival 2025 at Panipat

Urges youth to uphold Gandhi's message of unity, non-violence, and equality

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: In a vibrant and inspiring ceremony marking Gandhi Jayanti, former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir and Chairman of the Gandhi Global Family (GGF), Ghulam Nabi Azad inaugurated the Global Youth Festival 2025 at Sant Nirankari Bhawan, Panipat, Haryana.

Organized by the Gandhi

Global Family in collaboration with the Sant Nirankari Mission and the National Youth Project, the festival is a nationwide initiative aimed at educating and empowering youth through the life, principles, and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. The event drew participation from hundreds of students, youth

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Shri Nitish Kumar
Chief Minister, Bihar



Government of India



Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

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Shri Narendra Modi

Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh (Skill Convocation Ceremony)
for All India Toppers of ITI students and
Launch/Inauguration/Foundation Stone Laying/Dedication to the Nation of
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National initiatives for youth development

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Shri Jual Oram
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