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Modi shifts to new office at Seva Teerth, takes decisions for welfare of farmers, women

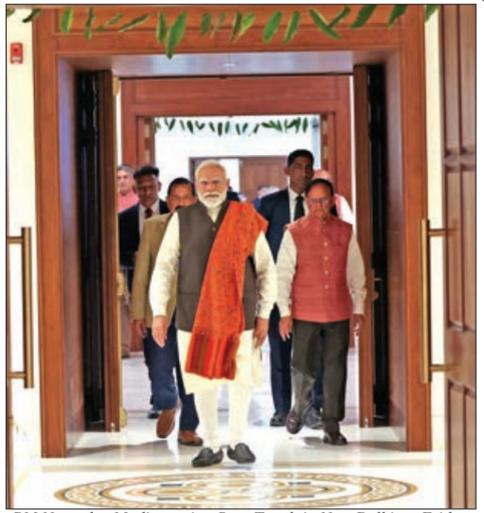
STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday shifted to his new office Seva Teerth in the colonial-era South Block building near Rashtrapati Bhavan on Raisina Hill.

The shift came on a day -- February 13 -- that marked 95 years since the formal inauguration of New Delhi as India's modern capital in 1931.

On Friday, the Prime Minister reached Seva Teerth Complex in a motorcade along with Union ministers Manohar Lal and Jitendra Singh and top PMO officials, and inaugurated the complex housing the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the National Security Council Secretariat and the Cabinet Secretariat.

Modi garlanded a statue of Lord Ganesha in the PMO and took important decisions targeted at welfare of women, farmers, youth and vulnerable citizens.

In the presence of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Minister of State in PMO Jitendra Singh and top officials including principal secretaries P K Mishra and



PM Narendra Modi entering Seva Teerth in New Delhi on Friday.

Shaktikanta Das, the Prime Minister signed files approving the launch of PM RAILAT Scheme for extending life-saving protection for every citizen and doubling the number of lakhpati didis to six crore.

Under the PM Rahat initiative, accident victims will get cashless treatment of up to Rs 1.5 lakh, ensuring that no life is lost due to lack of immediate medical help, officials said.

The government has crossed the landmark of three crore lakhpati didis, more than a year ahead of the original March 2027 timeline.

The prime minister has

now set a new, ambitious target of six crore lakhpati didis by March 2029, doubling both scale and aspiration.

In a major boost to farmers, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund has been doubled to Rs 2 lakh crore.

The move is aimed at strengthening India's entire agriculture value chain.

Modi also approved the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore.

"To power India's innovation ecosystem, especially in deep tech, early-stage ideas, advanced manufacturing and breakthrough technologies, the Prime Minister has approved the Startup India FoF 2.0 with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore," an official said.

Earlier, Modi unveiled the plaque of Seva Teerth at the new complex -- the name inscribed in Devanagari script on the wall of the complex. Below it is the motto 'Nagrik Devo Bhava' (citizen is akin to God).

The PMO will shift from the South Block on

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Omar extends Herath greetings to KP community

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday extended his warm greetings and good wishes to the Kashmiri Pandit community on the sacred occasion of Herath.

In his felicitation message, the Chief Minister conveyed heartfelt greetings to all celebrating the festival and prayed for peace, blessings and prosperity for everyone.

"Herath Poshte! On the auspicious occasion of Herath, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all our Kashmiri Pandit

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Police attaches property of drug peddler

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday attached property worth Rs 1.5 crore of an alleged drug peddler in Kulgam district of south Kashmir.

According to a police spokesperson, the assets comprise six shops, five godowns, a tin shed, and a plinth located in Manigam village.

These properties belong to Mohammad Ashraf Khanday, a resident of

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LA passes grants for Jal Shakti, Forest, TA departments

Renewed push for forest conservation, water security, tribal-centric development: Javed Rana



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Friday passed the grants worth Rs. 3,24,177.48 Lakh for Public Health Engineering, Rs. 1,52,482.05 lakh for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Rs. 1,60,699.61 lakh for Irrigation & Flood Control and Rs. 40,600.72 for Tribal Affairs Department.

The grants were passed through voice vote after a

daylong debate by the Members in the House.

Winding up the discussion on the Demands for Grants, Minister for Jal Shakti, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, expressed gratitude to all the legislators for their active participation and valuable suggestions. He stated that the feedback and recommendations would form the basis for further strengthening the

policy decisions, ensuring effective execution and impactful implementation of projects on the ground.

During his speech, Javed Rana said that the proposed allocations reflect the government's commitment towards balancing development with sustainability, ensuring resilient ecosystems, reliable water resources and targeted socio-economic empowerment

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ACB arrests ASI for accepting bribe of Rs 8,000

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has trapped and arrested Mukhtar Ahmad Khan, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Police Station Bemina, Srinagar, for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000.

According to ACB spokesperson, the Bureau received a written complaint alleging that the accused officer, a resident of Newa Pulwama and Investigating Officer (IO) of FIR No. 88/2025 of Police Station Bemina, had demanded illegal gratification from the complainant despite the case having already been chaled before the competent court. The officer had allegedly threatened to harass the complainant if the

demand was not met.

Following receipt of the complaint, the ACB conducted a discreet verification which prima facie substantiated the allegations. Subsequently, Case FIR No. 04/2026 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar, and investigation was initiated.

"A trap team was constituted and successfully apprehended the accused public servant red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount. The accused was immediately taken into custody, and the bribe money was recovered on the spot in the presence of independent witnesses," spokesperson said adding that further investigation into the case is underway.

Northern Army Commander reviews security measures in J&K GOC Knight Corps reviews operational preparedness in Pallanwala sector

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma has reviewed security measures aimed at strengthening the counter-terrorism framework at a joint meeting in Udhampur district, officials said on Friday.

The Army commander chaired the weekly joint control centres' meeting in virtual mode on Thursday, the Northern Command headquarters said on X.

In addition to the senior military leadership, the meeting was attended by senior officials of the police, CRPF and other stakeholders from the Srinagar and Jammu divisions.

"Discussions focused on intelligence sharing, boosting joint readiness, refining



inter-agency synergy and further strengthening the counter-terrorism framework," it said.

The meeting assumes significance in the wake of multiple joint operations underway in various areas across the Union Territory and inputs concerning threat perception.

Meanwhile, the General Officer Commanding of White Knight Corps, Lieutenant General P K Mishra, on Friday visited the forward areas along the Line of Control in the Pallanwala sector of Jammu and Kashmir to review the security landscape and operational preparedness of troops.

"In the forward reaches of Pallanwala and Rajouri, the

GOC White Knight Corps, alongside the GOC Cross Swords Division and GOC Romeo Force, reviewed the security landscape and operational preparedness along the Line of Control and the counter-terrorism grid," the White Knight Corps said on X.

Stating that soldiers stand resolute, alert, prepared and battle-ready at all times amid unforgiving terrain, the Army said, "We Serve, We Protect."

On Thursday, the GOC visited the forward areas along the LoC in Rajouri district, and asked the troops to maintain relentless vigil and professional excellence to meet emerging threats, the Army said. The GOC interacted with the

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Jammu Master Plan-2032 stalled over zoning rectification, data verification: CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday said final approval of the Jammu Master Plan-2032 has been delayed due to rectification of land-use zoning, boundary alignment with revenue villages, incorporation of sustainable public objections and suggestions, and the time taken in obtaining and verifying data from multiple departments, including pending inputs from the revenue and forest departments," Abdullah said in the written reply.

He said approval for review of the Jammu Master Plan-2032 was accorded on October 18, 2021, under Section 3 of the Jammu and Kashmir Development Act, 1970. "The terms of reference were signed between the Jammu Development Authority and the Town and Country Planning

government.

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Police seizes heroin dropped by drone from Pakistan in Kathua; 2 arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police on Friday arrested two persons for smuggling heroin from Pakistan via a drone that dropped the contraband in the border areas of Kathua district, officials said.

An investigation was launched based on specific information about a drone-dropping along the J-K-Punjab border near Nagri in Kathua district, they said.

With the help of technical analysis and examination of CCTV footage, police arrested the first accused,

Red Fort blast: Court grants 45 more days to NIA to conclude investigation

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Friday granted 45 more days to the National Investigating Agency (NIA) to conclude its probe in connection with a blast near the Red Fort here on November 10, 2025.

Principal District and Sessions Judge Pitamber Dutt of the Patiala House Courts granted the additional time on the NIA's plea seeking a 90-day extension on the ground of probing further the financial and digital links of the accused.

The court also extended till March 13 the judicial custody of the seven accused -- Amir Rashid Mir, Jasir Bilal Wani, Mufti Irfan Ahmad Wagay, Dr Muzamil Shakeel Ganie, Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather, Dr Shaheen Saeed and Soyab.

Soyab was produced in the court physically, while the others attended the proceedings through video-conferencing.

The premier investigating agency's plea had sought an "extension of the investigation and custody remand

period beyond the statutory period of 90 days, up to 180 days", in accordance with the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), regarding the seven accused.

Dr Umar-un-Nabi was driving an explosives-laden Hyundai i20 car that detonated outside the Mughal-era Red Fort in the national capital on November 10, 2025, killing 15 people and injuring several others.

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