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J&K set to shine as year-round global tourism destination: Omar



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah arriving at the promotional event at New Delhi on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday asserted that Jammu & Kashmir is poised to emerge as a year-round global tourism destination, backed by renewed confidence, expanded infrastructure and diversified tourism offerings.

Bala Jyoti appointed Member (Law) of JERC for J&K and Ladakh UTs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Central Government has appointed Bala Jyoti, Retired Special Judge (Anti-Corruption), CBI, Jammu, as Member (Law) of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 83 read with Section 89 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003), the Central Government appoints Bala Jyoti, Retired Spl Judge (Anti Corruption), CBI, Jammu, to the post of Member (Law), Joint

Suspected drone movement prompts search op near LoC

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Security forces launched a search operation after a suspected drone movement was detected along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Friday, sources said.

The search was carried out in the forward areas of the Gulpur belt. Troops fired several rounds as part of security measures during the suspected aerial movement, officials said, adding that the object later moved back from the LoC.

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SEHR TIME: 05:37 (MARCH 1)
IFTAAR TIME: 06:29 (FEB 28)

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 26.3°C Min: 12.9°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.0°C Min: 1.5°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 72

Sunset: 18:25 Hours
Sunrise: 07:01 Hours

CM visits SATTE 2026; interacts with tourism stakeholders

NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday visited SATTE 2026 at the Yashbhoomi Convention Centre, Dwarka, Delhi and reiterated the Government's commitment to strengthening Jammu & Kashmir's position as the country's premier all-season tourist destination.

At SATTE 2026, the Chief Minister visited the Jammu & Kashmir Pavilion (Hall-1A) and was accompanied by his Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani; MLAs Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah (Gulmarg), Tanvir Sadiq (Zadibal) and Altaf Ahmad Wani (Pahalgam); and Director Tourism Jammu, Vikas Gupta.

He undertook a guided walkthrough of the pavilion, interacted with tourism stakeholders and leading travel and tour operators, and spoke to media highlighting Jammu & Kashmir's evolving tourism landscape.

On the sidelines of the exhibition, the Chief Minister held further detailed interactions with tourism stakeholders in New Delhi, reiterating the Government's resolve to enhance tourism infrastructure, improve connectivity and promote sustainable tourism across all

promotional event held in New Delhi on Thursday evening, which was graced by the Union Minister of Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, along with diplomats, travel trade representatives and key stakeholders from the hospitality sector.

Illegal Construction on Bus Stand Land; ACB charge-sheets Ex-MC Kupwara officials, others

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has presented a chargesheet before the Special Judge, Anti-Corruption Court Baramulla, against the then Executive Officer of Municipal Committee (MC) Kupwara, Bashir Ahmad Dar; then Khilafwarzi Inspector Mohammad Abdullah Malik; and Ghulam Mohammad Mir, attorney holder of the land in question, in connection with illegal building permission, encroachment and construction on notified land meant for the Bus Stand at

Regipora, Kupwara. According to an ACB official, a complaint was received alleging that illegal building permissions were granted for construction on municipal land that had already been acquired by the government for expansion of the Kupwara Bus Stand, for which compensation had been paid. "Acting on the complaint, a Joint Surprise Check was conducted which prima facie established serious irregularities in the sanctioning of building permission," the official said. The probe revealed that the

Congress not just removed clothes at AI Summit but exposed its intellectual bankruptcy: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday came down heavily on the Congress for the shirtless protest by its youth wing members at the AI Impact Summit recently, saying the opposition party can tear as many clothes as it wants, but his government will continue to work for the country's progress.



Addressing the News18 Rising Bharat Summit, Modi also said that the Congress did not just remove its clothes in front of foreign guests but also exposed its intellectual bankruptcy, asserting that the millennials have already taught the

Court discharges Kejriwal, 20 others; CBI appeals in HC

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Sharply pulling up the CBI for pursuing a case "wholly unable to survive judicial scrutiny", a Delhi court on Friday discharged former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, his deputy Manish Sisodia and 21 others in the excise policy case instrumental in bringing down the AAP government.

Among the 21 people cleared in the case that became a political hot potato is Telangana Jagruthi president K Kavitha. Hours after the verdict by special judge Jitendra Singh, the CBI filed an appeal challenging it in the Delhi High Court. Several aspects of the investigation were either ignored or not considered adequately, a spokesperson

Balanced minds, bold innovators to steer nation towards sustainable development: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the Youth Festival 'Goonj 2026' in University of Jammu on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the youth hold boundless power to steer society and nation toward the future.

He emphasised on putting a dedicated focus on shaping balanced minds and bold innovators for sustainable development.

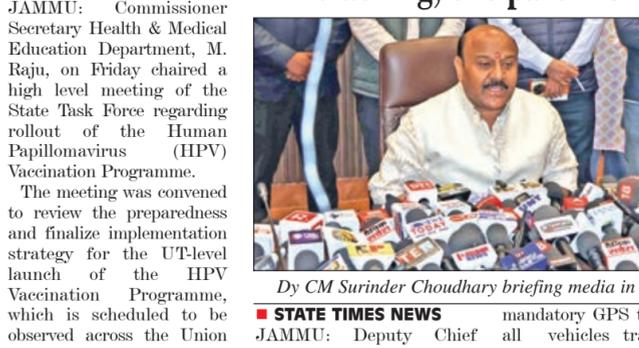
"Empowered youth engineers the future and I believe intellectual depth, creative strength and innovative youth leadership is essential for national advancement," the Lieutenant Governor

Govt to strictly enforce e-challan at crushers, GPS tracking, one parchi-one load rule: Dy CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary Health & Medical Education Department, M. Raju, on Friday chaired a high level meeting of the State Task Force regarding rollout of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme.

The meeting was convened to review the preparedness and finalize implementation strategy for the UT-level launch of the HPV Vaccination Programme, which is scheduled to be observed across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on 28th February, 2026, in consonance with

J&K fully prepared for HPV vaccination



Dy CM Surinder Choudhary briefing media in Jammu.

J&K close to maiden Ranji title: Omar reaches Hubballi to witness historic moment



CM Omar Abdullah clicking selfie while on-board to Hubballi.

revolved around a valiant skipper Mayank Agarwal but in the context of the match

He exhorted the students to embrace innovation, pursue fresh research, experiment boldly, and unlock nation-building doors.

"Honor your traditions, respect your past and connect with your roots. This will deepen the profound sense of identity, confidence, and self-awareness that no classroom can ever fully teach," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the purpose of education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge but creation of enlightened citizens who are sensitive towards their duties.

"True education prepares youth to forge entirely new answers and solutions that the world has not yet imagined.

Students enter campuses not merely for degrees, but to nurture culture, explore new ideas, choose bold paths, and courageously drive societal progress," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the pace at which the world is changing is almost beyond comprehension and technological explosion has quietly transformed both educational institutions and

Court issues warrants against 4 absconding 'terrorist commanders' including HM Chief

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A sessions court here has issued non-bailable warrants against four terrorist commanders including the self-styled chief of the banned terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen, Mohammad Yousuf Shah alias Syed Salahuddin, in a 30 year old case, officials said on Friday.

"In a significant step towards dismantling terror networks and reinforcing rule of law, Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) has secured non-bailable warrants against four operatives of proscribed terrorist organisation Hizbul Mujahideen," CIK officials said.

They said the warrants were issued by the court of additional sessions judge, Srinagar – special judge designated under the NIA Act – after hearing the prosecution and the investigating officer and examining the case record.

Officials said Mohammad Yousuf Shah aka Syed Salahuddin, who is currently based across the Line of Control, was among the accused against whom the warrants were issued.

"The absconding accused is the chief of the

ing across Jammu and Kashmir. Chairing a high level meeting of the Mining Department at Jammu, the Deputy Chief Minister stressed the need for strengthening enforcement mechanisms in all districts.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Mining Department, Ashwani Kumar; Chairman, Pollution Control Committee; Director, Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing; Deputy Commissioners (Chairpersons, District

NHRC asks ministries, states to inquire into 'risks' to children's privacy in AI tie-up

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The National Human Rights Commission has issued notices to all states and Union territories, as well as certain central government departments, over alleged risks to children's privacy arising from a collaboration between a US-based artificial intelligence company and an Indian NGO.

The action follows a complaint which raised concerns regarding collaboration between the US-based Anthropic and Pratham, an NGO working with children in India, involving the use of an artificial intelligence (AI) system to process children's handwritten responses and academic data through

mandatory GPS tracking of all vehicles transporting mining material and implementation of the "One Parchi, One Load" rule to completely curb illegal mining.

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