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Releases 'Samnvay', coffee-table book chronicling J&K digital transformation

Digitilisation ensures equal services across J&K: CM

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday released a coffee-table book titled 'Samnvay', which showcases the digital transformative journey of Jammu and Kashmir and documents the key projects and technological contribu-Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N) in

The launch event was attended by Minister for Science & Technology and Information Technology Satish Sharma; Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Wani; Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department Shantmanu; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheerai Gupta: Commissioner Secretary GAD/Information M. Raju;



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting in Jammu on Monday.

Piyush Singla; Special Director BISAG-N; Secretary School Education; CEO JKeGA, and other senior officers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister lauded BISAG-N for crafting practical, innovative solutions to complex governance challenges in Jammu and Kashmir, not-

link between Kashmir and

the rest of the country has

immensely benefited the val-

solutions have relevance beyond J&K. He said J&K's unique geography and climatic conditions necessitate a strong push towards digitisation, as technology enables uniform delivery of public services irrespective of location.

"Digitising governance and services ensures that people of Jammu and Kashmir receive the same

they live or work in remote areas or urban centres,' Chief Minister observed.

Calling Samnvay a comprehensive snapshot of this cooperation, the Chief Minister said the publication offers an overview of technology-driven interventions have supported administrative efficiency and service delivery. Thanking the Director

General of BISAG-N and his entire team for their sustained efforts, CM Omar Abdullah expressed hope that Samnvay would be the first of many such publications documenting future projects and milestones, as the Government of Jammu and Kashmir continues to leverage technology for better governance in the months and

Omar chairs cabinet meeting, policy to allocate land to flood victims discussed

AMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chaired a cabinet meeting on Monday, where important administrative and developmental issues were discussed.

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of the chief minister said on X. The meeting was attended by the council of ministers, includ ing Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, ministers Sakina Itoo, Javed Ahmed Rana, Javid Ahmed Dar and Satish Sharma. Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo was also present. One of the main topics of discussion was a policy to allocate five marlas of land to individu als who became landless due to floods. This initiative aims to provide permanent rehabilitation for affected families, allowing them to rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

Additional administrative decisions discussed included financial support for cooperative banks, as well as pay upgrades and redesignations for various positions.

On December 3, Omar chaired his first cabinet meeting in Jammu since the resumption of the 'Darbar Move'

Farooq travels to Srinagar in Vande **Bharat train from Katra**

JAMMU: National

Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah on Monday travelled to Srinagar by Vande Bharat train from Katra,

Abdullah arrived in Katra town, from where he took the Vande Bharat train to

Srinagar, officials said. He said that the railway

Four JKAS officers

transferred

JAMMU: The Government

on Monday transferred four

As per the order issued by

M Raju, Commissioner

Administration Department,

Lal Chand, JKAS, Deputy

Corporation, has been trans-

ferred and posted as

Additional Secretary in the

J&K Academy of Art,

Culture and Languages;

Nasir Ahmed Butt, Jr. Scale

JKAS, presently serving as

Assistant Director, Food,

Civil Supplies and Consumer

Affairs (Trade and Store),

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Sunrise: 07:29 Hours

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Min: 75

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JKAS officers

Commissioner

Secretary,

Jammu

ley as it has provided an allweather connectivity for the residents here.

"The train has benefitted immensely. Even if

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India must be prepared to fight short, long duration wars: CDS

STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: India should be prepared to fight short-duration, high-intensity conflicts to deter terrorism, something like Operation Sindoor, and long duration conflict because of the territorial disputes with its neighbours, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said on Monday.

Speaking at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Gen Chauhan said multi-domain operations will no longer be an option but a necessity, where the effects of one domain will be immediately felt on to the other.

"What kind of threats and challenges should India be prepared for? This should be based on two facts. Both our adversaries - one is a nuclear weapon state and one is a nuclear armed state -



hence we should not allow that level of deterrence to be breached," he said without naming Pakistan or China.

He said India has territorial disputes with both its neighbours.

"We should be prepared to fight short duration, high intensity conflicts to deter terrorism, something like Operation Sindoor. We should be prepared for a land centric, long duration conflict because we have land disputes. Yet, we should try and avoid it," the CDS said. The country's top military officer

matters.

stressed the need to exploit new domains and create asymmetry with a weaker adversary and yet not allow these asymmetries to be exploited by other nations. Terrorism and grey zone warfare will remain a threat, which requires defensive as well as offensive response, he

Chauhan spoke about modern warfare being at a cusp of a third revolution in military affairs which he termed as convergence warfare.

This is happening because a number of

of chief secretaries from Dec 26-28 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS icant step towards further

Modi to chair 5th national conference

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the fifth national conference

chief secretaries in the national capital this week, a senior government official said Monday.

fifth Thenational conference chief secre-

taries will be held in Delhi from December strengthening the partnership between the Centre and

PTI. Several officials, including young dis-

trict collecmagistrates from states and Union Territories, Union min-

istries, are likely to attend

Search ops widened to track down terrorists hiding in Udhampur forest belt

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces widened the area of the search operation to track down terrorists hiding in the forest belt of Udhampur district on Monday, officials

The cordon and search operation, which entered its second day, was launched in the Majalta forests after two terrorists reportedly took food from a house before escaping into the nearby forest area, officials said on

The area of the cordon and search operation, backed by sniffer dogs and aerial sur-



veillance, was widened to nearly ten kilometres in the forest belt on Monday morning to pin down the two terrorists hiding in the Majalta

Searches in areas near **Bakshi Stadium**

added.

SRINAGAR: Security forces carried out searches in areas

service to look for any explotion in some residential units of the densely populated business areas Amirakadal and Maharaja Bazaar.

Jaishankar to arrive in Sri Lanka today as Modi's special envoy

STATE TIMES NEWS

COLOMBO/NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will arrive in Sri Lanka on Tuesday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's special envoy and meet with the island nation's leadership, the Indian High Commission here said on Monday.

"The visit underscores India's Neighbourhood First Policy and takes place in the context of Operation Sagar Bandhu launched to address the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah." the Ministry of External

Affairs said in a statement in

It said that during his visit as PM Modi's Special Envoy, the minister will meet with

the Sri Lankan leadership. India was the first country to respond to Sri Lanka's international appeal for help following the devastation caused by the cyclone.

India's Operation 'Sagar Bandhu' provided relief and recovery assistance immense proportions.

Since the launch of Operation Sagar Bandhu on November 28, India has provided over 1,134 tonnes of humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka, including dry

Pulwama STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Monday arrested an alleged overground worker (OGW) associated with terrorists in Pulwama district, officials said.

A joint team of police, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Army nabbed Javid Ahmad Hajam during a cordon and search operations in Wuyan area of Awantipora in Pulwama, an official said.

During the search, arms and ammunition including a pistol and five live pistol rounds were recovered from Hajam's possession, he

SAI Governing Body approves infrastructure upgrade at centres across India

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Governing Body of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Monday approved a number of infrastructure upgrade projects across the country, including the laying of an eight-lane synthetic athletics track in West Bengal and a climate-neutral hockey turf at its Bengaluru centre.

The SAI's (GB) meeting was chaired by Sports Minister Mansukh Minister Mandaviva

"The Indian sports ecosystem is now in its youth, and it is the need of the hour to strengthen it in every possible way so that it has a bright future," Mandaviya said in his address to the SAI

Governing Body. "The decisions we are taking today are athlete-centric and aimed at ensuring that players have the best infrastructure that they need so that the medal counts that we have in mind for CWG and Olympics are met," he One of the key projects rec-

ommended by the GB is the procurement of Poligras Paris GT Zero hockey turf for SAI Bengaluru, which serves as the training hub for both the Indian men's and women's national and 'A' hockey teams.

The Poligras Paris GT Zero hockey turf is certified by the International Federation (FIH) and claims to reduce friction and watering needs.

The turf can ensure "consistent ball roll" even

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ocated near the Baksh Stadium here, which is set to be the main venue for the Republic Day celebrations in Kashmir, officials said.

Sniffer dogs and metal detectors were pressed into ives or arms, and ammuni

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The expansion was necessi

tated following the sighting

area, they said.

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Monday said terrorism and other forms of criminal activities will remain in the sight of police's guns, asserting that the aim of the force is to completely eliminate anti-national and anti-social elements from the Union Territory.

Prabhat was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the 14th Police Shaheed Smriti T20 Tournament at Kathua sta-

"Whether it is drug mafia, gangsters or any other kind of crime, and especially terrorism, all of them will continue to remain in the sight of our guns. Our aim and objective is to completely stamp out these anti-



national and anti-social

things," the DGP said.

Paying homage to fallen personnel, the DGP said 1,620 police personnel have laid down their lives in the line of duty. "This tournament is being organised in memory of our martyrs and reflects the spirit of patriot-

ism.

Prabhat said all participating teams would deliver strong performance and send a message across the border to the "unholy" neighbours.

"The participants who are playing in this tournament, I am fully confident that all

the teams will give an excelperformance. Whenever they hit fours and sixes, when the stadium echoes with noise and enthusiasm from all sides, I hope that our unholy neighbours sitting in Shakargarh (Pakistan) will tremble in their souls and their hearts will shake'

Reiterating the police's commitment to the families of martyrs, Prabhat said the department always stands by them.

"Financial assistance is provided from the police welfare fund to the best of our ability. Special police officers (SPOs) are also given ex gratia, and an amount of Rs 1 lakh is provided for the marriage of their daughters, besides other assistance to their children," he said.

engagement initiatives, the DGP said the Jammu and Kashmir Police regularly organise sports activities under various programmes. "For lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir, it is essential to engage the youth. We are extending all possible support to promote sports activities," he added.

He further said that around 1,600 children have been sent to different parts of the country under the Bharat Darshan programme to expose them to India's diversity and cul-

Police The T20Smriti Cricket Tournament is an annual event aimed at honouring martyrs while promoting sportsmanship and youth participation.