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## Inaugurates Agriculture Summit, Kisan Mela at SKUAST-J Centre framed recent trade deal, agreement with strong safeguards for farmers: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at Agriculture Summit Kisan Mela organised by SKUAST, Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday highlighted that the 'Agriculture First' Policy will ensure Developed India and Aatma-Nirbhar Jammu Kashmir.

He emphasised that agriculture and allied sectors is the ultimate insurance policy that no developing society or nation can afford to ignore.

"Despite relentless tests by

challenges- from climate change to economic uncertainty- one truth emerges unscathed that agriculture & allied sectors will keep us stable and our citizens prosperous," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Three-day Agriculture Summit and Kisan Mela organised by SKUAST, Jammu.

In his keynote address, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on transformative impact of 'AI-Powered Advanced Agriculture'. He called for making the technology tools affordable and accessible which can predict output using weather, soil, and crop data so small and marginal farmers can plan their crops strategically.

"Technology and Agriculture Development

must go hand in hand. Technological progress births new startups, industries and unicorns and fields birth life itself. Technology creates opportunities; agriculture and allied sectors create survival. Strong agriculture means a strong nation. Strong agriculture sector is the foundation of national resilience, advanced economy and human prosperity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, extended his heartfelt gratitude to the agricultural scientists and the farming community, attributing the India's emergence as global top performer in agriculture and allied sectors to their relentless hard work and innovation.

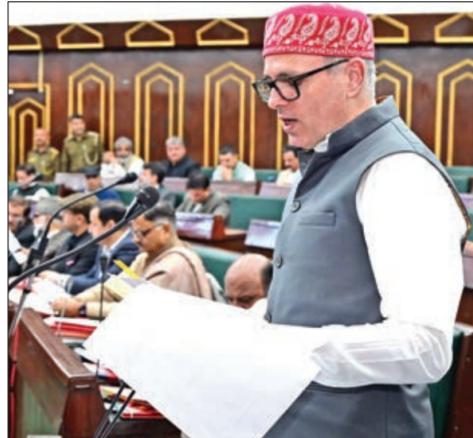
"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has envisioned a future where every plate in the world features at least one Indian dish. The day

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## 31 colonies regularised in Jammu, process now stayed by HC: Omar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The process of regularisation of residential colonies in Jammu was initiated earlier and the Jammu Development Authority has already regularised 31 colonies, but the process was later stayed by the High Court, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday.

In a written reply to a question raised by BJP MLA Sham Lal Sharma in the Assembly on regularisation of illegal colonies, Abdullah, who also holds charge of the Housing and Urban Development Department, said the regularisation of colonies was carried out in



**CM introduces Bill to amend J&K State Civil Courts Act**  
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday introduced a Bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir State Civil Courts Act, (Svt) 1977 (L.A. Bill No. 03 of 2026). The Bill has already been published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette.

accordance with various government orders issued between 1974 and 2009, besides directions passed by the court in 2010.

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## Two Thai girls sent on police remand DM Jammu cracks down on Spa & Massage Centres, issues strict regulatory order

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In order to regulate the functioning of Spa and Massage Centres and to prevent misuse of such establishments for unlawful and immoral activities, the District Magistrate Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, has issued an order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023. The order has been promulgated in view of reports that certain spa and massage centres operating in district Jammu were allegedly being used for immoral activities, prostitution and other unlawful

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**DIRECTIVES FOR SPA CENTRES**

- ▶▶ Engaging in any form of immoral activity in the premises is totally prohibited.
- ▶▶ Cross-gender massage shall not be allowed in the spa/massage centre. There shall be provision of male masseur for massage of males and female masseur for massage of females.
- ▶▶ No internal locks, every treatment room must be devoid of any internal latches, bolts or locking mechanism.
- ▶▶ Installation of CCTV cameras at entry, reception, and common areas (excluding private rooms) with at least 30 days of recording retention.
- ▶▶ No centre shall operate before 8:00 AM and after 9:00 PM.
- ▶▶ No female employee shall use the premises as residence/night stay.
- ▶▶ Supply of alcohol or any other type of intoxicant is prohibited in the premises
- ▶▶ Mandatory production of identity proofs of all customers shall be ensured, and a proper register containing their contact details shall be maintained.
- ▶▶ All employees shall wear identity cards issued by the employer while they are working. The employer shall also maintain a register of

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## LA passes grants of School Education, Social Welfare, Health, Higher Education Deptts

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Legislative Assembly on Wednesday passed the grants amounting to Rs. 12,98,872.13 Lakh for School Education department, Rs. 8,65,476.57 Lakh for Health and Medical Education department, Rs. 4,45,671.59 Lakh for Social Welfare department and Rs. 2,15,016.37 Lakh for Higher Education department through voice vote.

The grants were passed after day long discussion by Members in the house.

Winding up the discussion on the Demands for Grants, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo expressed gratitude to Legislators for their valuable suggestions and ideas regarding

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## House resumes business after CM expresses regret over Assembly remarks

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday expressed regret over remarks made during the Assembly proceedings, saying statements were made in the heat of the moment and that he had no objection if they are expunged from the record. "I leave it to the Speaker. If any unparliamentary words were used by me in my speech yesterday, they may be removed from the record. I have no objection," Abdullah said.

The Assembly witnessed noisy scenes for the second consecutive day as BJP members demanded an apology from the CM over his "unparliamentary" remarks against them before walking out of the House in protest during the Question Hour.

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## Over 12.36 lakh smart meters installed in J&K as per national standards: CM

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Wednesday said more than 12.36 lakh smart meters have been installed across the Union Territory, and work is being executed through multiple agencies under centrally sponsored schemes.

In a written reply to a question by Peoples Democratic Party MLA Waheed-ur-Rehman Para in the Assembly, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said that the total number of smart meters installed across the state stands at 12,36,507.

"Besides, 1,600 smart feeder

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