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Our government gives...

Scouts Regimental Centre. Nineteen teams, comprising states, union territories and institutional outfits like Army and ITBP, are competing. A total of 594 participants, of which 428 are athletes, are involved in the Ladakh leg of KIWG 2025. This is the second time Ladakh is hosting the winter Games, which is into its fifth edition.

Trump's behaviour towards...

our medical team, central team, and the police's SIT that has been formed. We will find the answers and share them with everyone."

The chief minister said it is taking a little time because we have not fully identified the substance or the reason behind what's happening yet. "Once we do, we will inform you as well," he added.

Drone spotted along...

week. Earlier, on Wednesday, Army troops had opened fire to bring down a Pakistani drone that crossed the Line of Control (LoC) into the Indian side in the Mendhar sector of Poonch district.

Farooq sings 'Tune...

shrine's operations should not take actions that harm the interests of the local people or create problems for them."

He criticised the board for constructing the ropeway without considering the city's interests. "You showed courage and fought bravely to stop it. They have realised that power lies with the people, not the government," he said.

Abdullah emphasised that the people have the power to make or break governments, and now the authorities are reaching out to them to discuss where the ropeway should be constructed.

He added, "The people living in these hills come here to earn their livelihood with the blessings of Mata. But they have been forgotten. They think they are everything. They are nothing. When the power of God prevails, everything else fades away. Just look at what is happening in California."

Abdullah said the core teachings of all religions are the same, and it is often people, who misuse religion for their own selfish purposes.

Fake Facebook account...

introduction claiming to be associated with the "Department of Jammu & Kashmir ADGP, Director, Fire & Emergency Services, J&K."

The spokesperson cautioned the public, stating that this fake account is being used to mislead people and exploit their trust. "We strongly condemn such unethical and fraudulent activities," the spokesperson added.

Citizens have been urged to remain vigilant and avoid responding to messages, friend requests, or any solicitations from such fake profiles. "Similar scams in the past have caused financial losses and emotional distress for victims," the spokesperson warned.

ADGP Anand Jain emphasised that this act is a serious violation and an attempt to deceive the public. The Jammu and Kashmir Police takes such cyber offenses very seriously, he assured.

"Immediate legal action has been initiated against the individuals involved in this unlawful activity. A thorough investigation is underway, and strict action will be taken as per the law to hold the perpetrators accountable," the spokesperson said.

The public is advised to rely only on verified and legitimate social media accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police for official communication and updates. They are also encouraged to report any suspicious online activity to the authorities promptly.

The official Facebook profile of the ADGP is easily identifiable, the spokesperson noted, urging people to stay alert, exercise caution and report any suspicious activity.

Unexplained deaths: Close...

District administration is also going to organise Daksh Kisan courses and skill development programs for the related individuals through ITI.

Additionally, four patients were airlifted yesterday for advanced treatment to different hospitals. One patient Ajaz was shifted to PGI Chandigarh and is now stable. Six other individuals are being treated at GMC Rajouri, including one critical patient whose condition has now stabilized. The DC visited the hospital this morning to inquire about the condition of the patients.

Additional District Development Commissioner Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa is closely monitoring the centers to ensure seamless coordination among all departments. The district administration is diligently implementing the directions issued by the Chief Secretary and Divisional Commissioner Jammu.

The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the general public to stay calm, reiterating that the issue is not due to a bacterial or viral disease. Preventative measures are in place to address the situation effectively.

DGP conducts operational...

Highlighting the importance of community engagement, the DGP stressed the need for fostering trust and collaboration between the police and the residents of Basantgarh.

He directed the officers to intensify their outreach efforts, address public grievances promptly, and work closely with local stakeholders to build a stronger sense of security and unity in the region.

During the visit, the DGP reviewed ongoing development initiatives aimed at enhancing the police infrastructure and operational capabilities in the area.

He emphasized the importance of modernizing equipment, improving mobility, and leveraging technology to ensure swift and effective responses to any security challenges.

The ADGP, DIG and SSP briefed the DGP on the current security scenario, highlighting key developments and achievements in maintaining law and order.

They also discussed measures being taken to plug any gaps and enhance coordination among various security agencies.

Meanwhile, ADG BSF Western Command, Satish Khandare accompanied by IG Jammu frontier, D K Boora called on Nalin Prabhat DGP. During the meeting issues pertaining to security and border management were discussed besides seamless OP coordination.

Almost all ideological...

direction in its third tenure, he added.

He also noted that it was a matter of pride that "170 countries accepted Yoga."

"During the G20 Summit, leaders from across the world came here and offered their tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, which is also a matter of pride for us. The government was successful in bringing back nearly 350 stolen idols of our deities from across the world," the Union minister said.

Talking about the Hindu Adhyatmik Seva Mela, Shah said Hindu temples and organisations served society in various ways including educating tribals or providing healthcare to lakhs of poor citizens, but never publicized their work.

He thanked the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh for bringing all such service-oriented Hindu organisations under one roof through this event so that people understand the contribution of these institutions.

The Seva Mela has some 200 stalls of Hindu organisations working for the betterment of society, including one dedicated to Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar, the 18th century ruler of Indore state who restored nearly 200 temples including Sonmath which were destroyed by Muslim invaders, he noted.

Ob Maha Kumbh, the Union Home Minister said no other event in the world conveys a more powerful message of harmony and unity than this where anyone can take a dip in the Ganga irrespective of identity.

People across the world are in awe after watching the scale on which the Maha Kumbh at Prayagraj has been organised, he said, adding that Ambassadors of various countries requested him for "invitation cards".

"I told them there is no formal invitation for this mega gathering, because crores of people converge here on their own at a specific time as per the alignment of the planets," Shah added.

They could not believe that 40 crore people gather at a place without any invitation, he said.

When asked who organises the whole thing, "I told them what the government does is very small in comparison to what religious leaders, saints and their organisations do for the people going there," said the minister.

"Kumbh gives a message of harmony and unity because no one asks which religion, sect or caste you belong to. You will get food without any discrimination and go back home after taking a holy dip. No other event in the world conveys a more powerful message of harmony and unity than Maha Kumbh," Shah said.

Despite such a large number of pilgrims gathering, no one lives in hotels because everyone gets accommodation in the tents on the banks of the Ganga, noted the Union minister.

Such arrangements have been there for ages, even during the Mughal and British rules and when Congress was in power, he noted, while urging the people of Gujarat, especially the younger generation, to visit Maha Kumbh.

He himself will visit Maha Kumbh on January 27 to take a holy dip in the Ganga, Shah said.

Kashmir records dip...

The tourist resort town of Gulnarg in north Kashmir, known for skiing, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 7.5 degrees Celsius, a degree higher than the previous night.

The minimum temperature was minus 2.6 degrees Celsius in Qazigund, minus 4 degrees Celsius at Konibal in Pampore town, minus 2.2 degrees Celsius in Kupwara and minus 1.6 degrees Celsius in Kokernag.

Kashmir is currently experiencing 'Chillai-Kalan,' the harshest period of winter. During the 40 days of 'Chillai-Kalan,' which began on December 21, snowfall is most likely and the mercury drops considerably.

'Chillai-Kalan' ends on January 30, followed by a 20-day 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

The meteorological department has forecast mainly dry weather for the remaining part of 'Chillai-Kalan,' with cloudy but dry conditions likely to persist until January 29.

However, it said there is a possibility of light rain/snow at isolated places on January 30-31.

AAP turned Delhi into garbage dump, settled illegal Bangladeshis, Rohingyas: Yogi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday assailed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), saying its government has turned Delhi into a "garbage dump" and neglected basic facilities for people while helping illegal Bangladeshis and Rohingyas to settle down in Okhla area in the city.

Addressing his first rally in the Kirari area for the February 5 Delhi Assembly polls, Adityanath alleged that AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal had committed the "sin" of converting the



Yamuna into a "dirty drain".

"Yesterday, I along with all my ministers took a holy

dip at the Sangam in Prayagraj where Maha Kumbh is on. I want to ask Kejriwal whether he can

bathe in the Yamuna in Delhi along with his ministers. He should answer if he has any moral courage," Yogi said. The UP chief minister also slammed AAP alleging poor condition of roads, sanitation, problems of drinking water and sewer overflows in the national capital. Yogi further claimed that the roads in Noida-Ghaziabad in UP are far better than in Delhi.

He also claimed that the AAP government was charging three times more electricity rates from the consumers but they are unable to ensure round-the-clock power supply.

No talks held on resumption of trade with Pakistan: Jaishankar



■ AGNCY

WASHINGTON: There have been no talks with Pakistan on resumption of trade with India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday.

"After last year, there have been no talks with Pakistan on trade, nor has any initiative come from their side," Jaishankar said in response to a question at a news conference here.

India, he said, never stopped trade with Pakistan, and the decision in this regard was taken by the Pakistan government in 2019.

"From the very beginning, our interest was that India should get the status of most favoured nation. We used to give MFN status to Pakistan. But they did not grant the same status to us," Jaishankar said.

The then-Pakistan government headed by Imran Khan suspended all bilateral trade in August 2019 in retaliation to India abrogating Article 370 of its Constitution, which granted special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Islamabad had also downgraded its diplomatic ties with New Delhi.

Sakeena visits GMC, SMGS hospitals, enquires about health of Badhaal patients

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical, Sakeena Itoo, on Thursday visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu and SMGS Hospital, Shalamar to enquire about the health and well being of patients of Badhaal village of Rajouri district.

MLA Banihal, Sajjad Shaheen; Principal GMC Jammu; Medical Superintendents of both the hospitals and other concerned medical professionals were also present on the occasion.



Health Minister Sakeena Itoo during visit to SMGS hospital.

MVD organises Road Safety Awareness, medical checkup camp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Road safety awareness and medical checkup camp was organized by J&K Motor Vehicles Department at General Bus stand Jammu in collaboration with Health Department, J&K Bank and Transport Unions under the aegis of National Road Safety Month 2025 being observed across the country from Jan 1 to Jan 31, 2025.

The event was inaugurated by Member Legislative Assembly Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi in presence of DIG JKS Range Shiv Kumar Sharma and Transport Commissioner J&K Vishesh Paul Mahajan.

Among others present were Jt. Transport Commissioner J&K Vinay Samotra; RTO Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra; ARTO (HQR) Rehana Tabassam and ARTO(FS) Bipen Singh Charak.

The programme included a health check-up camp where more than 200 drivers underwent medical examinations. Alongside, detailed sessions were held to educate drivers about the benefits of Ayushman Health Cards and accidental insurance, enabling them to avail these crucial facilities.

MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi called for joint effort of all the stakeholders to create awareness about road safety in the society so that lives of people can be saved.

Speaking on the occasion, the Transport Commissioner emphasized the importance of road safety and driver's responsibility. He urged drivers to avoid drunken driving, ensure proper rest, and maintain updated documents. He reiterated that neither any work nor any assignment can be accomplished without the contribution of the drivers' fraternity. This noble profession must be valued by observing traffic regulations. The goals/achievements of the people have been accomplished with the contribution of the driver who transported the passengers to their place of exam or test or destination.

DIG JKS Range also addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of road safety and the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to prevent accidents and ensure a safe driving environment.

The event witnessed active participation from drivers and stakeholders, marking another step towards fostering a culture of safety and awareness in the transport sector.

Teams from Medical & Health Education Department, J&K Bank, AAYUSH and MVIs, SMVIs and other officials also attended the programme.

JMC organises cleanliness drive-cum-awareness campaign across City Hospitals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the run-up to Republic Day, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) on Thursday conducted a city-wide cleanliness drive-cum-awareness campaign focusing on hospitals, health institutions, and their surrounding areas. The initiative aimed to enhance hygiene and promote public awareness about waste management.

The main event took place at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMC&H), Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, where students, staff, and local residents actively participated. The program featured a detailed demonstration on waste segregation, showcasing the correct use of different coloured bins for various types of waste. This was followed by a quiz competition on cleanliness and waste management, with winners receiving rewards as an encouragement for their efforts.

Adding a green touch to the event, a plantation drive was also conducted, led by prominent participants including the Medical Superintendent of GMC&H, the Head of the Department of Community Medicines, Dr. Vinod Sharma and the Joint Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, JMC, as they stressed on the importance of collective efforts toward sustainable cleanliness.

Addressing the gathering, Abdul Star, Joint Commissioner (H&S) said that today's initiative was not just a symbolic event but a call for continuous efforts at both individual and community levels.

"Waste is a resource," Joint Commissioner (H&S) highlighted, "and if managed appropriately, it can help achieve the goal of wealth from waste."

The campaign also reinforced the importance of taking cleanliness practices into homes and neighbourhoods.

By maintaining proper waste segregation and disposal at the household level, citizens can contribute significantly to the national cleanliness mission.

Industrial Association Bari Brahmana meets Advisor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ahead of the first budget to be presented by Omar led government, a delegation of Bari Brahmana Industries Association on Thursday met Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, presenting a comprehensive list of demands to make their units lucrative.

The association emphasised the need for extending implementation of turnover-based incentives to support and encourage existing operational industrial units of J&K. It also sought a dedicated budget for working capital interest subvention without any capping, ensuring financial relief to industrial units.

Other demands raised by the association included introduction of price and purchase preferences for local MSMEs to enhance their competitiveness and market share. The delegation also demanded steps to convert leaseholder rights into freehold rights for existing industrial units in J&K. In addition, they asked for Infrastructure Upgradation at Industrial Estate Bari Brahmana, GST-Linked Incentives, adoption of ease of doing business principles by all

government departments, including onboarding on a single-window system to streamline approvals and processes.

The delegation stressed that these measures are vital for industrial sector's growth and attracting more investments into the region.

The Advisor to Chief Minister listened attentively to the delegation's concerns and assured them of government's commitment towards resolving their genuine issues. He made out that the Omar Abdullah led government is focused on creating a business-friendly environment and ensuring that the industrial sector thrives. The delegation was led by Association President, Lalit Mahajan, with other members including Senior Vice President, General Secretary and several Executive Committee members of the association accompanying him to meet the Advisor. Pertinent to mention here that besides these a number of delegations from all over J&K met the Advisor and apprised him of their demands. He assured them of taking all necessary steps to address their issues and concerns at an earliest.