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## Inaugurates IGNCA Regional Centre at Jammu

# Under PM Modi J&K witnessing cultural resurgence: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the inauguration ceremony of Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Regional Centre at Jammu on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday highlighted that under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir is witnessing a cultural resurgence.

Inaugurating Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) Regional Centre at Jammu, the

Lieutenant Governor said, "The folk tradition of Jammu has been the source of values and ideals that have sustained the society through the ages and I believe the IGNCA's regional centre will create a framework for nurturing the virtues of culture for enhancing quality of life".

He congratulated IGNCA, artists, writers, researchers, art lovers, innovators and

students on the occasion and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Ram Bahadur Rai, President IGNCA, for dedicating IGNCA's Regional Centre to Jammu.

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- ▶ Says Centre will foster promotion, preservation of our rich art, cultural heritage; help growth of time-tested traditional wisdom, knowledge
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- ▶ Our civilisational heritage represents culture that is all-embracing and based on a concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. This Mantra continues to be of great significance to world even today
- ▶ Calls upon intelligentsia to work with organisations like IGNCA for promotion of rich artistic heritage and also preserving, propagate Vedic oral tradition
- ▶ In future, IGNCA Centre at Jammu will further strengthen government's efforts for promotion, development, enrichment of folk traditions
- ▶ Creative potential of youth will benefit other sectors of society
- ▶ Applauds SCERT for organising Toycathon, providing opportunity to youngsters to participate in grassroots innovation

Lieutenant Governor said. He called upon the intelligentsia to work with organi-

sations like IGNCA for promotion of J&K's rich

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# Record Govt jobs provided in one and half year: Modi

## STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said his government has provided nearly 10 lakh permanent government jobs to youths in the last one or one and a half years which, he asserted, is a record.

Addressing recruits at a Rozgar Mela through a virtual event, where over 71,000 people were given appointment letters, he said never before in the tenure of any previous government were jobs provided in such a "mission mode".

The young population is at the centre of his government's policies and programmes, he said, adding honesty and transparency have driven the recruitment process.

The prime minister said 'Rozgar Melas' (recruitment drives) are empowering the youth and unlocking their potential. "The youth of India today is full of new confidence, succeeding in every sector."



Noting that a large number of recruits are women, Modi said it is the endeavour of his government that they become self-dependent in every field.

The government's decision to grant 26-week maternity leave to women has helped them a lot in their careers, he said and underscored that women are the majority owners of the house constructed under the 'PM Awas Yojana'.

Women-led development is taking place in the country, he said.

Modi said making maximum use of the Indian youths' abilities and talent is a priority of his government, and that they are at the centre of a host of schemes, be it start-up India, digital India or reforms in space and defence sectors.

The National Education Policy has taken steps for the development of youngsters, he said, highlighting its emphasis on the use of mother tongues. His government has ensured that language

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## Winter Vacation in High Court from Jan 6

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will remain closed for the winter vacation with effect from January 6 to 31, 2025 (both days inclusive). The period commencing from January 6 to 11, 2025 shall be 'No Work Period' for the High Court.

Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Tashi Rabstan nominated Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi as Vacation Judge for Jammu wing from January 13 to 21, 2025, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal as Vacation Judge for Jammu wing from January

22 to 31, 2025. Justice Rajesh Sekhri as Vacation Judge for Srinagar wing from January 13 to 21, 2025, Justice Mohd Yousaf Wani as Vacation Judge for Srinagar wing from January 22 to 31, 2025.

It is also to mention here Winter Vacation for District Courts in Kashmir Wing are from January 6 to 20, 2025. It is notified for the information of all concerned that the District Courts in Kashmir province and the Courts located in District Kishtwar; District Doda; and Courts at Batote, Gaol, Banihal and Ukhral in District

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# Disinformation, fake news powerful enough to disrupt society: Amit Shah

## STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said disinformation, misinformation, mal-information, and fake news have such power that they are always ready to tear the social fabric with the use of the latest technology.

He also underlined that divisive forces are still active in the country. Delivering the '37th Intelligence Bureau Centenary Endowment Lecture', Shah said a country where social unity does not exist cannot progress in any meaningful way.

Responsibility for addressing these challenges and preparing the entire police force to tackle them now lies with the country's information warriors, he said.



He said that by identifying and eliminating threats promptly, the intelligence ecosystem helps maintain trust and stability within society.

He said it challenges such as Naxalism, terrorism, organised crime, divisive forces, communalism, narcotics,

and antisocial elements are to be fully controlled, ensuring the security of society is of paramount importance.

Shah said there was a need for a robust ecosystem to counter misinformation, and in order to reduce the spread of propaganda to zero, there is a need for a strategy, technology, and readiness in place.

The home minister said for the Intelligence Bureau (IB) to realise the vision of a developed India, it must prepare itself to become a cutting-edge agency.

He also claimed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India will become the world's third-largest economy by 2027.

Shah said that as we progress, competition intensifies,

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## Revised Revision Schedule for Panchayat Electoral Roll 2025 issued in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The State Election Commission, J&K, on Monday issued the Revised Revision Schedule regarding updation of Panchayat Electoral Roll-2025.

According to the revised dates issued by the State Election Commissioner, B R Sharma in this regard, punching of forms for filing of claims and objections will be done on December 26, 2024 (Thursday), disposal of claims and objections will be done on January 6, 2025 (Monday) by the ERO while publication of final Panchayat Electoral Roll 2025 will be done on January 20, 2025 (Monday).

Permanently, the Commission had received requests from various districts for extending the date for punching of claims and objections due to receipt of large number of forms (claims and objections) on fag end and their punching was still pending, read the communication.

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 15.0°C Min: 6.7°C

Humidity  
Max: 69 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 2.8°C Min: -3.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 88 Min: 67

Sunset : 17:32 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:30 Hours

# CM reviews Kashmir's power supply amid severe cold wave

## Directs strict compliance with scheduled curtailment

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Amid the ongoing severe cold wave in the Kashmir Valley, which has disrupted power and water supply, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the power scenario in Kashmir valley.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who has stationed himself in the valley to personally oversee crisis management during this challenging time, emphasized the need for effective measures to address power shortages and ensure adequate essential services for residents.

During the meeting, Chief Minister



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Monday.

Minister discussed a comprehensive strategy to manage peak electricity demand and directed officials to maintain efficiency in ensuring a reliable power supply during the harsh winter season.

He instructed the Power

Development Department (PDD) to strictly comply with the scheduled curtailment program and ensure proper publicity of planned power outages to keep consumers informed in advance.

The Chief Minister was

briefed on the current power situation in the valley, including the Load Curtailment Plan (LCP) and the demand-versus-consumption statistics. It was highlighted that despite a 7-8

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# Bangladesh wants Hasina back, sends note verbale to India

## STATE TIMES NEWS

DHAKA: Bangladesh's interim government said on Monday that it has sent a diplomatic note to India to send back deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina to Dhaka.

Hasina, 77, has been living in exile in India since Aug 5 when she fled the country amid the student-led protests that toppled her 16-year regime. Bangladesh-based International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) has issued arrest warrants for Hasina and several former Cabinet ministers, advisers, and military and civil officials for "crimes against humanity

## Situation in Bangladesh matter of concern: Union Minister

JAMMU: Union Minister of State BL Verma on Monday expressed concern over the situation in Bangladesh and said the government is closely monitoring it.

Addressing a Rozgar Mela organised at Jammu, the minister lauded the Border Security Force (BSF) for its role in safeguarding India's borders with Bangladesh, Myanmar and Pakistan.

"I would like to especially congratulate the BSF, which protects our borders. Having worked on the development of the northeast, I have observed the

and genocide".

"We have sent a note verbale to the Indian government saying that Bangladesh wants her back here for the judicial process," Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid

Hossain told reporters at his office.

Earlier in the morning, Home Advisor Jahangir Alam said his office has sent a letter to the foreign

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# CBI comes up with 'Bharatpol' for seamless coordination with state, UT agencies

## STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI has designed a new cutting-edge online platform, 'Bharatpol' that will allow police forces of states and Union Territories and central agencies to seamlessly send their requests seeking information from Interpol on fugitives holed abroad or other affairs, officials said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation is the National Central Bureau of India solely responsible for Interpol-related affairs.

Through Interpol, the CBI can seek the information needed from similar agencies of other member countries of Interpol to help

investigate crime or criminals in India and share criminal data and intelligence to assist other countries.

All the law enforcement agencies submit their requests to the CBI for issuance of Interpol Red Notices for detention of fugitives holed abroad, Yellow Notices for missing persons, Blue Notice for information about a person's identity, location, or activities in relation to a criminal investigation and other such issues.

To coordinate with the CBI, law enforcement agencies depute designated Interpol liaison officers who

keep regular touch with the CBI whenever they need information from Interpol on any issue.

The process of submitting a request seeking issuance of a Red Notice on fugitives or seeking a different action from Interpol was done via e-mails etc, which left the information cluttered and time-consuming.

An idea was floated before CBI Director Praveen Sood to bring all such communication exchanges on a dedicated online platform, which would reduce the crucial processing time and make it easy to monitor progress on each case, they said.

The project designed and

executed internally by the CBI is in trial mode and may be launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on January 7, they said.

"The communication between states and CBI (Interpol India) will be seamless using a portal and not through letters, emails, fax. It will cut avoidable delays and result in getting more notices published through Interpol in the future," an officer in the know of developments said.

Since 2021, as many as 100 wanted criminals, including 26 in 2024, have been returned to India through coordination via Interpol channels.

# Met advises tourist to follow traffic advisory as cold wave grips Kashmir

## STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The weather department on Monday advised tourists to follow the advisory issued by the traffic police in view of the sub freezing temperatures and icy conditions over roads of important higher reaches in Kashmir.

Intense cold wave conditions persisted in the valley on Monday as minimum temperatures across the region remained several degrees below freezing point.

The sub-zero temperatures led to the freezing of water supply lines while a thin layer of ice covered the surface of several water bodies. Srinagar recorded a low of minus 3.6 degrees Celsius on

Sunday night rising by nearly four degrees from the previous night, the meteorological department said.

Pahalgam, the base camp for annual Amarnath Yatra in South Kashmir, registered a minimum temperature of minus 5 degrees Celsius, almost unchanged from the previous night, it said.

There was a slight dip in night temperature in Gulmarg, a tourist resort town known for skiing activities in north Kashmir, where the mercury settled at a low of minus 4.8 degrees Celsius, the department added.

Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, logged a minimum temperature

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