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LG thanks PM, Union Agri Min

Advance Rs 171 Cr instalment of PM-KISAN Scheme for flood-hit J&K farmers released

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan for advance release of 21st instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme for the farmers of UT of Jammu Kashmir.

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election departments, Javid Ahmad Dar, attended the vir-



► Approximately Rs.171 Cr will be directly transferred into bank accounts of around 8.55 Lakh eligible farmers of J&K

► This much-needed financial assistance will help our farmers to sustain their livelihoods, speed up recovery to resume agricultural activities

tual meeting on the advance release of the 21st instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kissan).

The meeting was chaired by Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr.Jitendra Singh.

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor has said:"I am extremely grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri @Narendramodi Ji and Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri @ChouhanShivraj Ji

Encounter breaks out in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: An encounter broke out between terrorists and a police party in a remote area of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Tuesday evening, a senior police officer said.

Inspector General of Police, Jammu Bhim Sen Tuti, said a joint search operation is underway following the encounter in the Beeranthur area of Kandi.

"Exchange of fire took place between terrorists and the SOG (Special Operations Group) team in Beeranthur area, Police Station Kandi, Rajouri.

Joint parties of the Police, Army and CRPF have rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area," the IGP said.

Officials said there was no report of any casualty

CM reviews progress of works under CAPEX budget, CDF

Directs accelerated execution of development works, adherence to fiscal discipline



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting here to review the utilization of CAPEX budget and execution of works under Constituency Development Fund (CDF) for the financial year 2025-26 across various sectors and progress achieved by departments in execution of works under UT capital outlay.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javed Ahmed Rana, Javid Ahmed Dar, and Satish Sharma.

HC set-aside discharge, orders fresh trial in Jammu Terror Case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant ruling, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has set aside the discharge of two men accused of links with Pakistani handlers in a terror conspiracy case and ordered the trial court to reconsider framing of charges.

A Division Bench of Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Sanjay Parihar allowed the Union Territory's appeal against the November 2022 order of the 3rd Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu (Special Judge, NIA), which had discharged

Mohd Anas of Uttar Pradesh and Sheran Nawaz Sheikh of Kishtwar.

Prosecution records state that Anas was detained in Jammu in October 2021 while allegedly filming vital installations. He reportedly confessed to being in touch with Pakistani handlers via WhatsApp and Telegram, receiving assignments to photograph sensitive areas, including the residence of a senior journalist. A money trail of nearly ₹28,000, allegedly routed through international exchanges, was also traced to his

Digital Arrest scam: Police arrests 3 from Gujarat for duping Jammu trader of Rs 4.4 Cr

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The cyber wing of Jammu and Kashmir police has uncovered an online fraud involving Rs 4.4 crore with the arrest of three accused from Gujarat's Surat who had kept a Jammu-based businessman under digital arrest, police said on Tuesday.

The fraud came to light on September 2 when the businessman lodged a written complaint at the cyber police station here, alleging that he had been defrauded of huge amounts of money by cyber criminals impersonating as law enforcement officials, Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Joginder Singh said.

The SSP said the fraudsters falsely accused the complainant of being involved in money laundering using his



Aadhaar and SIM credentials.

After keeping him under digital arrest, they deceitfully coerced the victim into transferring Rs 4,44,20,000 across multiple bank accounts through a series of transactions, Singh said.

The officer said an FIR under Section 66D of the Information Technology Act read with relevant provisions of the Bharatiya

'Meritless', says SIA as it opposes PDP MLA Parra's plea to travel outside J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir State Investigation Agency (SIA) has urged the J&K High Court to dismiss an application filed by PDP MLA Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra seeking permission to travel outside the Union Territory.

The SIA filed its response to the application of Parra, who is on bail in a terror-linked case registered against him in 2020, through its counsel and additional advocate general Mohsin S Qadri who termed the application as "baseless and meritless" owing to his involve-

ment in "serious and heinous" offences.

"It may be true that the applicant has not violated any bail condition in the last three years. However, the present application, which has been precisely made to 'allow' the applicant to visit outside J&K without the permission of the trial court, would surely jeopardize the powers of the trial court in proper supervision, conduct and monitoring of trial besides speedy and effective proceedings," the SIA counsel said. Parra, who was released on bail in

Govt likely to extend PM KUSUM deadline again

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The government is likely to extend the deadline for the PM-KUSUM scheme once again, as two major components of the initiative have failed to achieve even 50 per cent of their targets, an official source said.

Launched in 2019, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Uththan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) aimed to add a solar capacity of 30,800 MW by 2022, with a total central financial support of Rs 34,422 crore, including service charges for implementing agencies.

Later, the Centre extended the PM-KUSUM scheme till March 2026, as its implementation was significantly affected due to the pandemic, and also revised upwards the target to 34,800 MW. According to an

PM-KISAN relief shows Modi Govt's commitment to J&K farmers: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday welcomed the release of Rs 171 crore under PM-KISAN for more than 8.5 lakh farmers of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said this advance installment, delivered under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and guidance of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is a timely lifeline for farmers hit by recent floods.

Chugh thanked the Union

Agriculture Minister for ensuring that the 21st installment of PM-KISAN



reached J&K farmers without delay.

He pointed out that this is not an isolated step but part

of a larger package of relief and recovery measures rolled out by the Centre. Alongside the direct benefit transfer under PM-KISAN, the Union Government has extended MGNREGA entitlements from 100 to 150 days for rural workers in flood-affected areas, sanctioned assistance to rebuild 5,000 damaged rural houses under PM Awas Yojana, and ensured compensation for loss of livestock. Central teams are also working

Army rescues 25 tribals trapped in blizzard

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BHADERWAH/JAMMU: Twenty five tribals belonging to the Bakarwal community were rescued by the Army after they were trapped in a snowstorm with their livestock in the upper reaches of Doda district in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday.

Dozens of tribal families were on their traditional seasonal migration trail from the high-altitude meadows of Padder, Marwah, Dachan and Warwan areas of Kishtwar, via Bhaderwah, towards Kathua,

Court awards 10 years imprisonment in POCSO Case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant judgment, Principal Sessions Judge Ganderbal, Abdul Nasir, on Monday convicted and sentenced Ulfat Ahmad Magray, a resident of Khanan, Kangan, to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment in a case registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The case was filed under FIR No. 24/2020 at Police Station Kangan, relating to the sexual assault of a minor girl. The case dates back to

April 2020, when the father of the victim, a minor girl studying in Class 10, lodged a written complaint before the Kangan police station.

He alleged that the accused had lured his daughter to a forested area under the pretext of marriage and sexually assaulted her.

The matter came to light only when the girl complained of pain and was taken to a hospital, where she was found to be nine months pregnant. The victim gave birth to a girl child the next day.

During the investigation, a DNA test conducted by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) Srinagar confirmed that the accused was the biological father of the child born to the victim.

Further, a medical age determination report concluded that the victim was 17 years old at the time of the offence.

In his judgment, the Principal Sessions Judge ruled that since the victim was a minor, her consent-if any-holds no legal

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 27.2°C Min: 15.0°C

Humidity
Max: 92 Min: 67

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Max: 16.1°C Min: 7.1°C

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Max: 86 Min: 85

Sunset : 18:08 Hours
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Modi begins 25th year as head of Govt, says improving lives his constant endeavour

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday began his 25th year as the head of a government, asserting that improving the lives of people and contributing to the progress of this great nation have been his constant endeavour.

He noted in a series of posts on X that he had taken oath on this day in 2001 as Gujarat's chief minister for the first time and emphasised on the changes first his home state and then the country witnessed on his watch.

"Thanks to the continuous blessings of my fellow Indians, I am entering my 25th year of serving as the head of a Government. My gratitude to the people of India," Modi said.

He added, "Through all these years,



it has been my constant endeavour to improve the lives of our people and

contribute to the progress of this great nation that has nurtured us all." Modi said India, which was marred by "the worst form of corruption, cronyism and policy paralysis" during the UPA government, is now home to one of the largest healthcare and social security schemes in the world.

Indian farmers are innovating and ensuring that the nation is self-reliant, while the government has undertaken extensive reforms and the popular sentiment is to make the country "aatmanirbhar" across all sectors, reflecting in the clarion call of "Garv Se Kahoi, Yeh Swadeshi Hai", he added. He said, "Over the last 11 years, We The People of India have worked

Modi proved how leadership can transform lives of crores: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that 'Karma Yogi' Narendra Modi took Democratic constitutional oath as Gujarat chief minister on this day 24 years ago, and during his long public service, he has proved that when the vision is 'Nation First' and the mission is 'Developed India', how leadership can bring transformation in the lives of crores of people.

After spearheading the

BJP to victory in three consecutive Assembly polls in Gujarat as the chief minister, Modi has led the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) as the prime minister since 2014, winning three successive national elections.

"Twenty-four years dedicated to the nation and public service! This day is very significant for the entire country, when a 'karma yogi' devoted to public service