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# Omar meets Union Jal Shakti minister, seeks early release of funds for J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday met Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil and discussed key issues related to the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the Union Territory, including the early release of pending central funds to clear work-done claims and restart stalled schemes.

Abdullah was accompanied by Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest and Tribal Affairs Javed Ahmed Rana.

In a post on X, the Office of the Chief Minister, J-K said, "Chief Minister today held a meeting in New Delhi with Union Minister of Jal Shakti C R Patil and discussed key issues relating to implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in J-K, including early release of pending Central funds to clear work-done claims and restart stalled schemes, many of which are nearing completion."

Abdullah assured that the J-K government will ensure timely execution, close monitoring and achievement of JJM targets, reiterating the commitment to realise 'Har Ghar Jal' for rural households with continued support from the central government.

Patil, in a post on X in Hindi, said he had discussion with the CM Omar



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah calling on Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil at New Delhi on Friday.

Abdullah on matters related to the Ministry of Jal Shakti as well as on various important issues concerning Jammu and Kashmir."

"In this meeting, along with the Minister of Jal Shakti of the Jammu and Kashmir Government, Javed Ahmad Rana, senior officials from the Jammu and Kashmir Government and the Ministry of Jal Shakti were present," the post added.

Earlier this month, Abdullah reviewed

the progress of the JJM in the Union Territory with a focus on ensuring universal access to safe drinking water.

The meeting, attended by senior officers, conducted a comprehensive district-wise review focusing on functional household tap connection (FHTC) coverage across all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to data of the Jal Shakti Ministry for Jammu and Kashmir, 81.22 per

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**Suspected movements:**  
Search Ops launched in Samba, Kishtwar, Rajouri

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Security forces and police on Friday conducted search operations in three districts of Samba, Kishtwar and Rajouri in the Jammu region following inputs of the movement of suspected persons in the areas.

Vigilance has been further stepped up following the launch of cordon and search operations in the districts, officials said.

Acting on inputs about the movement of three

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**CB chargesheets 3, including complainant, in fake Railway recruitment scam**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing of the Crime Branch Kashmir has filed a chargesheet in an alleged fake Railway recruitment scam in which three accused, including the complainant, have been booked, officials said on Friday.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) filed

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# Winter Session of Parliament ends; key bills passed

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die on Friday, drawing curtains on the 19-day-long Winter Session of Parliament, which saw the passage of crucial bills, including one to repeal the 20-year-old MNREGA and another on opening up the civil nuclear sector for private participation.

The total sitting hours during the Winter Session was 92 hours and 25 minutes.

As soon as the House met for the day, Speaker Om Birla read out his brief valedictory address, noting that the productivity of the Lok Sabha during the session was registered at 111 per cent, with members sitting till late hours to discuss crucial legislation.

He then adjourned the House sine die (for an indefinite period), drawing curtains on the brief session that commenced on December 1.

When Birla was reading out his valedictory

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## Parliament passes new G RAM G Bill

NEW DELHI: Parliament passed the VB-G RAM G Bill that seeks to replace the 20-year-old MGNREGA and guarantees 125 days of wage employment every year amid vociferous protests by the opposition, with Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan asserting that it was needed to fix shortcomings in the old scheme.

The Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha with a voice vote, hours after the Lok Sabha cleared it, amid strong protests by the opposition over the removal of Mahatma Gandhi's name from the existing rural employment guarantee scheme MGNREGA and financial burden being put on states.

Several members of the opposition staged a walkout in the Rajya Sabha during the passage of the Bill after demanding its withdrawal and raising

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## Two AGMUT cadre officers promoted as Addl DGPs; 26 as DIGs, 10 as IGP

**57 IAS, IPS officers promoted to Selection Grade; 14 IPS officers get Jr Administrative grade**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved the promotion of 57 Indian Police Service (IPS) officers of the Jammu and Kashmir segment of the AGMUT cadre to the Selection Grade, and promoted two IPS officers to the ADGP grade, 26 IPS officers to the DIGP grade, 10 IPS officers to the IGP grade, and 14 IPS officers to the Junior Administrative Grade, following the recommendations of the Screening Committee.

"In pursuance to the recommendations of the Screening Committee in its meeting

held on January 8, 2025, A Sindhu Pillai, IPS (AGMUT: 2001) and B Shanker Jaiswal, IPS (AGMUT: 2001), currently posted in the cadre, are promoted to the ADGP grade (LEVEL 15 in the Pay Matrix) with effect from January 1, 2026 or from the date of assumption of charge, whichever is later," reads an order issued by Rakesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary to Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs.

"In pursuance to the recommendations of the Screening Committee in its meeting held on December 8, 2025, the 20 IPS officers of

AGMUT cadre, currently posted in the cadre, are promoted to the DIGP grade (LEVEL 13-A in the Pay Matrix) with effect from January 1, 2026 or from the date of assumption of charge, whichever is later," reads another order.

They include Manoj Kumar Meena, IPS (AGMUT: 2012); Sargun Shukla IPS (AGMUT: 2012); Rohit Meena, IPS (AGMUT: 2012); Nidhin Valsan, IPS (AGMUT: 2012); Abhishek Dhania. IPS (AGMUT: 2012); Ravi Kumar Singh, IPS (AGMUT: 2012); Devesh Kumar Mahla,

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## Traditional medicine doesn't get recognition it deserves: Modi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said traditional medicine does not get the recognition it deserves and has to win the confidence of the masses through science to expand its reach.

Addressing the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine, Modi said strengthening research, use of digital technologies and developing a trusted regulatory framework will further bolster traditional medicine.

"The one whose body maintains this balance is healthy.

Today, restoring balance is not just a global cause, but a



global urgency. We will have to take steps at an even faster pace to address it," Modi said.

The prime minister said the question related to safety

and evidence always crops up when it comes to traditional medicine.

"India is continuously working in this direction. Here, in this summit, you all have seen the example of Ashwagandha. For centuries, it has been used in our traditional medical systems. During COVID-19, its global demand increased rapidly, and its use began in many countries," Modi said.

"India is promoting Ashwagandha through its research and

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## 64 drug samples found not of standard quality

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The central drugs laboratories found 64 drug samples manufactured by various firms to be "not of standard quality (NSQ)" in its monthly drug alert for November, health ministry officials said on Friday.

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 20.1°C Min: 9.9°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 95 Min: 75

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 12.4°C Min: -2.1°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 90 Min: 72

Sunset : 17:27 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:28 Hours

## Action taken by Centre to resolve Ladakh's issues will be in UT's interest: LG Gupta

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Kavinder Gupta on Friday said that stakeholders have already submitted their draft proposals addressing various issues and the Centre will take action in the interest of the Union Territory and the nation.

Talks are continuing in Ladakh and the process is moving forward in a structured manner, he said

"They have submitted their draft, and further discussions will be carried out on the basis of that draft," Gupta said, indicating that deliberations would proceed on the agreed framework.

He added that the administration remains committed to sustained dialogue to ensure



Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta during an event in Jammu on Friday.

that all concerns are addressed in a constructive manner.

Ladakh representatives held a meeting the Ministry of Home Affairs with its sub-committee in Delhi on October 22. The panel took part in the talks with a focus

on their primary demand of statehood and safeguards for the Union Territory under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

Replying to a question about the criticism by the opposition over the arrest of climate activist Sonam

Wangchuk, who is lodged in Jodhpur jail, Gupta said, "Only what is in the interest of the country will be done, and whatever is done will be in the interest of Ladakh. Nothing will be done beyond that."

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## Dense fog disrupts traffic movement in Jammu

### Cold conditions intensify in Kashmir

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Dense fog severely affected traffic movement across Jammu on Friday evening, causing significant delays on major roads and highways.

Visibility dropped drastically, forcing drivers to slow down and exercise extreme caution. Traffic on key routes, including the Jammu-Srinagar highway and city arterial roads, experienced congestion as authorities deployed traffic personnel to manage smooth vehicular flow. Commuters reported extended travel times, and several public transport services operated at reduced speeds.

After a brief respite, cold conditions intensified in Kashmir as the night tem-



Dense fog engulfs Jammu city on Friday evening.

(Pic by Ashok Anand)

peratures dropped and settled below the freezing point at most places in the valley, officials said on Friday.

Pulwama town was the

coldest recorded place with a minimum of minus 4 degrees Celsius on Thursday night, they said.

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