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Inaugurates GON'GUL-2026 at SKUAST-K

Omar calls for tech-driven, organic farming to make J&K agri produce globally competitive

CM Omar Abdullah inaugurating GON'GUL-2026, 11th AgriTech Mela, at Shalimar Campus of SKUAST-K on Saturday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday inaugurated GON'GUL-2026, the 11th AgriTech Mela, at the Shalimar Campus of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K).  
Ministers Sakina Itoo and Javid Ahmad Dar, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Registrar Prof. Azmat Alam

Khan, Principal GMC Srinagar Dr Iffat Hassan, Director Extension Education, SKUAST-K Rehana Habib Kanth, along with university faculty members, scientists and

**US trade deal to affect J&K: CM**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday expressed hope that the new government in Bangladesh will improve relations with India, and said having stable neighbours benefits our country.  
He also said the India-US trade deal will adversely affect the Union Territory.  
"The more stable our neighbouring countries are, the more it benefits us. No one wants to have wars and fights, or to have unstable neighbours -- be it Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal or any other country," Abdullah told reporters after inaugurating the annual agritech festival 'GONGUL' at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural

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LG, CM greet people on Mahashivratri, Herath

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have extended heartiest greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri.  
In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "On the sacred occasion of Mahashivratri, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all. I pray for

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**11 drug peddlers held in Jammu, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba**  
**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Eleven alleged drug peddlers were arrested with heroin in separate incidents in Jammu, Rajouri, Kathua and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Saturday.  
Three of the accused, identified as Manjeet Singh, Vikram, Vishal and Rahul Sharma, were arrested during a special operation at Neelam Palace and

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Pulwama attack's 7th anniversary; 'World saw how govt punished terrorists': Modi

**Union HM Amit Shah, LG Sinha pay tribute to martyrs**  
**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Rich tributes were paid to the soldiers martyred in the Pulwama attack, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserting that the world has seen how the government responded to the terror attack that took place seven years ago.  
Union Home Minister Amit Shah also praised the prime minister at a rally in poll-bound Puducherry for his "decisive leadership" and "resolute action" against terrorism, hailing the Balakot airstrike carried out after the Pulwama attack and Operation Sindoor undertaken after the Pahalgam attack.  
Several chief ministers and top Congress leaders paid tributes to the soldiers martyred and said their service to the nation would always be remembered.  
A suicide bomber crashed his explosive-laden vehicle into a bus ferrying Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on February 14, 2019, martyring 40 jawans.  
Days later, India launched a retaliatory attack, which came to be known as the Balakot airstrike.  
Vice President C P Radhakrishnan paid homage to the CRPF personnel who lost their lives, saying their sacrifice will forever remain etched in the nation's memory.  
In a post on X, Modi said, "Remembering the brave

heroes who laid down their lives in Pulwama on this day in 2019. Their devotion, resolve and service to the nation remain forever etched in our collective consciousness. Every Indian draws strength from their enduring courage."

Addressing a public meeting in Guwahati at poll-bound Assam, Modi said the world has seen how the government responded to the terror attack. "After the terror attack, the entire

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NSG conducts advanced counter-IED training for J&K Police

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The National Security Guard (NSG) successfully conducted a two-week advanced training programme on Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED) for personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police in Udhampur district, officials said on Saturday.  
A total of 53 officers, officials belonging to Bomb Disposal Squads (BDS) of all the revenue and Police districts, Government Railway Police, Police Control Room Jammu and Srinagar participated in the specialised training programme, the officials said.  
They said the training programme was conducted at the Sher-i-Kashmir

Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K).  
Ministers Sakina Itoo and Javid Ahmad Dar, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Registrar Prof. Azmat Alam

Railways to hire tech-enabled professional teams to clean long-distance trains: Vaishnaw

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Railway Ministry on Saturday launched a reform aimed at enhancing cleanliness in long-distance trains by deploying tech-enabled professional teams.  
Introducing the reform, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told mediapersons that all coaches, including general class, will be cleaned as and when required.  
This will be done by establishing clear responsibility

and accountability for deployed service providers and engaging professional, self-disciplined and proactive teams that exceed customer

expectations.  
Under the existing Clean Train Station scheme, trains are cleaned at designated stations along their routes. Under the new reform, the cleaning will be carried out throughout the journey at hourly intervals or as required by trained staff deployed onboard, Vaishnaw added.  
He stated that monitoring, feedback and performance management will be conducted on a

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Duty-bound to wipe out all forms of terrorism from nation: CRPF DG

Kashmir district.  
The CRPF top brass, along with senior officers from the army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police, laid floral tributes to the fallen CRPF

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PULWAMA: On the anniversary of the deadly Pulwama attack, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) chief Gyanendra Pratap Singh emphasised the force's commitment to eliminating all forms of terrorism in the country.  
"The CRPF is duty-bound to wipe out all forms of terrorism from the country," Singh told reporters after paying tributes to the 40 CRPF personnel, who were killed in the terror attack at Lethpora here in south

India raises its commitment to climate action to 5.6 pc of GDP: Sitharaman

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said India has hiked spending on climate action in the last six years to 5.6 per cent of GDP, demonstrating the country's pursuit of meeting nationally determined goals on curbing carbon emission.  
Participating in a panel discussion at the Munich Security Conference, she said India has increased its commitment to climate action. "Six years ago,

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Over 6.5 kg heroin worth 40 Cr dropped by drone from Pakistan seized along IB

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A major cross-border narcotics smuggling attempt was foiled along the International Border on Saturday with the seizure of over 6.5 kg of heroin worth over Rs 40 crore in the R S Pura sector here, officials said.  
The contraband was recovered during a joint operation of the 165th battalion of Border Security Force (BSF) and police from Nai Basti Karotana village in Baspur area, following information about a drone dropping material from across the border, they said. Police received information about the suspected drone movement on the intervening

night of February 13 and 14, a spokesperson said. Two yellow-coloured packets containing 6.582 kg heroin were found in the fields near

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 24.4°C Min: 10.5°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 89 Min: 77

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 16.7°C Min: -0.5°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 96 Min: 96

Sunset : 18:14 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:15 Hours