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J&K set to host Nation's Brightest Sporting Talent in spectacular 69th National School Games

Growth of J&K is directly linked with growth of youth: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the felicitation ceremony of ALOHA Competition at Srinagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday felicitated the top performers and winners of Abacus Learning of Higher Arithmetic - ALOHA State Level Arithmetic Operations Contest at University of Kashmir, Srinagar. The competition witnessed the participation of more than 1500 students from across Jammu & Kashmir.

"Growth of J&K is directly linked with the growth of youth. They have a mission they have the right environment to become the most talented scholars, scientists and innovators," the Lieutenant Governor said The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, congratulated all the participating children

Arithmetic skills. He appreciated ALOHA for providing >> Felicitates top performers, winners of ALOHA State Level the children with an exciting **Arithmetic Operations Contest** opportunity to unlock their >> Says, youth have mission of transforming J&K and nation. true potential. "Arithmetic operations are With resolve and dedication, they can complete this mis-

not merely numerical calculations. They are foundations >> Young generation should chart their own path, make conto skills like problem solving, critical thinking and reasoning. It has far-reaching >> In an unpredictable world, innovation can't be achieved implications and drives young mind towards innova->> Young generation should be more entrepreneurial, advention, science, and technology. It also serves as a reminder

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Indian Navy to commission second **Anti-Submarine** Warfare ship today

STATE TIMES NEWS

VISAKHAPATNAM: The Indian Navy will commission 'Androth', the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard here on October 6.

The commissioning ceremony will be presided over by Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command

"The Indian Navy is set to commission 'Androth', the Anti-Submarine second Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard

Visakhapatnam," said an official release from the Eastern Naval Command on Sunday

"The commissioning of Androth marks yet another milestone in the Navy's steady stride towards capability enhancement and indigenisation," it said.

Schools in Jammu Div to remain closed on Oct 6-7; IMD warns heavy rainfall

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: All Government and Private Schools across the Jammu Division will remain closed on October 6 and 7, 2025, following a heavy rainfall alert issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The decision has been taken as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of students and staff. amid a forecast of 48 hours of heavy to very heavy rainfall in the region.

"In view of the weather advisory issued by the Meteorological Department predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall in various parts of Jammu Division, and in order to ensure the safety and security of students and staff, it ordered that all Government and Private Schools across Jammu Division shall remain closed on October 6 and 7, 2025," reads an order issued by Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhary,



Director School Education

The IMD has alerted several districts in the Jammu division, warning that heavy rainfall, thunderstorm accompanied with lightning and gusty winds could disrupt normal life. Due to western disturbances, heavy to very heavy rainfall in predicted, along with strong winds possibily reaching 60-70 km/h in gust. Weather is expected

tent rain, thunderstorms and wind activity especiall overnight in the early morning hours, like it did during wee hours of Sunday, causing intermittent power disruption in parts of Jammu. The administration has

to be cloudy with intermit-

urged citizens to stay updated with weather bulletins and take necessary precautions during this

OGW nabbed for helping Pahalgam terrorists, met them 4 times

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Mohammad Yousuf Katari, an Over Ground Worker (OGW) arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, had met the terrorists involved in the April 22 Pahalgam attack four times and handed them an Android phone charger, a key evidence which ultimately led to his capture, officials here said on Sunday.

Katari, 26, was arrested in the last week of September for allegedly providing crucial logistical support to Sulieman alias Asif, Jibran, and Hamza Afghani, the three terrorists who gunned down 26 people, mostly

India, Australia to ink 3 pacts during Rajnath's visit to Canberra **STATE TIMES NEWS**

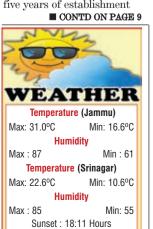
NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will undertake a two-day visit to beginning Australia Thursday to explore "new and meaningful" initiatives to further expand bilateral defence and strategic ties.

The two sides are set to ink three agreements during Singh's visit that will provide for further boosting cooperation in the areas of information sharing, expanding maritime security ties and joint India and Australia are

also expected to carry out a detailed review of the current situation in the Indo-Pacific amid growing global concerns over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the region. Singh's trip to Australia

will mark the first-ever visit of a defence minister to Australia under the Modi government since 2014. "The visit comes at a his-

toric moment when India and Australia commemorate five years of establishment



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by following beaten track

Pahalgam. Katari is alleged to have told the police during the interrogation that he had met the three on four occasions in the Zabarwan hills outside Srinagar city, officials said.

His arrest came on the back of weeks of investiga-

The breakthrough came following an in-depth forensic analysis of material recovered from the site of Operation Mahadev, a counter-terror operation launched in July, which resulted in the killing of three

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A court here has

rejected the bail pleas of eight

police personnel arrested by

the CBI for allegedly inflicting

custodial torture on a police

The bail applications were

rejected by Chief Judicial

Magistrate, Srinagar, Aadil

Superintendent of police

Aijaz Ahmad Naik, Inspector

Riyaz Ahmad Mir and other

accused cops -- Tanveer

Ahmad Malla, Altaf Hussain

Bhat, Mohammad Younis

Khan, Shakir Hussain Khoja

Shahnawaz Ahmad Deedad,

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officials, Adv for frauds in Jammu STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major crackdown on financial crimes and recruitment frauds, the Crime Branch (Economic Offences Wing) Jammu has registered five separate FIRs and booked sixteen individuals, including top executives of a Chandigarh-based company, officials of the JPDCL, and an Advocate, for their alleged involvement in multicrore job scams, visa and document frauds, and fraudulent withdrawal of government funds.

According to officials, the first FIR has been lodged against Choudhary Mushtaq,

Custodial torture case: Court rejects

bail plea of eight police personnel

and Jehangir Ahmad Beigh -

- had filed the separate bail

applications before the court.

The accused policemen, who

were arrested on the orders of

the Supreme Court, had

sought the bail in the case

registered by the Central

Bureau of Investigation

(CBI) to investigate allega-

tions of custodial torture and

grievous bodily injuries

inflicted upon constable

Khursheed Ahmed Chowhan,

during his alleged illegal con-

finement at the Joint

Kupwara in February 2023.

"The court is of the consid-

ered opinion that none of the

Interrogation

Centre

son of Mir Mohammad, resident of Morian Manjakote, Rajouri, and others, for allegedly duping 41 job aspirants of Rs 1.43 crore under the false pretext of providing jobs in the Territorial Army, while issuing fake appointment orders to the victims.

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CB books 16 including Chandigarh firm owner,

The second FIR names Hem Raj, son of Durga Chand, and Kavya Nayyar, son of Ajav Kumar, both residents of Bari Brahmana, Samba. The duo allegedly cheated a complainant, Avinash Singh of Bhaderwah (Doda), of Rs 18.55 lakh by promising him a managerial job in the Shri Mata Vaishno

three applications disclose

any exceptional circumstance

warranting departure from

the settled principle that bail

is not to be granted in serious

custodial violence cases at the

investigative stage," the judge

said in the single order on all

the three bail applications.

The judge said being a ses-

sions-triable, non bailable

case involving offences pun-

ishable with severe terms, the

jurisdiction of this court is

limited. "However, the prose-

cution has persuasively

demonstrated that custodial

supervision remains neces-

sary to prevent interference

Devi Shrine Board, Katra.

The third FIR pertains to a visa scam worth Rs 17.09 lakh, filed by Prem Nath from Samba against the owner and executives of Chandigarh-based company M/S Saphire, located at SCO No. 64-65, 3rd Floor, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh. The accused include Jass Bajwa (Owner), Yuvraj Singh Sandhu (Manager), Gagan (Counsellor), Devinder Singh (In-Charge Refund), and (Authorized Signatory), among others. The firm is alleged to have

lured clients with false prom-Farooq Abdullah discharged

from hospital

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah (87) was discharged from a hospital here after nearly one week of hospitalisation as he was not keeping well, party leaders said on Sunday.

"Farooq Sahib has been discharged from the hospital today. He has made satisfactory recovery," a senior leader of the party said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister developed infection in the abdomen on Tuesday and was taken to a private hospital for treatment, the leader said. He said Abdullah

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and later failed to refund the amounts collected.

In another case, and in compliance with Court directions issued on the application of retired Executive Engineer (XEn) Shakti Singh, the Crime Branch registered an FIR against officials of the XEN Office, JPDCL Batote for fraudulently withdrawing huge sums from the official account of the XEN by forging the complainant's signatures after his retirement. The fifth FIR was regis-

tered on the written complaint of Nasir Ali

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STATE TIMES NEWS has been almost normalised JAMMU: The Jammu diviat Jammu Railway Station. Northern

Railway announces Ph-V of train resumption in rain-hit Jammu

sion of the announced the fifth phase of restoration of rail traffic. which was severely affected by record rainfall in the last week of August.

Twenty-two trains to and from Jammu, Udhampur, and Katra will be restored from October 15 to October 22, said Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division, Uchit Singhal.

Nearly two dozen trains have been re-operated in the past 35 days. With the latest restoration, the train traffic

"Following the disaster, we have worked on a war footing to repair damaged tracks, bridges, and other rail infrastructure. Our aim

is to fully restore all rail

services as soon as possible,

ensuring minimal inconven-

ience to passengers," Singh He appealed to the passengers to check train status before embarking on their

journey. Besides long-journey trains, the official said.

some Jammu trains are being short-terminated and

Trade deal with US has to respect India's 'red lines': Jaishankar

NEW DELHI: Any trade deal between India and the US has to respect New Delhi's "red lines" and

efforts are underway to find a "landing ground", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday amid strain in ties between the two countries over Washington's policy on tariff.

In an interactive session at an event, Jaishankar acknowledged having issues between India and the US and that many of them are linked to the inability to firm up the proposed trade deal. The external affairs minis-

"We have today issues with ter said an understanding on the United States. A big part



the world's largest market

but at the same time noted

was necessary as the US is

we have not arrived at a landing ground

for our trade discussions, and the inability so far to reach there has led to a certain tariff being levied on India," he Jaishankar was

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on the theme cussion 'Shaping Foreign Policy in Turbulent Times' at the Kautilya Economic

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Made-in-India TB diagnostic tests validated by ICMR; offer cheaper, faster detection

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a boost to India's fight against tuberculosis, apex health research body ICMR has validated new indigenously developed tools that could bolster the country's diagnostic capacity and offer a cheaper detection

Eliminating tuberculosis (TB) depends crucially on the ability to detect early, accurately, and universally, to initiate patients on treatment and curb community transmission

Among the recently validated tools is Quantiplus MTB FAST detection kit, developed by Huwel Lifesciences in Telangana, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said in a note.



Quantiplus is the first open system RT-PCR assay validated for the detection of lung TB as it can run on any not limited to proprietary

out specialised 'closed' equip-

existing PCR machine and is platforms. "This means, laboratories across India, even those with-

ment, can now expand rapid molecular TB testing using standard PCR machines," a source explained.

Furthermore, Quantiplus can test as many as 96 samsimultaneously. Detecting TB in adults via sputum samples, this innovation not only enhances capac-

ity but stands to make a dramatic difference in costs and estimates suggest it could reduce the price of TB testing by as much as one-fifth, the source said.

This new approach empowers public sector laboratories to scale up testing without incurring heavy investment in new machinery, enabling broader, more affordable

The second homegrown innovation validated by the ICMR is UniAMP MTB Nucleic Acid Test Card, also manufactured by Huwel Lifesciences, the ICMR note

This marks a milestone in patient-friendly diagnostics as now patients can be tested using non-invasive tongue

swabs instead of sputum samples which are difficult to produce, especially for children and the elderly, an official source said.

Traditionally, TB diagnosis has required invasive or difficult procedures to obtain quality sputum samples but tongue swabs provide a more comfortable, non-invasive alternative, and offer the possibility of doorstep TB diagnosis, supporting largescale community screening efforts and widening the reach of life-saving TB care.

"Through ICMR's rigorous and streamlined validation process, we are ensuring that innovative TB diagnostics are validated quickly. This effort reflects India's

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Women's World Cup: India crush Pakistan to extend unbeaten streak



Indian Women team celebrating victory.

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COLOMBO: The contrasting knocks of Harleen Deol and Richa Ghosh found ample support from the bowlers as India etched a commanding 88-run win over Pakistan in a dramafilled ICC Women's World

Deol's composed 46 off 65 balls and Richa Ghosh's spirited 20-ball 35 lifted India to a competitive 247 on a sluggish track after the match referee erroneously ruled the toss in favour of

Cup match here on Sunday.

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