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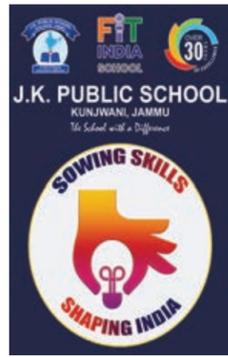
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# Omar calls for strengthening Tele-law service to ensure timely justice, reduce court pendency

Emphasises pro- bono legal support; tech-enabled access to justice for rural, remote areas

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday underscored the vital role of the Tele-Law initiative in expanding access to justice and easing the burden on courts, particularly for people living in rural and remote areas.

Speaking at the Regional Workshop on Tele-Law organized by Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), the Chief Minister expressed hope that the scheme would be further strengthened through collective efforts with the Government of India and the Ministry of Justice.

"I hope that after this workshop, together with the Government of India and the Ministry of Justice, we will see how this scheme can be strengthened and expanded further. We will connect more lawyers pro- bono so that everyone gets justice at the



CM Omar Abdullah speaking at the Regional Workshop at SKICC on Tuesday.

## CM thanks Shah for reopening 14 tourist destinations in J&K

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah for reopening 14 tourist destinations in the Union Territory, which were closed in April last year following the Pahalgam terror attack.

"Recently, the Union home minister had come to Jammu and I had talks with him. Before that, I met him in Delhi as well. My request with regard to tourism was that the areas which have been closed should be reopened. There is no purpose served by keeping these destinations closed. We did not close these places even at the worst of times.

"I was assured by the home minister that these places will be reopened and orders for the same have now been issued. I am thankful to the home minister for that. The local people have borne losses (due to closure). ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

right time and in the right place," the Chief Minister said.

The workshop was held as part of the Tele-Law initiative under Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA), a Central Sector Scheme being implemented by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. The event was also addressed by Union Minister of State (independent charge) for Law and

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## Shantmanu appointed State Election Commissioner J&K

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday appointed retired IAS officer Shantmanu as the State Election Commissioner for Jammu and Kashmir.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 36 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to appoint Shantmanu, IAS (Retd.) as State Election Commissioner for the

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## Decision on J&K statehood soon: Arjun Meghwal

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Meghwal on Tuesday said statehood to Jammu and Kashmir would be restored soon, prompting a quick response from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah who said that he hoped that the wait is not too long.

After attending a function at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) here, Meghwal told reporters that while it was a "very sensitive issue", Union Home

Minister Amit Shah has said in the LoK Sabha that J-K's

comment, Abdullah, who was also present at the function, said, "I heard on the sidelines that the (Union) minister said that we will be hearing good news soon."



"It has been one and a half years of wait. We hope we do not have to wait much longer," Abdullah told reporters. The Chief Minister said no one in Jammu and Kashmir will be satisfied till it is done. "The process is on, (though) it is taking

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## Two Pak nationals who escaped from Jammu juvenile home held from Ludhiana

Six cops suspended after escape of 3 inmates

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two Pakistani nationals, who escaped from a juvenile home in a border village here, were arrested within 24 hours of the incident, officials said on Tuesday.

However, the local gangster who also escaped with them remained at large and efforts are on to arrest him, they said.

Karajeet Singh alias Gugga, a resident of

Dablehar in R S Pura, and Pakistan citizens Mohammad Suna-ullah and Ahsan Anwar allegedly attacked police personnel and fled from the juvenile home at around 5 pm on Monday. Two cops were injured in the incident.

The officials said the Pakistani nationals were tracked to a village in Punjab's Ludhiana by a police party and were subsequently arrested.

Meanwhile, six police personnel were suspended over alleged dereliction of duty after three inmates, officials said.

Officials said six police personnel, including an assistant sub-inspector were placed under suspension for dereliction of duty in connection with the incident.

The suspensions form part of a departmental inquiry to determine how the

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## No land belonging to Kashmiri migrants acquired without due process: Govt

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: No land belonging to Kashmiri migrants has been acquired in the valley in violation of prescribed legal procedures, Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary said on Tuesday, asserting that the ruling National Conference has consistently worked to ensure justice for the displaced community. Replying to a starred question in the House raised by CPI(M)

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## Attends valedictory function of 48-hour National-level Hackathon "Innovathon 1.0" at JU Transform educational campuses into innovation hubs for developed India@2047: LG

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday called for transforming the educational campuses to realise the vision of Developed India@2047.

He highlighted the need for creating technological ecosystems that continuously reinvent themselves, that refuse to become static or complacent and embrace change as opportunity.

"India's ambition in the technology revolution must extend beyond participation. We must become leaders. Today, Artificial Intelligence



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the valedictory function of Innovathon 1.0 at Jammu University on Tuesday.

and Machine Learning are reshaping the trajectory of human civilization. The nations that master these

technologies will write the rules for the coming century," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He was speaking at the valedictory function of a 48-hour national-level

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## 50,000 students appear in Class 10 exam; 527 centres set up

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 50,000 students appeared in class 10 examination here on Wednesday across 527 centres set-up by J&K BOSE.

In a statement issued, the J&K BOSE informed that the examination was held smoothly across the summer zone of Jammu Division.

The Board has made elaborate arrangements for ensuring fair, transparent and orderly exams. For the purpose, centre superintendents and supervisory staff

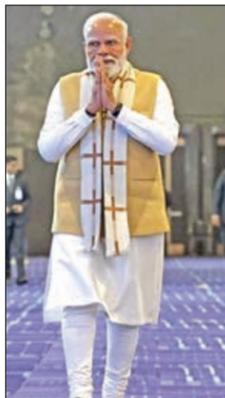
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## Modi calls for global compact on responsible AI

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday articulated a comprehensive and human-centric vision for the future of AI, rooted in the civilisational ethos of "Sarvajnan Hitay, Sarvajnan Sukhaye" (Welfare for All, Happiness for All).

In a special interview to a national news agency, in wake of the commencement of the India AI Impact Summit 2026- marking the first global gathering of this scale on Artificial Intelligence in the Global South, the Prime Minister



underscored that the summit is not merely about technological advancement but about ensuring meaningful and equitable outcomes from AI adoption.

"Today, AI stands at a civilisational inflection point. It can expand human capability in unprecedented ways, but it can also test existing social foundations if left unguided," he said.

The India AI Impact Summit 2026 has brought together Heads of State and Government, ministers, global technology leaders,

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## Dr Anil, Adv Seema, Sidharth Daluja, Anita nominated to Amar Singh Club Executive Committee

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday nominated four eminent personalities to the Executive Committee of the Amar Singh Club, completing the constitution of the club's managing body for the 2025-27 term.

According to an official order issued by the office of the Chief Minister, the nominated members include Dr. Anil Mahajan, Senior Advocate Seema Shekher Khajooria, Sidharth Daluja, and Anita Jagjeet. The nominations were made following the club's elections held on December 14, 2025, in which 11 members of the Executive Committee were elected by the general body. The order states that the nominations were approved by the Chief Minister to complete the elec-



tion process of the prestigious club.

Dr. Anil Mahajan is a renowned medical professional, widely respected for his contributions to healthcare and public service. His inclusion is expected to strengthen the club's engagement with health and wellness initiatives.

Ex-Senior Additional Advocate General Shekher Khajooria, brings with her vast legal experience and administrative insight. Notably, she has earlier served

as a member of the Managing Committee of the Jammu Club for three consecutive terms, reflecting her long association with premier social institutions of the city.

Sidharth Daluja, President of Volleyball Association of J&K, is a well-known businessman of the region, recognised for his entrepreneurial success and involvement in socio-economic activities. His experience is likely to add a professional and development-oriented perspective to the

committee.

Anita Jagjeet is a prominent social activist, known for her work in community welfare and social causes, bringing a strong grassroots connect to the Executive Committee.

The order has been addressed to the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, who also serves as the Vice President of the Amar Singh Club. With these nominations, the Executive Committee for the 2025-27 term now stands fully constituted.

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