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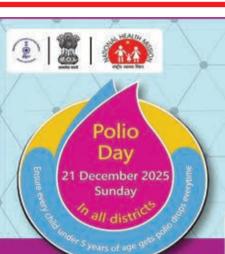
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Draw lessons from Op Sindoor, stay ready for challenges: Rajnath to IAF



STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said India's "highimpact, short-duration" operational capability was demonstrated by the armed forces during Operation Sindoor, while urging air force commanders to draw lessons from the decisive military action and stay prepared to deal with every

future challenge

In his address at the Air Commanders' Force Conclave, Singh also underlined that "21st-century warfare is not just a war of weapons", but also a "war of ideas, technology and adaptability".

He praised the courage, speed and precision with which the Indian Air Force (IAF) destroyed terror

camps during Operation Sindoor and effectively handled the "irresponsible reaction" from Pakistan after the Indian strikes, the defence ministry said.

India launched the military operation early on May 7 and decimated multiple terror infrastructure in Pakistan Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Pakistan also launched

HC announces winter vacation from Jan 1

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The High Court of

Kashmir and Jammu Thursday Ladakh announced its Winter Vacation, which will be observed from January 1 to January 24, 2026, both days inclusive.

"It is notified that the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will observe the Winter Vacation with effect from 1st of January, 2026 to 24th of January, 2026

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Red Fort blast case: NIA arrests **Kashmir resident**

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a Jammu and Kashmir resident, a close associate of suicide bomber Umar-un-Nabi. in connection with the Red Fort area blast, making it the ninth arrest in the case, officials said on Thursday.

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J&K charts major health expansion plan with NITI Aayog

Aayog assures full support for its time bound implementation



Member, NITI Aayog Dr. V.K. Paul along with CS Atal Dulloo chairing meeting in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major push towards strengthening and expanding healthcare delivery across Jammu and Kashmir, a comprehensive roadmap for health sector reforms was on Thursday discussed by the Health & Medical Education Department with Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, in the presence of Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo.

The high-level interaction focused on strategic interventions, technological integration, academic collabora-

tion, and capacity augmentation aimed at ensuring equitable, accessible, and quality healthcare services across all districts of the UT.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; Managing Director, National Health Mission; Director, SKIMS; Principals of Government Medical Colleges; Executive SMVDIME; Director, Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir; State Health Agency, besides other senior officers.

Addressing the meeting, Dr. V.K. Paul assured the UT of NITI Aayog's full support in strengthening institutional capacities and developing human resources. He advised the Department to implement the healthcare expansion plan through a clearly defined hub-and-spoke model, with institutions frozen for specific roles and responsibilities. Emphasizing structured execution, he called for clearly detailing institutional activities to ensure time-bound

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Fake Govt Job Scam: Two charge-sheeted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Economic Crime Branch Kashmir has filed charge-sheet against two accused persons in connection with a cheating and conspiracy case, involving fake promise of a govern-

The charge sheet in FIR No. 08/2024 under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC has been presented before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Budgam, for judicial determination.

The case originated from a written complaint alleging that Ishrat Bano, daughter of Mohd Ayoub Bhat, a resident of Zirhama, District Kupwara, dishonestly induced the complainant to part with Rs 11, 00,000 on the false pretext that her husband would arrange a

Police attaches drug peddler's property worth Rs 1 Cr

STATE TIMES NEWS Police on

POONCH: Thursday attached immovable property worth Rs 1 crore belonging to a drug peddler involved in narcotics cases in Poonch district, officials said. The action against Mohammad Iqbal ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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Acting on this assurance, the complainant transferre the said amount into a bank account. Despite repeated assurances, neither was any government job arranged nor was the money returned.

Upon receipt of the complaint, a detailed probe was initiated by the Economic Offences Wing, Kashmir. During investigation, it surfaced that the amount was credited into the bank account of accused Gulzar Ahmad Wani alias Shahid, son of Shamas Din Wani, resident Zirhama/Liderwan, District

Kupwara

The probe further revealed that there existed no hushand-wife relationship between the accused Gulzar Ahmad Wani and

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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Parliament on Thursday passed the nuclear energy bill, with the Rajya Sabha giving its nod to the legislation seeking to open the tightly-controlled vate participation.

The Upper House passed the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Bill by a voice vote, while rejecting

by Opposition members to send the proposed legislation to a parliamentary committee. It was passed in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Replying to a discussion on the bill, Minister of

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Lok Sabha nod to G RAM G Bill

Sabha on Thursday passed a bill that seeks to replace the 20-year-old MGNREGA with a new initiative that guarantees rural jobs for 125 days every year amid vociferous protests by the Opposition, and Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan asserting that the change was necessary to fix shortcomings in the scheme.

Responding to the eight hour discussion on the Viksit Bharat Guarantee and Ajeevika Rozgar Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, Development Minister Chouhan lashed out at the Congress, claiming that the opposition party had "killed" the ideals espoused ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

CB files charge sheets in two separate cheating, fraud cases

STATE TIMES NEWS

Wing (SCW), Crime Branch (CB) Jammu has charge sheets against four accused persons in two separate cases of cheating and fraud after completion of thorough and professional investigations, reaffirming its resolve to act firmly against economic offences.

Sharing details, Sanjay Parihar, SSP SCW Jammu, said that the first case, registered as FIR No. 09/2025 under Section 420 IPC, was initiated on the basis of a written complaint received from the Branch Manager, Bank of Maharashtra, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The complaint alleged that M/s Shuhul Automobiles Pvt. Ltd., an authorized dealer of Mahindra & Mahindra, along with its Sales Representative

Rakesh Sharma, son of JAMMU: The Special Crime Ratan Lal, resident of Ladori Garh Road Village Marh, Jammu, in connivance with others, fraudulently induced the bank to sanction a car loan of Rs 12,07,110 in favour of M/s CM Enterprises for the purchase of a Mahindra Thar LX (2WD).

> "During investigation, it was found that although the loan amount was credited to the dealership's account, the vehicle was neither delivered to the borrower nor hypothecated in favour of the bank as required under the Car Loan Scheme," SSP Parihar

He added that this act resulted in wrongful loss to both the Bank of Maharashtra and the borrower, while

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Modi conferred with the Order of Oman Award is endorsement of PM's statesmanship: Amit Shah

AGENCY

MUSCAT: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Thursday conferred with the Order of Oman, the Sultanate's uniquely distinct civilian honour, by Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for his "exceptional contribution" to India-Oman ties and his 'visionary leadership". Modi received the award

during his ongoing two-day visit to Oman, the final leg of his three-nation tour that included Jordan Ethiopia.

"Honoured to receive the Order of Oman (First Class). My gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, the Government and people of Oman for this honour. This is a symbol of affection and trust between the people



Honour at Muscat in Oman on Thursday.

of India and Oman," Modi

This is the latest addition to PM Modi's distinguished list of over 28 highest civilian awards from foreign nations, including recent honours such as Ethiopia's Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia and Kuwait's Order of Mubarak Al-Kabeer.

"For centuries, our ances tors have been connected with each other, engaged in maritime trade with one another. The Arabian Sea has become a strong bridge between our nations. I dedicate this honour to the people of India. I also dedicate this honour to our ancestors who laid the foundations of this relationship by travelling from Mandvi to

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J&K Govt mandates GPS, RFID for mineral transport vehicles, sets Jan 26 deadline

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has amended the rules governing concession, storage and transportation of minor minerals, making GPS-enabled vehicles, RFID registration and a valid e-Challan mandatory for mineral transportation across the Union territory, officials said on Wednesday.

The Mining Department has fixed January 26 as the deadline for ensuring GPS, RFID and e-Challan compliance for all mineral transportation, a move aimed at curbing large-scale illegal mining in the Union territo-

According to a notification Mining issued by Department Additional Chief

Secretary Anil Kumar Singh, amendments have been made to the Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession. Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016, under powers conferred by the Mines and Minerals (Development Regulation) Act, 1957.

As per the revised rule 71, no mineral concessionaire including mining lessees, licensees, permit holders, crusher unit holders and brick kiln unit holders - shall transport or cause transportation of minerals such as RBM, nallah muck, stone, boulders, sand, clay, crushed bajri and bricks without GPS-enabled vehicles registered with the department and carrying a unique RFID

number, the notification said. It further said that transportation of minerals will also require a valid e-Challan in Form 'A' bearing a QR code or watermark, generated through the department's designated e-Challan web portal.

The government has also mandated that all vehicles and machinery engaged in extraction and transportation of minerals must be registered with the department and equipped with operational GPS tracking systems to ensure effective monitoring and compliance.

In addition, a GST-compliant invoice must be issued by the lessee, licensee, permit holder or crusher unit holder to the consignee or

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