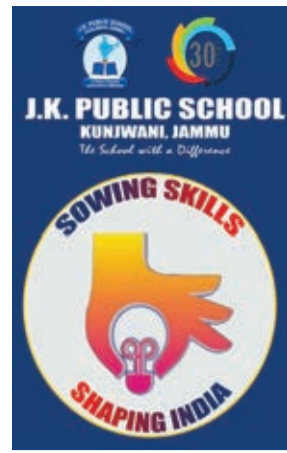




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Youth responsible for writing their own destiny, shaping future of J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha flagging off J&K UT Contingent for National Youth Festival from Jammu on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that youth are responsible for writing their own destiny and shaping the future of Jammu Kashmir.

"Never feel satisfied. Remove the word 'impossible' from your dictionary and

LG flags off J&K UT's contingent for National Youth Festival (NYF)-2025
Says NYF prepares our youth to assume future challenges, responsibilities towards nation with patriotic feelings
J&K occupies important place on national cultural map. NYF will provide opportunity to make our rich cultural legacy popular, enrich cultural consciousness of society

move forward with determination and confidence," the Lieutenant Governor said after flagging off the 55-member Youth Contingent from UT of Jammu Kashmir for New Delhi to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue - National Youth Festival 2025.

The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the participating youth and officials, and extended his best wishes for the prestigious event.

He called upon the youth to embrace this special opportunity to display their leadership talent and demonstrate diversity in folk dance, poetry, writing, painting and music.

The Lieutenant Governor asked the Youth to achieve excellence in their respective competition and also explore ways to contribute to nation building.

Referring to the vision and objective of National

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Canals being closed for maintenance

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jal Shakti (Ravi Tawi Irrigation) Department is going to close Canals and distribution network for annual de-siltation and maintenance works.

"It is hereby notified to all the concerned that Tawi Lift Irrigation Canal and Ravi Canal (including their distribution network) shall be closed from 10th January 2025, for execution of annual desilting/other works. The date for opening of the canals shall be notified separately" a notice issued here today stated. All the concerned Superintending Engineers and

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Modi to inaugurate Z-Morh tunnel on Srinagar-Leh Highway on Jan 13

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to inaugurate on January 13 the Rs 2,400 crore strategic Z-Morh tunnel on the Srinagar-Leh National Highway, which will be a major step towards making the Ladakh region accessible by road throughout the year.

The 6.5 km tunnel is vital in terms of the defence needs of the country in the Ladakh region and also connecting the youngest union territory to the rest of the country.

According to an official involved in the construction of the key infrastructure



project, if the weather holds good, Modi is likely to physically inaugurate the tunnel.

"In case of inclement weather, the tunnel will be inaugurated," he said.

Without naming the tunnel project, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, in a social media post, said the

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Three-day orientation programme for MLAs to begin today at Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The three-day orientation programme for MLAs of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly will commence from 9th of January, 2025 at Central Hall of J&K Legislative Assembly Complex, Jammu.

The programme is being organised by J&K Legislative Assembly Secretariat in collaboration with PRIDE, Lok Sabha Secretariat.

The inaugural function of

the programme will be graced by distinguished dignitaries like Chief Minister, Speaker, J&K Legislative Assembly, Deputy Chief Minister as well as other senior officers.

The first Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir was constituted on 8th October 2024. The ninety (90) Member House presently has eighty eight (88) members, of which, fifty (50) members have been elected for the first time.

In order to help the newly

elected members to effectively discharge their onerous responsibilities of meeting the aspirations of people, this three day orientation programme is being held on Parliamentary Practices, Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House.

The programme will feature discussions by eminent Parliamentarians like Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, Chairperson, Committee on Estimates; N.K. Premachandran and

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Tirupati: Six devotees waiting for Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam tickets die in stampede

STATE TIMES NEWS

TIRUPATI: At least six devotees died and dozens were injured in a stampede here on Wednesday night as hundreds of them jostled for tickets for Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam at Lord Venkateswara Swamy temple on Tirumala Hills, said an official.

Tirupati Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman BR Naidu said one body has been identified. "A DSP opened the gates...and immediately

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J&K: Speedy trial run on 180-degree gradient adds new chapter in Indian Railway: CRS



STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHIAL/JAMMU: A new chapter was written in Indian Railway history with a successful 'rising grade' speed trial in the challenging terrain from Jammu and Kashmir's Katra to Banihal

8 SHOs, seven I/Cs PP among 21 police officials transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/REASI: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, Joginder Singh, on Wednesday transferred two Station House Officers (SHOs) among four Inspectors.

As per an order, Inspector Ravi Singh has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO RS Pura, Inspector Rohit Gandhi has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Akhnoor,

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Special ICU ward set up in Jammu amid HMPV concerns

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Responding to the concerns triggered by the detection of human metapneumovirus (HMPV) cases in the country, the Jammu and Kashmir health department has set up a specialised ICU ward in Jammu to address any potential outbreak of the disease. "We have prepared a special

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 15.9°C Min: 7.0°C

Humidity
Max: 100 Min: 71

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 8.5°C Min: -1.0°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 55

Sunset: 17:41 Hours
Sunrise: 07:34 Hours

Admin cracks down on landgrabbers of 46 acres land in Kathua, issues notices

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The administration on Wednesday launched a major crackdown on individuals possessing significant assets with no verified source of income and issued notices to the land grabbers occupying over 46 acres of prime state land in Kathua district, directing them to disclose their income sources.

An official spokesperson said that notices were issued to the encroachers in Panchayat Chak Desa Choudharian in Tehsil Marheen, demanding the immediate vacation of 372 kanals (over 46 acres) of

encroached state land.

The notices not only require the encroachers to vacate the land but also mandate them to disclose the sources of income and funding used for constructing illegal structures on the encroached property.

"This step is part of the administration's broader strategy to address the accumulation of illicit wealth and unauthorized encroachments on government land," the spokesperson added.

According to the official, several individuals had unlawfully occupied substantial portions of state land in

the area and have already been booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for their involvement in criminal activities.

The administration has warned that failure to comply with the notices will result in stringent legal actions, including the demolition of illegal structures and criminal proceedings against the encroachers.

The authorities stressed that individuals unable to provide legitimate sources for their income or assets would face rigorous scrutiny, with severe legal

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UP Govt will reclaim every inch of land taken under pretext of Waqf: Adityanath

STATE TIMES NEWS

LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said the state government will reclaim every inch of land that has been taken under the pretext of waqf.

Speaking at the 'Maha Kumbh Mahasammelan' organised by a private news channel here, he claimed that the belief system of Sanatan Dharma represents the world's oldest culture, standing above comparison with any religion or sect.

"I inherit a legacy that spans thousands of years, with its cultural and spiritual events equally ancient. The tradition of Sanatan is high-

er than the sky and beyond comparison," Adityanath, according to an official statement, said.

Taking a strong stance on



the Waqf Board, he said, "It is hard to tell whether it is a Waqf Board or a board of land mafias."

He said his government has amended the Waqf Act and is actively investigating all

"occupied" land.

"We will reclaim every inch of land that has been taken under the pretext of Waqf and it will be used to build housing, educational institutions and hospitals for the poor," he affirmed.

Highlighting the ancient heritage of Sanatan Dharma, Yogi asserted that the tradition of Kumbh far predates the Waqf institution.

"The stature of Sanatan Dharma is higher than the sky and its depth deeper than the ocean. It cannot be compared to any sect or religion," he said.

Chief Minister Adityanath strongly criticised

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