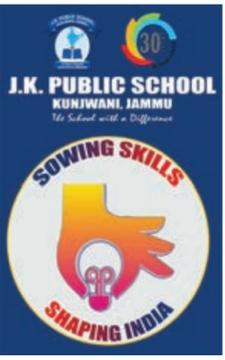


Republic Day greetings to all our readers

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Sinha extends greetings on Republic Day Our focus remains on sustainable dev, fostering innovation, empowering every J&K citizen: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday reiterated that the focus of the government shall remain on sustainable development, fostering innovation, and empowering every citizen to realize their potential.

"As we look to the future, let us pledge to work together for a prosperous Jammu and Kashmir", the Lieutenant Governor said in his address to the people of the Union Territory on the eve of the 76th Republic Day.

He said: "The essence of democracy lies in the participation of its people, and your involvement is vital in shaping a brighter tomorrow."

The Lieutenant Governor touched all the aspects including development and good governance.

He extended his heartfelt greetings to every citizen of



J&K's economy records growth rate of 9.5 percent: LG
Centre implementing 'Whole of Govt approach' to eliminate terror, drug syndicates in J&K: LG

Jammu and Kashmir, saying this day reminds us of the enduring values enshrined in the Constitution of India. It is a day of pride, reflection, and reaffirmation of our commitment to democracy,

justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Let us honor our freedom fighters and martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice to protect and preserve our motherland. I extend my deepest tribute to

the valiant soldiers of the Indian Army, Para Military Forces, and Jammu and Kashmir Police, whose relentless dedication and sacrifices ensure the unity, integrity, and security of our nation. Beyond safeguarding our borders, they stand as pillars of peace and stability for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Their extraordinary valor and service inspire us to work towards a united, secure, and prosperous India.

"On this momentous occasion, I would like to express my gratitude to every individual contributing to the progress of our Union Territory - farmers, artisans, teachers, healthcare workers, security forces, sports persons and government officials. Your dedication and hard work are the cornerstone of our collective

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J&K CM gets official X handle

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister has now got an official handle on popular microblogging website X, his office said on Saturday.

"Official announcement. We are delighted to share that the office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir is now officially on X!" Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's office, using the handle "@CM_JnK", said in its first post on X.

It asked social media users to follow the handle for "direct engagement and insights".

"Stay connected for updates on key initiatives,

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Country's education transformed in last decade in learning quality, digital inclusion: Prez

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday said the country's education system has been transformed in the last decade in terms of quality of learning, physical infrastructure and digital inclusion.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 76th Republic Day, she said the results of increased investment and efforts by the government in the education sector have been more than encouraging.

"It is, after all, our young generation that is going to shape the India of tomorrow. Education, in turn, shapes these young minds.



Therefore, the government has increased its investment in education and made every effort to improve every parameter related to this sector. The results so far are more than encouraging," she

said. "The last decade has transformed education in terms of quality of learning and physical infrastructure and digital inclusion. For the medium of instruction,

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ADGPs Anand Jain, Nitish Kumar, SSP Kichloo among 27 from J&K awarded medals



ADGP Jammu Anand Jain SSP Rakesh Balwal SSP Mohd Yaseen Kichloo Insp Som Raj

Distinguished Service, and 10 Medals for Meritorious Service.

The awardees for the President's Medal For Distinguished Service (PSM) are Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone; Nitish Kumar, Additional Director General of Police.

The awardees for the Medal for Gallantry (GM) on the occasion of Republic Day 2025 are including Vijay Kumar, IPS, Inspector General of Police; Rakesh Balwal, IPS, Senior Superintendent

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R-Day reminder of freedom fighters' sacrifice: Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Saturday extended Republic Day greetings to the people, saying the day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters.

"The 26th of January holds immense significance in our nation's history, as we commemorate the establishment of free India as a Republic founded on the principles of justice and equality," Abdullah's party the National Conference quoted him as saying.

"This day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and the visionary efforts of



our founding fathers, who bestowed upon us a nation where our dignity and individual freedoms are safeguarded by a progressive Constitution," he added.

The party said NC president Farooq Abdullah also greeted the people.

"In the seven decades since our country became a republic, what has truly set us apart is our constitution. It celebrates diversity and ensures that no citizen is marginalized based on color, creed, caste, religion, region, or language," the NC president said.

"As a result, modern India commands the respect and admiration of the international community. On this Republic Day, I extend

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Army launches search ops after exchange of fire with terrorists

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Army troops exchanged fire with terrorists in the higher reaches of Kathua district in the early hours of Saturday, officials said, as a massive search operation is underway to trace out the ultras who fled after the initial fire-fight.

The alert sentry post of a temporary Army camp in Batod panchayat detected the movement of suspected terrorists at around 1:20 am and opened fire, the officials said.

They said the terrorists fired back and the intermittent exchange of fire

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Lalit Mangotra, Mir get Padma Shri Awards

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two Jammu and



Kashmir residents are among 139 Padma Awardees, whose names were announced on Saturday after the approval from the President of India on the occasion of Republic Day 2025. According to Ministry of Home Affairs, Lalit Kumar Mangotra and Farooq Ahmed Mir from Jammu and Kashmir have been conferred with the Padma Shri Awards this year. Lalit Kumar Mangotra has been conferred with Padam Shri award for the year 2025 in the field of Literature and Education. Farooq Ahmad Mir from Jammu and Kashmir has been awarded Padam Shri in the field of art.

Lalit Kumar Mangotra has been honored in the

HOLIDAY NOTICE
The offices of STATE TIMES group of publications will remain closed on Sunday (January 26, 2025) in connection with Republic Day celebrations. Therefore, there will be no issue of your newspaper on Monday (January 27, 2025).

Srinagar's iconic Clock Tower, other prominent places illuminated in Tri-colour

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The iconic 'Clock Tower' in Lal Chowk and other prominent places in Srinagar were on Saturday illuminated with Tri-colour on the eve of the 76th Republic Day, officials said.

The historic Clock Tower, popularly known as 'ghanta ghar' in the Lal Chowk city centre here was illuminated with the colours of the tiranga, the officials said.

They said the adjacent buildings as well as several key areas throughout the city were illuminated ahead of the Republic Day, "creating a



festive atmosphere in honour of this momentous occasion in India's history".

The other locations illuminated included the scenic

Rajbagh riverfront, the picturesque Dal Lake, M A Road, Jehangir Chowk to Rambagh Flyover, Polo

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Historic voter turnout in LS, Assembly elections reflects strong faith of J&K people in democratic values: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that historic voter turnout in Lok Sabha (LS) and Assembly elections reflects strong faith of people of Jammu and Kashmir in democratic values and a renewed spirit of civic participation and hope for a new era wherein democracy is taking root more profoundly than ever before, driven by the will of people.

Participating in the 15th National Voters' Day Celebrations at General Zoravar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu, the Lieutenant Governor expressed his deep gratitude to the people of J&K, officials of the National

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LG Manoj Sinha felicitating SSP Randeep Kumar with UT level award for best performance during elections.

LG attends 15th National Voters' Day celebration at Jammu
Congratulates Chief Electoral Officer and his team for prestigious Best Performing State/UT Award from Election Commission of India
Says Indian democracy is truly festive proclamation of cooperation, collaboration, peace and collective strength of people
Our cultural ethos focuses on democratic values of freedom, equality, inclusiveness and

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Police personnel have been honored with 27

awards on the occasion of Republic Day 2025, including 15 Gallantry Medals, two President's Medals for

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