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Modi welcomes world leaders for AI Impact Summit at Bharat Mandapam



PM Narendra Modi arriving at Bharat Mandapam for AI Impact Summit in New Delhi.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday welcomed world leaders, including UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva, for the ongoing AI Impact Summit at the Bharat Mandapam convention centre here.

- ▶ Theme of Summit: Welfare for All, Happiness of All
- ▶ Three key pillars of the Summit: People, Planet, and Progress
- ▶ PM to participate in Leader's Plenary as well as CEO Roundtable
- ▶ PM to visit Country Pavilions at India AI Impact Expo 2026 along with other world leaders

The world leaders, Sri Lanka President Anura Kumara Dissanayaka and Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, were welcomed to an ensemble of traditional musical instruments, including drums, nadaswaram and tanpura, with the prime minister greeting them with a warm handshake and exchange of pleasantries.

Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Croatia Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic, Serbia President Aleksandar Vucic, Seychelles Vice President Sebastien Pillay, Estonia President Alar Karis, and Finland Prime Minister Petteri Orpo were among those welcomed by the Modi at the brightly decorated Bharat Mandapam.

Greece Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Guyana Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo were also among the leaders welcomed by the prime minister.

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CM moves 13 demands, 19 supplementary demands in LA

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday moved 13 Demands and 19 supplementary Demands in the Legislative Assembly which was subsequently presented before the House for discussion by Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather.

"I move that a sum not exceeding the aggregate amount mentioned in Demand Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 19, 20, 24, 31 and 33 be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st



March, 2027 in respect of Heads indicated in the List of Business against each demand," Chief Minister said.

These Demands for Grants pertain to General Administration Department, Planning, Monitoring and Development, Information, Power, Finance, Parliamentary Affairs, Law & Justice, Revenue, Housing, Tourism, Hospitality & Protocol, Estates, Culture and Disaster Management and the charge of these departments is held by the

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ACB arrests Girdawar for accepting Rs 10,000 bribe in Reasi

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday arrested Mohd Saleem Bandy, Girdawar of Halqa Judda, Tehsil Arnas, District Reasi, for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 from a complainant.

A case bearing FIR No. 04/2026 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, has been registered at Police Station ACB

Udhampur: Subsequently, a formal case was registered and investigation was set into motion," the spokesperson stated.

During the investigation, a specialized trap team headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police was constituted. The team successfully laid a trap and apprehended the accused red-handed while demanding and accepting Rs 10,000 from the complainant in the presence of independent witnesses. The

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219 ventilators defunct in 10 GMCs, SKIMS in J&K: Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday said 219 ventilators are defunct in 10 government medical colleges and the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences across the Union Territory.

In a written reply to a starred question raised by MLA Shamim Firdous in the Assembly, Health and Medical Education Minister Sakina Itoo provided hospital-wise details of

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Assembly adjourned after noisy scenes over police action on students in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Wednesday was adjourned after witnessing noisy scenes as BJP MLAs protested the alleged police use of force against students who were demanding the establishment of a National Law University (NLU) in Jammu. The uproar erupted when the House was discussing grants related to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. BJP members rose from their seats and raised slogans against the police action near the Civil Secretariat and in support of the demand for NLU in



BJP legislators protest in Assembly on Wednesday.

Jammu. Carrying pamphlets which read "NLU for Jammu", the BJP legislators strongly pitched for the setting up of the law university in the Jammu region.

Besides, they sought a reply from the government over police action against the protesting students.

Amid high-pitched exchanges, treasury bench members countered the opposition, accusing them of using

the issue for political theatrics rather than showing genuine concern for the protesting students. Heated verbal duels followed between the opposition and the treasury benches.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary said that the police function under the jurisdiction of the Lieutenant Governor and advised the BJP to take up the matter with him. "You have no courage to raise the issue with him. You have no real concern for the students and are only addressing the galleries here," he remarked in the House.

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LA hails J&K's historic entry into Ranji Trophy Finals

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Speaker Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, together with other Legislative Members congratulated the Jammu & Kashmir cricket team for scripting history in the prestigious Ranji Trophy 2026 by securing a berth in the final for the first time.

In a thrilling semi-final encounter, J&K defeated West Bengal cricket team to book their place in the

5 detained as manhunt for juvenile home escapee widens within, outside Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: At least five suspected persons have been detained for questioning amid intensified search for a gangster who remained at large after escaping a juvenile home, along with two Pakistani inmates, in a border village of Jammu, officials said on Wednesday.

Both the Pakistani nationals were arrested on Tuesday, within 20 hours of the incident near Ambala railway station in Haryana, while they were heading for Nepal.

Karajeet Singh alias Gugga, a resident of Dablehar in R S Pura, and Pakistan citizens, Mohammad Suna-ullah (20) and Ahsan Anwar (21), allegedly attacked police personnel and fled from the juvenile home around 5 pm on Monday (February 16). Two cops were injured in the incident.

A purported video of the gangster, said to be associated with the 'Khauff' gang, showing Singh resorting to a few rounds of firing inside

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ROZA TIMING

SEHR TIME: 05:46 (FEB 20)
IFTAAR TIME: 06:21 (FEB 19)

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 22.1°C Min: 13.5°C

Humidity
Max: 81 Min: 79

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 18.5°C Min: 1.4°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 83

Sunset : 18:18 Hours
Sunrise : 07:11 Hours

5 HDFC Bank employees arrested in J&K for financial fraud

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Five HDFC Bank employees have been arrested in connection with a large-scale financial fraud in the Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch carried out searches in Shopian and Budgam districts on Wednesday in connection with the matter, an agency spokesperson said.

"...five HDFC bank employees have been arrested so far. The arrested employees are Adil Ayoub Ganai, Irfan Majeed Zargar, Mubashir Hussain Sheikh, Zaid Manzoor and Javid Ahmad Bhat," the spokesperson said.

"Searches are presently underway at multiple locations in Shopian

J&K's debt at Rs 1.37 lakh cr for FY25 to be offset by increased GSDP: Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's total debt in the financial year 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 1,37,067 crore, 48 per cent of the Union Territory's GDP, which has expanded significantly to Rs 2,88,422 crore, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday.

Defending his government's fiscal management strategy, Abdullah said that the increase in the gross state domestic product (GSDP) has helped in reducing the debt-to-GSDP ratio to 48 per cent in the current fiscal from 51 per cent a year ago.

In a written reply to the assembly, the chief minister detailed the trend of the Union Territory's debt-to-GSDP ratio for the past six years.

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