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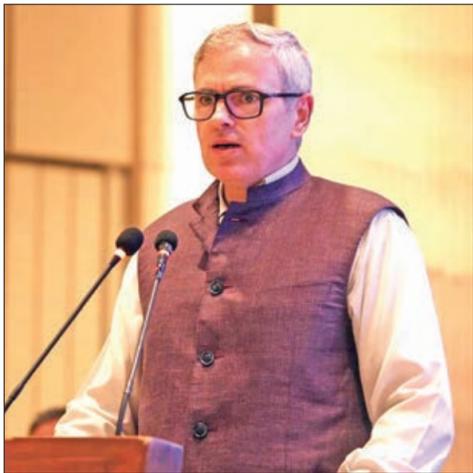
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## Omar calls for stronger partnership with travel fraternity to promote J&K tourism

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MUMBAI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday addressed leading stakeholders from the travel and trade sector in Mumbai, calling upon them to partner with the government in promoting Jammu & Kashmir as a safe, vibrant and all-season tourism destination.

Addressing travel agents, tour operators and representatives of travel associations from Maharashtra and Gujarat, the Chief Minister underlined that the outreach was not about selling the destination, but about strengthening trust and partnership.

"Today I have not come to promote Jammu and Kashmir tourism. I have not come to sell J&K as a tourist destination amongst you. Today I have not come to talk about the beauty of J&K. As much as I know about the beauty of Kashmir, you also know it," the Chief Minister said,



while stressing the long-standing bond between Jammu & Kashmir and the travel fraternity of Maharashtra and Gujarat.

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**CM explores collaboration opportunities during visit to IICT-NFDC Campus Mumbai**  
MUMBAI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has visited the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) campus at the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Mumbai, on January 15, to explore avenues for institutional collaboration and student exchange between IICT and the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

The visit, held at the IICT-NFDC Campus, was hosted by Dr. Vishwas Deoskar, Chief Executive Officer, IICT, along with Munjal Shroff, Governing Council Member, IICT.

During the visit, the Chief Minister was taken on a structured walkthrough of the IICT main campus, providing an overview of the institute's academic

## CBI arrests 2 public servants accepting bribe

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: The Central Bureau Of Investigation (CBI) has arrested two public servants in Anantnag district for allegedly accepting bribe, officials said on Friday.

The CBI has arrested two public servants -- a Patwari and a Chowkidar of Revenue Department -- at Halqa Soaf Shali, Kokernag, in the south Kashmir district, while accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000 from the complainant, the officials said.

They said the CBI registered a case on Thursday against the accused Patwari after a complaint alleged that the accused public servant demanded bribe of Rs 30,000 for demarcating his land, they added. The CBI laid a trap on Thursday and caught the accused Patwari along with the middleman Chowkidar, red-handed while accepting the bribe amount of Rs 15,000 from the complainant, the officials said. They said the accused persons have been arrested and further investigation is underway.

## Modi calls on startups to focus on deep tech, global leadership in 10 years

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called on Indian startups to focus on manufacturing, deep technology, and global leadership, saying the next decade of Startup India must position the country at the forefront of innovation.

Speaking at Bharat Mandapam on the 10th anniversary of Startup India, he said startups are key to shaping India's economic and technological future.

The Prime Minister hailed Startup India as a "revolution" that has transformed India into the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, growing from fewer than 500 startups in 2014 to over 2 lakh today, including nearly 125 unicorns.

He emphasised that risk-taking has become mainstream, and startups are increasingly driving employment, innovation, and global competitiveness.



"The government is with you in all your efforts. I have faith in your capabilities. Your courage, confidence and innovation are shaping India's future," he said.

The last 10 years have proven India's entrepreneurial capabilities, he said, adding, "Our goal should be to lead the world in the next 10 years in India's new startup trends and technologies."

Launched on January 16, 2016, Startup India aims to nurture innovation, promote entrepreneurship, and create a generation of job creators, enabling India to build a robust ecosystem of over 2 lakh startups across sectors and geographies.

Modi said the mission has grown into a revolution and the tally of unicorns jumped from four to 125 during the period.

## SFs fully prepared to tackle emerging challenges in J&K: Dulloo

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Adversarial elements, including hostile forces from across the border, would attempt to create trouble in Jammu and Kashmir but preparedness on the ground remains strong, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Friday said.

Dulloo said multiple challenges persist, ranging from infiltration attempts to weather-related and terrain-specific difficulties, which are often exploited by adversarial elements.

"We also have to keep in mind that those who are engaged in trying to disturb the security situation here, including our neighbouring country, will continue their efforts. This also needs to be taken into consideration,"

Dulloo told PTI here. "Their (Pakistan) continuous effort is to ensure that the situation deteriorates by taking advantage of the element of surprise," he said.

Expressing confidence in the security apparatus, the chief secretary said all agencies remain on high alert.

"The Army, paramilitary forces, Jammu and Kashmir Police and intelligence agencies are fully alert and prepared to give a befitting response to every conspiracy," he added.

Dulloo termed the security situation in J-K in 2025 as largely under control, reflecting the operational effectiveness and strong response of the security forces. "Leaving aside one major

## Decision on quantum of sentence to Asiya Andrabi, 2 others today

### Radicalisation in Kashmir: How DeM groomed teen, educated girls to wage war against India

**VIVEK SHARMA**  
JAMMU: The conviction of Asiya Andrabi and her associates Sofi Fehmeeda and Nahida Nasreen has laid bare the systematic radicalisation machinery of the banned Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DeM), an organisation that preyed on young minds and educated women to fuel a sustained campaign against peace, law and national unity in Kashmir Valley.

Investigation findings reveal that Sofi Fehmeeda was drawn into extremist activity as a school-going minor, joining DeM while still in Class 9, with her first detention under the Public Safety Act (PSA) coming as early as Class 10. What followed was a cycle of indoctrination, repeated detentions and deepening involvement in anti-national activities: nine PSA bookings in all,

before her arrest alongside Andrabi and Nahida Nasreen in 2018.

Far from being incidental participants, Fehmeeda, who hails from Srinagar, rose within DeM to function as its press and organisational functionary, acting as a conduit for separatist propaganda and mobilisation under Andrabi's direction. Her education was repeatedly disrupted, not by circumstance, but by conscious adherence to a radicalised agenda that rejected constitutional order and social peace.

The case also underscores how formal education offered no immunity against extremist indoctrination. Nahida Nasreen, a Zoology graduate

with training in Islamic studies, emerged as a senior DeM functionary and General Secretary, playing a strategic role in sustaining the organisation's separatist narrative. Born in 1964 in Srinagar, she was among the earliest recruits of DeM and remained entrenched in its activities for decades.

According to investigators, Nahida's, mother of two sons and a daughter, prolonged incarceration since 2018 has led to complete social isolation, with even family ties severed, a stark indicator of the human cost of extremist allegiance.

All three women were convicted in January 2026 by a Delhi court under

stringent provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code for conspiring to wage war against the Government of India, promoting enmity, spreading seditious propaganda and active membership of a terrorist organisation.

The court held them guilty under UAPA Sections 18 and 38, and IPC Sections 121-A, 120-B, 153A, 153B and 505, affirming that DeM was not a symbolic outfit but a structured extremist platform aimed at destabilising the State and radicalising society, particularly women.

Dukhtaran-e-Millat, founded by Andrabi in 1987 and banned by the Government of India in 2018, was prosecuted following an NIA case registered on the directions of the Union Home Ministry, which concluded that

If something happens to Bharat, Hindus will be asked about it: Bhagwat

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Friday said if something good or bad happens to Bharat, Hindus will be asked about it, as Bharat is "not just the name of a geographical region, but the character of the country".

Addressing an event here, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief said Hindu society is traditionally inclusive and accepting, accommodating diversity in rituals, dress, food habits, language, caste and sub-caste, without allowing such differences to become causes of conflict.

"If something good or bad happens to Bharat, Hindus will be asked about it. It is not just the name of

## Mortar shell found in Rampur Uri; defused

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Friday recovered a mortar shell in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, which was later defused by the Army's bomb disposal squad, officials said.

The live shell was

## BJP triumphs over Thackerays in Mumbai, trumps Pawars in Pune civic polls

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MUMBAI: Breaking the nearly three-decade-old dominance of the undivided Shiv Sena, the BJP on Friday emerged as the single largest party in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections, and also triumphed in Pune, where it made mince-meat of the alliance of NCP factions led by Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar.

The BJP-led Mahayuti alliance is set to come to power in 25 of the 29 municipal corporations, including Mumbai, where elections were held on January 15, Maharashtra Chief Minister Fadnis said, addressing jubilant party workers in south Mumbai in the evening.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked the voters over the emphatic victory of BJP and allies in the civic polls.

"Thank you Maharashtra! The dynamic people of the state bless the NDA's agenda of pro-people good governance," Modi posted on X.

Results of 221 out of 227 wards in Mumbai were

## Three terrorist hideouts busted

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Security forces have busted three terrorist hideouts in Kathua district, officials said.

The hideouts were busted as part of anti-terror operations in Billawar, during which two encounters took place with terrorists, who, however, managed to escape under the cover of darkness.

Acting on reliable intelligence regarding the movement of anti-national elements in the forest areas of Kamaad Nallah, Kalaban and Dhanu Parole in Billawar, joint teams of security forces launched a massive search operation to neutralise the terrorists, police officials said.

During the operation, terrorists opened indiscriminate fire on the

## Somnath temple symbol of eternal Sanatan: Shah 'Those who build are stronger than destroyers'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Somnath temple in Gujarat event that marks the life-sustaining power of the Sun god. Stating that the kite festival will connect the people of the country with Delhi, Shah urged the city government and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to work towards making it one of the leading events in the country and the world.

He also suggested that a committee be formed to make the event a more wholesome festival.

Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta were present on the occasion, officials said.

Referring to the recently concluded Somnath Swabhiman Parv, which commemorated 1,000 years since the first recorded attack on the temple in 1026 by Mahmud of Ghazni, Shah said it was plundered 16 times in 1,000 years, yet it stands tall and magnificent, proving that the strength of those who



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