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CM stresses for time bound completion of projects, permanent flood restoration works

Inaugurates projects worth Rs 19.05 Cr, lays foundation of works worth Rs 13.48 cr; flags off sewerage machines, ambulance

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the overall development scenario of Jammu district, with a focus on expediting key infrastructure projects, improving irrigation facilities, strengthening flood restoration works and ensuring optimal utilisation of funds.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana, Javid Ahmed Dar and Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chairman District Development Council Jammu Bharat Bhushan, Member of Parliament Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma and all Members of the Legislative Assembly



CM Omar Abdullah chairing a high-level meeting in Jammu on Monday.

Govt will continue with budget framework initiated last year despite fiscal constraints: Omar
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said that despite fiscal constraints, the government would continue with the budget framework initiated last year, ensure the progress of ongoing schemes, and introduce new initiatives to keep development on track.

He also dismissed allegations of discrimination with Jammu over the proposed National Law University (NLU), questioning why similar concerns were not raised earlier when premier institutes like the IIT and IIM were established in the region.

Talking to reporters here after chairing a comprehensive review meeting of the Jammu district, the chief minister said January and February are not the right time to take big decisions as any allocation made now

from the district.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Inspector General of Police Jammu B.S. Tuti, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Rakesh Minhas, heads of departments, and representatives of NHAI, NHIDCL, BRO and other concerned agencies were also present

CB registers FIR in Job Fraud involving Rs 9 Lakh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Special Crime Wing, Crime Branch Jammu has registered a formal case against two accused persons for allegedly cheating a complainant of Rs 9,00,000 on the false pretext of providing a job.

A written complaint was lodged by the complainant, alleging that Ajay Gupta, son of Nirmal Gupta and his wife Anshu Gupta, wife of Ajay Gupta, both residents of Lane No. 2, Sarwal, near Shangrilla Higher Secondary School, Jammu, fraudulently and dishonestly induced him on the assurance of providing

a suitable job, in lieu of a substantial amount of money.

Sharing details of the case, Sanjay Parihar SSP SCW Jammu informed that the complainant alleged in his written complaint that while relying on the assurances of the accused persons, he paid a total amount of Rs 9,00,000 out of which Rs 3,50,000 was transferred into the bank account of accused Anshu Gupta, Rs 2,00,000 into the bank account of accused Ajay Gupta, while the remaining Rs 3,50,000 was paid in cash.

It is further alleged that after receiving the said amount, the accused persons repeatedly delayed fulfillment of their promise on one pretext or another.

Subsequently, the accused persons issued two cheques amounting to Rs 2,00,000 and Rs 7,00,000 respectively, as security towards repayment. However, upon presentation, the said cheques were dishonoured.

Despite repeated requests and demands, neither was any job arranged nor was the amount returned to the complainant. On receipt of

Trump says Iran wants to negotiate; death toll in protests rises to 572

AGENCY
DUBAI: US President Donald Trump said Iran wants to negotiate with Washington after his threat to strike the Islamic Republic over its crackdown on protesters, a move coming as activists said Monday that the death toll in nationwide demonstrations rose to at least 572.

Iran had no direct reaction to Trump's comments, which came after the foreign minister of Oman - long an interlocutor between Washington and Tehran - travelled to Iran this weekend. It also remains unclear just what Iran could promise, particularly as Trump has set strict demands over its nuclear programme and its ballistic missile arsenal, which Tehran insists is crucial for its national defence.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, speaking to foreign diplomats in Tehran, insisted "the situation has come under total control" in remarks that blamed Israel and the US for the

J&K leads country in patriotic outreach during 'VandeMataram' Celebrations

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Monday reviewed the preparations for Phase-II of the Commemoration of 150 Years of 'Vande Mataram', the National Song of India, scheduled to be observed across the J&K from January 19 to January 26, 2026, coinciding with the Republic Day celebrations together with the national celebrations held on this occasion.

The review meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Culture Department; Commissioner



CS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu on Monday.

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Monday reviewed the status of availability and functionality of toilet facilities for girl students in government schools across J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department (PWD), Secretary, School Education Department, the

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 9.6°C Min: 3.4°C

Humidity
Max: 100 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 12.4°C Min: -2.4°C

Humidity
Max: 72 Min: 65

Sunset : 17:44 Hours
Sunrise : 07:33 Hours

Attends Kesar Art Circle's Golden Jubilee celebration Transforming J&K's cultural, spiritual soul into global art hub is shared responsibility: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: "From spiritual, cultural roots to new creative horizons, it is our collective responsibility to reimagine Jammu Kashmir as an art hub. In this endeavour, I hope to see the contribution of painters and writers to build the artistic future of the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir," the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha said on Monday. He was speaking at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Kesar Art Circle at Kala Kendra Jammu.

At the ceremony, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated Bhushan Kesar, renowned painter and Founder Kesar Art Circle.



LG, Manoj Sinha felicitating renowned painter, Bhushan Kesar.

He lauded Bhushan Kesar's extraordinary contribution in nurturing and training thousands of artists who have achieved exceptional success globally marking significant milestones under his mentorship.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, emphasised that preservation of our sacred heritage is the foundation to create the future. "Transforming

J&K BOSE notifies date-sheets for class 11, 12

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (J&K BOSE) has notified the date-sheets for classes 11 and 12 Annual/Regular, 2026 (Feb- Mar Session) of Jammu Division (summer zone), scheduling the examinations from February 28 and February 23, respectively.

In all, over 83,000 students of class 11 (43824) and 12 (39226) of summer zone Jammu Division are taking the examinations.

As per the date-sheets, the examination will commence on February 23 for class 12 and February 28 for class 11

Modi, German Chancellor enjoy kite flying at Sabarmati Riverfront



PM Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, enjoying kite flying at Sabarmati Riverfront.

STATE TIMES NEWS
AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the International Kite Festival-2026 at Sabarmati

India, Germany decide to expand strategic ties
AHMEDABAD: India and Germany on Monday unveiled measures to boost cooperation in areas of defence, trade, critical minerals and semiconductors, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chancellor Friedrich Merz vowing to bolster overall bilateral ties to jointly navigate challenges arising

27-day-long Budget Session of J&K LA to begin on Feb 2; budget on Feb 6

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 27-day-long Budget Session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly will commence here on February 2, with the Omar Abdullah-led government set to present its budget in the House on February 6.

The fifth session of the Assembly, spread over a three-month period, will begin with an address by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on February 2.

General Budget on Feb 1: LS Speaker
NEW DELHI: In a first, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget in Parliament on Sunday, February 1, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced on Monday.

This will be Sitharaman's ninth budget presentation, one short of the record 10 budgets presented by the former finance minister Morarji Desai.

The Budget session of Parliament begins on January 28 with President Droupadi Murmu addressing the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha members assembled in the Lok Sabha chamber. Sitharaman is likely to present the Economic Survey in both the Houses of Parliament

Abdullah-led National Conference government after assuming office on October 16, 2024, ending nearly six years of central rule.

As per the calendar of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly issued by Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather, the Budget Session will conclude on April 4.

The session is being held in three phases - the first before the commencement of Ramzan and two others

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