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# CM meets FM Sitharaman; seeks additional central assistance, multilateral funding

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#### STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, on Friday met Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi to discuss key financial matters concerning Jammu and Kashmir.

Taking to microblogging Nirmala Sitharaman's office shared: "Shri Omar Abdullah (@OmarAbdullah), Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, calls on Smt @nsitharaman." Minister Omar Abdullah shared on Instagram- "Called on Union Minister of and Corporate Affairs, smt.@nsitharaman ji. Our discussion centred around crucial economic matters concerning Jammu advocated for much-needed support from the Union Finance Ministry for the



CM Omar Abdullah meeting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on concluding day of his Delhi visit on Friday.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed optimism that collaborative efforts with the central government would enhance financial stability and promote sustainable development in Jammu

accident, leaving their fami-

Politicians,

underage driving.

Chief Minister sought support of the Union Finance Minister to avail the multilateral funding for development of new Tourism destinations in Jammu & Kashmir, aimed to decongest the existing locations and to

world-class infrastructure at these new identified loca-

CM thanked Ministry of Finance for approving the Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture & Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) for Jammu & Kashmir to rejuvenate agriculture sector which entails financing of 100 million USD through International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) over the next 7 years.

In this regard CM requested Ministry of Finance to treat J&K at par with North Eastern States for availing incentives in respect of Externally Aided Project (EAP) loans and making J&K eligible for special lending arrangement under the EAP loans.

He requested the Finance Minister to consider Jammu & Kashmir for

PM firm on Waqf Act amendment: Amit Shah

## J&K celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

# J&K Govt has took historic steps in past 4 years to change lives of tribal communities: LG

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI/ JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday joined the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations at Convention Centre Jammu.

Addressing the UT-level function through virtual mode, the Lieutenant Governor paid tributes to iconic freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda and recalled his contribution to the freedom movement and nation-building. He said the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is dedicated to honour the tribal icon and celebrate the rich culture and glorious history of tribal communities.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the historic steps by the J&K Government in the past 4 years, under guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to change the lives of tribal communities.

He reiterated the commit-



LG Manoj Sinha addressing during Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebration at Convention Centre, Jammu on Friday.

ment of the government to safeguard the rights of the tribal communities, promote and preserve their cultural & linguistic heritage and provide equal opportunities across the sectors.

"My aim has always been to protect the interests of tribals and improve welfare of women and youth from the community," the Lt Governor

For the first time, the wel-

who were excluded from mainstream of development for several decades, have been kept at the centre of government's development agenda, he added.

Implementation of Forest Rights Act; Pradhan Mantri Van-Dhan Vikas Yojana; Van Dhan Self Help Groups, Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana, allotment of 5 marla land to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (G) eli-

gible landless tribal benefici-

aries, new tribal hostels, smart schools, special scholarships and many more such initiatives are paving the way for the brighter future of the tribal population, the Lt Governor further added.

He said the IEC Campaign of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan will also ensure the effective implementation of the scheme in Jammu Kashmir which will help in

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### Two teenage boys driving SUV die in road accident

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two teenage boys died and as many were injured when their car rammed into a stationary truck before hitting a road divider, sparking calls from various quarters, including political parties, for strict action on underage driving in Kashmir.

The accident occurred on Thursday at Tengpora on the Srinagar-Baramulla highway when the teenagers were driving an SUV. CCTV footage of the incident has been widely circulated on social media.

Hamaad and Aseem Sofi, both aged 17, died in the

technical snag at

Modi was supposed to fly

back to New Delhi on the

Indian Air Force plane after

addressing a rally in Bihar's

Jamui, which is around 80

km from Deoghar, they said.

He was visiting Jamui to

attend a function organised

on the 150th birth anniver-

sarv of Birsa Munda, which

is celebrated as 'Janiativa

"The PM has been at the

Deoghar airport for more than an hour now. What

would be the alternative arrangement for his return

to Delhi is being discussed,"

'No flying zone' was

declared in the region's air

Leader of the opposition

Rahul Gandhi was stuck in

Godda, where he addressed

WEATHER

Sunset: 17:32 Hours

Sunrise: 06:56 Hours

Max: 25.0°C

Max: 14.9°C

Max: 87

Max: 84

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an election rally, as his

officials said.

Gaurav Divas'.

an official said.

space, officials said.

Modi's aircraft develops

#### STATE TIMES NEWS CHANDRAPUR/YAVAT-

ing the day in support of

Mahayuti candidates, he

declared the Modi govern-

ment will eliminate Naxalism

from Chhattisgarh by March

31, 2026, and dared

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi

to publicly laud Hindutva

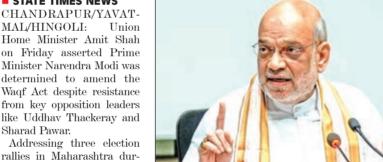
ideologue V D Savarkar and

MAL/HINGOLI: Union lies devastated. Of the two other persons injured, one of Home Minister Amit Shah them is in a critical state. on Friday asserted Prime including Minister Narendra Modi was Jammu and Kashmir Chief determined to amend the Waqf Act despite resistance Minister Omar Abdullah, expressed grief over the loss from key opposition leaders like Uddhav Thackeray and of the loss of lives as the accident has renewed calls from Sharad Pawar. Addressing three election the civil society to curb

"Our road sense shows no sign of improving," Abdullah said on X while condoling the loss of lives in the accident.

"Heartbreaking visuals. This accident claimed precious young lives and has had a devastating impact on

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founder Bal Shiv Sena Thackeray

The senior BJP leader emphasised that the Centre will push through amendments in the Waqf Act, 1995, despite opposition from INDIA bloc parties.

"Modi ji wants to change the Waqf Board law, but Uddhav ji, Sharad Pawar and Supriya Sule are opposing it. Uddhav ji, listen carefully, you all can protest as much as you want, but Modi ji will amend the Waqf Act,"

CM, I did double the develop-

ment. And in the recently

held elections, we spoke the

same. My focus is only on

development. Neither will I

mislead, lie nor resort to

emotional tactics to lure

votes. I hope the people will

realise that those who gained

Umarkhed in Yavatmal dis-

Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is currently scrutinising the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024. introduced in the Lok Sabha in August. The Centre introduced bill, saying the proposed law was aimed to streamline the Waqf Board's work and ensure efficient management of Waqf proper-

The Shiv Sena (UBT) led by Uddhav Thackeray and NCP (SP) headed by Sharad Pawar are members of the opposition INDIA bloc. Supriya Sule is the

## Credibility biggest asset of any political outfit, BJP never compromises with it: Rajnath

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

RANCHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday asserted that credibility is the biggest asset of any political outfit and claimed that the BJP has never compromised with it, unlike other parties which make "false promises to lure voters for political gains".

He also urged people to vote for the BJP and help the saffron camp form an NDA government for the next two consecutive terms so that Jharkhand can be brought into the category of developed states.

"Credibility is the biggest

and the BJP never compromises with it. It has fulfilled all promises made since the Jan Sangh era, unlike other political parties which make false promises, deceive masses just to retain power," the defence minister said addressing a rally at Khijri in Ranchi.

India is "developing fast' but the progress of Jharkhand has been "halted in the current JMM-led coalition regime", he claimed. Singh also asserted that a change in the existing system is a must to "check corruption in Jharkhand". The

BJP leader exuded

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#### target set for PMSG-MBY Govt to install around 350 MWs of SRT plants over govt buildings

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday while chairing a meeting to assess the progress made on implementation of PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG-MBY)here impresses upon Discoms of PDD to make more efforts regarding creation of awareness and reaching out to public for achieving target under this central scheme

Those present in the meeting were Principal Secretary,



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

Commissioner, Kashmir/ Jammu; Secretary, PD&MD; MD, JPDCL/KPDCL; CEO, JAKEDA; Chief Engineer, KPDCL, Representatives from NHPC/REC besides other concerned officers

Balvinder Singh, Vice

President, while addressing

through video conferencing. Dulloo while going through the implementation of this scheme here through discoms urged them to make people aware about the benefits they can reap under

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#### and ensure that their issues SRINAGAR: Chairman are brought to the forefront.' He said, "What I assured DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday stressed for the people before becoming

#### **Deoghar airport STATE TIMES NEWS**

STATE ŤIMES NEWS RANCHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was stranded at the Deoghar airport in strengthening the party's outreach to the people of Jharkhand for over an hour on Friday after his special Jammu and Kashmir. aircraft developed a snag, During the meetings in

both Jammu and Srinagar, Azad urged party leaders and workers to actively engage with the public, raise their issues and ensure that the voices of the people are heard.

He also called upon the workers to prepare themselves for the upcoming local body and panchavat elections, stressing the need for grassroots mobilisation and advocacy on the issues that



Azad asks party leaders, workers to raise public issues

workers at Srinagar on Friday

matter most to the people of the region

 ${
m reaffirmed}$ DPAP's commitment to fighting for the rights and welfare of the people and highlighted the importance of being well-prepared for the elections to secure a strong representation in local gover-

"The time has come to reconnect with the masses and address their concerns," Azad said, adding,"We must be ready to serve the people

power through fake slogans and emotional appeals have betrayed them. He continued, "We should always promise what we can deliver.

My politics is based solely on honesty and truth." highlighted the

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PDD; Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Technology; Divisional

## either physically or virtually 555th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev celebrated with religious fervour in Jammu

JAMMU: The 555th Parkash Purab (birth anniversary) of Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervour across the region by the entire Sikh community and other followers of the great Guru.

 $_{
m main}$ program (Gurmat Samagam) was organized by the District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Jammu at Gurdwara Yaadgar Sri Guru Nanak Sahib, Chand Nagar.

A large number of devotees from the Sikh community and other followers of Guru Nanak Dev Ji from different communities participated.

The Gurdwara was beautifully decorated, and devotees began visiting early in the morning to seek the Guru's

Bhai Sukhwinder Singh Ji Dadehar, a Sikh preacher Gurmat from College, Missionary Ludhiana, spoke on the life and message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, emphasizing his extensive travels to spread the message of peace and love for humanity, selflessness, and belief in brotherhood and equality.

Bhai Robin Preet Singh from Sultanpur Lodhi and Ragi Gurdev Singh Hazuri Ragi from Sri Darbar Sahib recited Shabad Kirtan of Gurbani.

Prominent local Ragis of DGPC Jammu, including Bhai Gian Singh, Bhai Harpreet Singh Chohala. and Bhai Rattan Singh Ji, also recited Shabad Kirtan and shed light on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak



Various preaching organizations and the Health Department set up stalls in premises of the Gurdwara Sahib, and Guru

Ka Langar was served continuously throughout the

Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah, along with Deputy

Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Javed Rana. Forest Minister, and Rattan Lal, Provincial President, paid obeisance at Chand Nagar Gurdwara Sahib.

the Sangat, shared some key issues of the Sikh community in JKUT that have long been unaddressed which included promotion of the Punjabi language by filling vacant Punjabi teacher positions, ensuring Sikh participation in the assembly by granting political reservations similar to those provided to Pandits under the migrant quota and to another group from the Jammu region under the POJK quota, amending SRO 425 to accommodate Sikh youths in the valley within the special employment package under the non-migrant quota, making amendments to the Anand Marriage Act to remove the penalty clause, providing additional ex-gra-

tia compensation to the next

of kin (NOK) of those killed

in anti-Sikh riots at par with other riot victims across the country, and addressing the pending file in the Secretariat for disposal.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, and Forest Minister Javed Rana highlighted the life and message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and his teachings of universal brotherhood.

They assured the Sangat and DGPC members that a meeting with the Chief Minister would soon be organized to address the community's issues and reaffirmed that only elected bodies would be involved in all matters pertaining to Sikhs.

Other prominent political figures from various parties, including Ab Hameed Karra from the J&K

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