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These include pavilions from Australia, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Serbia, Estonia, Tajikistan and Africa.

The Expo will host over 300 curated exhibition pavilions and live demonstrations, structured across three thematic chakras -- people, planet and progress.

In addition, the Expo will feature over 600 high-potential startups, many of them building globally relevant and population-scale solutions. These startups will demonstrate working solutions that are already deployed in real-world settings.

Meanwhile, Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava said that Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to reduce the burden on the healthcare workforce while strengthening, not replacing the physician-patient relationship.

Speaking at a high-level panel discussion organised by the Union health ministry on the theme "Scaling AI for Public Health Impact: Public-Private Partnership" as part of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Srivastava said that India's health system has evolved into a nationally interoperable digital ecosystem over the past decade.

As a key participating ministry, the Union health ministry is playing a significant role in the summit through a high-level panel discussion, the launch of key initiatives and the showcasing of AI-driven healthcare solutions at its dedicated exhibition stall.

Delivering the keynote address, Srivastava said that India's health system has transitioned over the past decade from basic digitisation of records and improved data reporting to building a nationally interoperable digital health ecosystem.

She recalled that the National Health Policy set the vision of achieving the highest attainable standard of health and well-being for all citizens, which was further operationalised through the National Digital Health Blueprint by promoting open standards, interoperability, privacy-by-design and the adoption of emerging technologies including Generative AI.

She highlighted that the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has evolved into a robust digital public infrastructure for health, with over 859 million ABHA accounts linked to more than 878 million health records. With more than 1.80 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs operational across the country, digital platforms are being integrated at the primary care level.

The E-Sanjeevani, powered by AI-assisted clinical decision support systems (CDSS), has enabled over 449 million teleconsultations through more than 2.2 lakh registered healthcare providers, making it the world's largest telemedicine initiative in primary healthcare, Srivastava said.

Emphasising that digital systems enable the capture and transmission of information while AI enables its intelligent interpretation and action, she noted that "AI has the potential to reduce the burden on the healthcare workforce while strengthening, not replacing, the physician-patient relationship".

Citing examples, she referred to MadhuNetrAI for AI-based diabetic retinopathy screening, AI-enabled handheld X-rays and acoustic screening tools such as Cough Against TB (CA-TB) for tuberculosis detection, and AI-integrated surveillance systems for faster epidemic alerts.

Stressing the importance of collaboration, the Union health secretary invited industry and state representatives to share their experiences on working with government systems, improving procurement and data frameworks and identifying AI solutions most useful in field settings.

She underscored that India's emphasis on digital public infrastructure as a tool for inclusion and equity continues to guide its digital health and AI journey, aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Sunil Kumar Barnwal, CEO, National Health Authority, said Artificial Intelligence can significantly enhance efficiency in healthcare delivery and enable faster and data-driven decision-making, particularly in large-scale public health programmes.

He emphasised that AI-powered analytics can strengthen beneficiary identification, streamline claims management, detect fraud and monitor service utilisation, thereby improving transparency, accountability, and overall system performance.

He further underscored the importance of building interoperable digital platforms supported by strong data governance and privacy safeguards to ensure responsible deployment of AI solutions. Highlighting the scale and complexity of national health schemes, he noted that technology-driven innovations are essential to optimise resource allocation, improve targeting of services and achieve better health outcomes across the country.

The panel brought together eminent representatives from the government, industry, multilateral organisations and the start-up ecosystem to deliberate on scaling AI innovations for public health impact. Discussions focused on leveraging AI for predictive analytics, early disease detection, telemedicine, health data management and real-time monitoring of public health programmes.

The showcase also features BODHI (Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI) developed by IIT Kanpur in collaboration with the National Health Authority to enable the evaluation of AI models on diverse real-world datasets prior to population-scale deployment, thereby promoting trustworthy and responsible innovation in health AI. The platform will be formally launched on Tuesday by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda.

Other initiatives on display include a Voice-to-Text AI model that converts a doctor's voice into a digital prescription, seamlessly integrated into the existing HMIS workflow and an AI-powered media surveillance system designed to generate early warning signals for disease outbreaks.

The government of India is hosting the India AI Impact Summit 2026 from February 16-20, marking the first-ever global AI summit to be held in the Global South. The summit brings together global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, academia and innovators to deliberate on the transformative potential of AI across sectors, with a special emphasis on inclusive and sustainable development.

The India AI Impact Summit 2026 is expected to catalyse collaborative action and knowledge exchange, enabling cross-sectoral partnerships to harness AI for the public good. Through its active engagement in the Summit, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare reiterates its commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technologies to strengthen public health systems and ensure accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare for all.

J&K Govt to...

has launched the Circle of Care to support de-addiction counsellors in every village. "About 600 counsellors from the health, education and other departments have been trained under the initiative," she said.

The government is further strengthening the programme to make primary care the first line of treatment for addiction-related disorders, with plans to increase inpatient ATFs and develop long-term rehabilitation facilities in one region of Jammu and Kashmir, she said.

On the de-addiction front, the minister said that Jammu and Kashmir has the highest number of functional addiction treatment facilities in the country. "In the public health sector, 21 addiction treatment facilities (ATFs) are operational, with at least one facility in each district. These ATFs have provided around 1.5 lakh patient consultations so far," she added.

She said that drug de-addiction rules are currently being finalised and are expected to be completed soon. "Once implemented, these rules are anticipated to significantly enhance efforts to combat the drug menace across Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

The minister said that a bill against the drug menace will also be brought in the current session to tackle this social menace in J&K.

To ensure food safety, she said the government undertook major initiatives through stronger enforcement and enhanced sampling during 2025-26. "Inspections rose by 25 per cent, with 19,115 inspections conducted against a target of 7,080, achieving 100 per cent of the highest food inspection target under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India," she added.

The minister said that 12 special enforcement drives were carried out, focusing on high-risk food items such as meat, paneer, ghee, sweets and milk products. "Under mobile food safety operations, 57 tonnes of unsafe food products worth Rs 99.40 lakh were seized and destroyed," she said.

She added that during the period, authorities launched 1,007 prosecutions, including 63 criminal and 944 civil cases, with penalties amounting to Rs 1.72 crore.

"Forty 'stop-use' notices were issued. As many as 66 licence and registration camps were organised, benefiting 7,516 stakeholders, while 3,463 awareness and training camps were conducted through mobile food testing vans at the grassroots level," she said.

New Jammu LA...

Legislative Assembly Complex has been designed to provide state-of-the-art infrastructure, enhanced functionality and improved public convenience. The building has been thoughtfully planned to integrate administrative efficiency, public access, media facilitation, healthcare support and adequate parking infrastructure, thereby strengthening institutional functioning and ensuring smooth conduct of House proceedings.

Asserting the need for strict adherence to timelines, the Deputy Chief Minister

said, "The project is expected to be completed by October 2027 and we are hopeful that the Budget Session 2028 will be conducted in the new House."

He cautioned the officers and the contractor against any laxity or failure in meeting the set deadlines for completion of the project. "There is no scope for delay, and the quality of work must be ensured," he added.

During the inspection, the Deputy Chief Minister visited the Assembly Hall, Press and Guest Galleries, basements, and offices designated for dignitaries. He reviewed the seating capacity, meeting hall facilities and other arrangements essential for smooth functioning of the Legislative Assembly. He also directed that seating capacity in the House besides the guest, Speaker's and press galleries be strengthened, keeping in view future requirements, including possible delimitation.

Briefing the Deputy Chief Minister on the progress and facilities, Chief Engineer, PWD Jammu, Er. Rajesh Kumar Agastam informed that the lower basement has been earmarked for parking and essential services. The upper basement will have two separate canteens, a 10-bedded Health & Wellness Centre, an Allied Services Block and additional parking space.

He further informed that the ground floor houses the main Assembly Hall with a seating capacity of 130 persons. It also accommodates the Office/Accommodation of the Speaker, the Office/Accommodation of the Law & Parliamentary Affairs functionary and the Office of the Secretary, Legislative Assembly.

The first floor comprises of a spacious Press/Visitors Gallery with a capacity of over 450 persons, a Committee Room and all allied offices of the Legislative Assembly Secretariat. Among others present during the inspection were the Chief Engineer, PWD Jammu, concerned Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineer and other senior officers.

Two Pakistanis among...

to infiltrate into Indian territory by illegally crossing the International Border. The third escapee, Karanjeet Singh alias Gugga, is a key accused in the Gataru murder case and was among the twelve persons charge-sheeted in the high-profile murder registered in the Jewel Chowk area of Jammu.

Following the escape, police immediately alerted all police stations, naka points, and border units. Special teams comprising police and intelligence personnel were constituted, and raids are being conducted at multiple locations, including suspected hideouts and transit routes. Checkposts across Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and adjoining districts have been strengthened.

Unconfirmed reports further suggest that the trio, after escaping from custody, allegedly snatched a motorcycle from a roadside location at gunpoint to facilitate their escape. Police, however, said this aspect is being verified as part of the ongoing investigation.

The incident has also triggered serious questions about lapses in security arrangements at the Juvenile Observation Home. Investigators are probing how the inmates managed to overpower police guards and, more critically, how a countrymade pistol was allegedly brought inside the facility, which is supposed to follow strict security and surveillance protocols.

Senior officials said a departmental inquiry has been initiated to fix responsibility for the security breach, while additional forces have been deployed around sensitive installations and border belts. Authorities have appealed to the public to remain vigilant and immediately inform the nearest police station about any suspicious movement. The search operation remained underway till late, with officials stating that no effort will be spared to apprehend the escapees and restore public confidence in custodial security.

High Alert: Posters...

engaged in intensified anti-terror operations across Kathua, Kishtwar, Udhampur and Samba districts to neutralise the terrorists and dismantle their cross-border terror networks, they said.

The security forces and police have put up additional checkpoints, area domination patrols on highway, border areas and hinterlands and are conducting searches in vulnerable pockets, particularly along border areas, as part of heightened security measures, they added.

The move comes shortly after police in Doda district put up posters of Pakistanbased terrorist Saifullah Balochi as part of sustained operations to track foreign terrorists operating in the Chenab Valley belt.

On Saturday, authorities in Kathua district imposed restrictions on "unnecessary movement" within a five-kilometre belt along the International Border, citing the possibility of cross-border firing and the need to prevent anti-national activities and safeguard villagers.

Kathua District Magistrate Rajesh Sharma issued the order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which empowers executive magistrates to take preventive measures in urgent cases of apprehended danger to maintain public order and safety. On Friday, Jammu and Kashmir DGP Nalin Prabhat visited Samba district and held a meeting with senior police and civil administration officials to review the security situation in the border areas, officials said. He assessed the overall security landscape and reviewed the vigilance and alertness of the police in the border districts, they added.

Special Cell integrated...

has consistently upheld its commitment to peace, service and justice since its inception. The responsibility of the force is far greater as Delhi is not only the national capital but also the centre of the country's democratic and constitutional institutions, hosting key establishments including the residences and offices of the president and the prime minister," Shah was quoted as saying in a statement.

The security of Delhi must meet the highest global standards, particularly in view of the numerous national and international events hosted in the city, he said.

During the ceremony, foundation stones were laid for 10 new projects of the Delhi Police.

The first phase of the Safe City Project, built at a cost of about Rs 857 crore, was also inaugurated. Under the project, a modern Integrated Command, Control, Communication and Computer Centre (C4I) set up.

"The centre will significantly enhance surveillance, coordination and real-time response capabilities of the force," Shah said.

About 2,100 cameras have been added in the first phase of the Safe City Project, which is in addition to the 15,000 existing cameras integrated with the central system, he said.

According to officials, the C4I centre will enable advanced features such as facial recognition, crowd monitoring and data analytics to improve crime detection and public safety management. The system is expected to strengthen situational awareness during large gatherings, emergencies and law-and-order situations.

Shah said the Safe City Project will substantially enhance women's safety and overall urban policing standards in the capital. He added that technology-driven policing will play a key role in meeting emerging challenges, particularly in cybercrime and organised criminal activities.

Highlighting the broader reforms in the criminal justice system, the home minister said the three new Nyaya Sanhitas will bring transformative changes once fully implemented. He said provisions such as e-FIR, legal backing to Zero FIR, mandatory forensic visits in serious crimes and integration under the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS) will further strengthen policing outcomes.

He expressed confidence that with modern infrastructure, legal reforms and technological upgrades, the Delhi Police will continue to remain at the forefront of maintaining peace and security in the national capital.

The ceremony witnessed participation of senior officers and personnel from various units of the force, showcasing its operational preparedness and commitment to public service.

GOC reviews counter...

ism grid and assess the operational preparedness of deployed units," the White Knight Corps said on X. Lt Gen Mishra was accompanied by the General Officer Commanding, Counter-Insurgency Force (Delta), Major General A P S Bal. He was briefed on the prevailing security situation and measures to further strengthen the security framework and inter-agency synergy.

Police busts Rs...

the kingpin of the racket -- a doctor from Haryana -- who was arrested at Delhi airport, he said.

Acting on a complaint by Firdous Ahmad Mir, police in Gandebal launched a probe into allegations of identity theft and cheating by a gang of online fraudsters.

Ganderbal SSP Khalil Ahmad Poswal constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the matter, roping in experts in it.

Collection of evidence by way of arrest of suspects, house searches, records from banks and other departments revealed that there were investment websites on social media/Google like paisavault.com, etc., which lured the general public.

Once the victims started investing in the fake platforms of coin trading, their amounts were diverted into the bank accounts of persons hailing from Budgam, Srinagar, Ganderbal, Baramulla and multiple other places, the spokesman said.

All such accounts were under the control of the fraudsters, who immediately transferred the invested amount into accounts outside Jammu and Kashmir and even outside the country by way of multiple layering to prevent detection, he said.

The main handler of the nexus has been identified as Ekant Yogdutt alias Dr

Morphine, a resident of Hisar in Haryana.

The accused learnt these techniques while doing his MBBS in the Philippines. He also had multiple links with Chinese nationals, the spokesman said.

The kingpin conspired with Mohd Ibrahim Shah alias Yawer, Nasir Ahmad Ganie, Maqsood Ahmad alias Dr Albert, Tanveer Ahmad alias Dr Martin, Tawseef Ahmad Mir, Khurshid Ahmad and Ishfaq Ahmad, who worked as regional heads and account mobilisers.

"These local fraudsters approached below poverty line (BPL) account holders for providing their account details and ATM cards against a sum of Rs 8,000-10,000 per month.

Involvement of bank employees also emerged, who provided QR codes of accounts that were uploaded on fake websites, the spokesman said.

The fraudsters established Telegram channels and groups where they regularly upload QR codes, and once heavy transactions occurred in such accounts, the cyber units across the country froze the accounts even as the fraudsters promptly uploaded new QR codes, the spokesman said.

The main accused, Ekant Yogdutt, was arrested at the IGI Airport in Delhi upon his return from China, while the other accused were taken into custody from various parts of Kashmir, he added.

JEE-Main results...

candidates who appeared for that particular shift," a source said.

Last year, the number of questions dropped was six.

Among the candidates who have secured an NTA score of 100, three are from Rajasthan, two from Andhra Pradesh and one each is from Delhi, Bihar, Odisha, Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Telangana.

All the 12 candidates are male and 11 of them are from the general category.

The top scoring candidates are -- Kabeer Chhillar, Chiranjib Kar and Arnav Gautam from Rajasthan, Narendrababu Gari Mahith and Pasala Mohith from Andhra Pradesh, Shreyas Mishra (Delhi), Shubham Kumar (Bihar), Bhavesh Patra (Odisha), Anay Jain (Haryana), Madhav Viradiya (Maharashtra), Purohit Nimay (Gujarat) and Vivan Sharad Mahiswari (Telangana).

According to officials, the NTA score is not the same as the percentage of marks obtained but normalised scores.

"NTA scores are normalised scores across multi-shift papers and are based on the relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one shift. The marks obtained are transformed into a scale ranging from 100 to 0 for each shift of examinees. The NTA score is not the same as the percentage of marks obtained," a senior official explained.

According to the NTA officials, a Central Control Room was opened to monitor and facilitate the smooth conduct of the examination on the ground.

"The NTA had made elaborate arrangements at various levels and taken help from state and district authorities for the smooth conduct of the examination. The OTP-based Aadhaar E-KYC was introduced for the first time as a key method for authenticating candidates during the registration process. The initiative aims to prevent impersonation and address potential criticisms in the future," the official said.

"Live CCTV surveillance with analytics was performed for all examination centres to curb malpractices. The NTA had also made arrangements for live-viewing of remote locations of all examination centres from the control room located on the NTA premises in New Delhi. Recording of CCEDU-JEE-RESULTSTV was used for post-examination analysis to identify acts of malpractices," he added.

The examination centres were also monitored using AI-based video analytics and virtual observers.

"Jammers were installed at all the centres to prevent unfair practices by the candidates during the examination through mobile phones or any other electronic device. The latest 5G jammers were installed at all examination centres," the official said.

Theft case solved; accused arrested, stolen gold items recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police has successfully solved a theft case of gold ornaments registered at Police Station Ghagwal. One accused has been arrested and approximately 10 grams of stolen gold items worth Rs. 1,60,000.00 approx.have been recovered from his possession.

On the intervening night of 27/28.01.2026, a complaint was received via WhatsApp on the official mobile number of Police Station Ghagwal from Advocate Dharamvir S/o Tulsi Das R/o Harsath tehsil Ghagwal district Samba, regarding the theft of gold ornaments from a Kali Mata temple situated inside his residence. The stolen items included a gold tikka, gold nath, gold chain and gold locket.

Acting upon the complaint, a case FIR No. 12/2026 u/s 331(4), 305 BNS was registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, a Police team of PS Ghagwal after relentless efforts has apprehended one suspect who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case. The arrested accused has been identified as Jatin Kumar S/o Bharladh Bhagat R/o Ghagwal district Samba. All the stolen gold ornaments weighing approximately 10 grams recovered and seized by the Police.

Woman drug peddler arrested with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers & peddlers, Samba Police has arrested a lady drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered approximately 6.40 grams heroin-like substance (chitta) alongwith one weighing machine from her possession.

A Police team of Police Station Vijaypur during naka checking at Rakh Barotain road near AIIMS residence complex Vijaypur, intercepted a lady pedestrian who was moving under suspicious circumstances. During frisking, approximately 6.40 grams of heroin-like substance (chitta) and one weighing machine were recovered from her possession.

The lady drug peddler identified as Soma Bibi W/o Jamat Ali R/o Rakh Barotian tehsil Vijaypur district Samba has been arrested and the contraband item alongwith weighing machine has also been seized.

A case FIR No 27/2026 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

Moveable property of habitual bovine smuggler attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police has attached a vehicle worth Rs. 9,82,000.00 approximately belonging to a habitual bovine smuggler under Section 107 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), in compliance with the orders passed by the Hon'ble court Samba.

The attached property is a Mahindra Auto Load Carrier bearing registration No. JK02DM-0781 owned by habitual bovine smuggler namely Mohd Hanif S/o Abdul Rashid R/o Chak Mohdyar, R.S. Pura, District Jammu. The vehicle was found involved in FIR No. 223/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act registered at Police Station Samba.

During the course of investigation, including scrutiny of criminal antecedents and financial aspects, it has been established that the accused person Mohd Hanif had no legal source of income and the said vehicle had been purchased from the proceeds of illegal activities.

The accused is a notorious bovine smuggler and is involved in a number of bovine smuggling cases registered against him in other districts of UT including PS Jhajjar Kotli & PS Nagrota of district Jammu and PS Batote & PS Ramban of district Ramban too.

Further investigation revealed that the same Mahindra Auto Load Carrier was also found involved in multiple cases of bovine smuggling registered at different Police Stations of districts Jammu, Udhampur and Ramban.

Accordingly, the said vehicle has been lawfully seized and attached under section 107 BNSS.