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Omar counters opposition; reaffirms commitment for statehood restoration, people-centric governance

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday replied on the discussion held in the Assembly on the Motion of Thanks to the Lieutenant Governor's address during the ongoing Budget Session.

As Leader of the House, the Chief Minister spoke at length about the priorities of his government and strongly dispelled the charges levelled against his government by the main opposition BJP, PDP and other members.

Speaking in the House, the Chief Minister thanked the Lieutenant Governor for addressing the Assembly on February 2 and presenting the government's broad agenda. He noted that the LG's address reflected the government's past, present and future, but also reminded members that the address alone does not constitute the entire business of the budget session.

"The budget has to be presented. There are many things to be discussed in the budget. After that, there will



CM tables Economic Survey Report 2025-26 in LA

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday tabled the Economic Survey Report for the year 2025-26 in the Legislative Assembly. The Chief Minister also tabled "The Jammu and Kashmir Anand Marriage Registration Rules, 2023" as required under Section 6(4) of the Anand Marriage Act, 1909 (Central Act.7 of 1909).

be grants," the Chief Minister said, underlining

that several occasions

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No spring to jump, no habit of interrupting': Omar's candid quip lightens LA

JAMMU: Amid a charged atmosphere and frequent cross-talk in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday struck a lighter note with a self-deprecating remark that briefly eased tempers and drew smiles across party lines.

Responding to repeated interjections during the proceedings, the Chief Minister told the House that he prefers restraint over theatrics, quipping that he neither interrupts others nor has the "spring" to jump into debates the way some legislators do. "There is no toka-toki from my side. I don't jump. I don't have a spring like others," the Chief Minister said, prompting laughter and

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Admissions must be on merit, not communal lines: CM on SMVDIME, NLU

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday made a strong pitch for merit-based admissions in professional institutions and cautioned against attempts to link education with religious or communal considerations.

Intervening during the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Minister said there was no rationale in questioning or seeking the closure of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME) on religious grounds, adding that professional education must remain inclusive and guided solely by merit.

"Medical colleges are not meant to be run on religious lines. If minority status was the concern, then SMVDU should have been declared a minority institution at the very beginning," he said. The Chief Minister underlined that admissions to medical colleges are governed strictly

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LG Manoj Sinha welcoming Home Minister Amit Shah on his arrival at Jammu Airport on Thursday late night.

Amit Shah arrives in Jammu on 2-day visit

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah reached here on Thursday night on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to review security situation and inaugurate various developmental works in the region, officials said.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha received the Home Minister on his arrival at the Jammu airport.

"Welcomed Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah on his arrival at Jammu Airport today," the LG said in a post on X. The officials said Shah will undertake a visit

to border outposts along the International Border in Kathua district, where he will also virtually inaugurate and lay foundation of six welfare schemes for border guards on Friday.

Shah will chair a security review meeting at Lok Bhawan in Jammu on his return from the border and will later distribute compassionate appointments among the families of terror victims, the officials said. On Saturday, the home minister will preside over a meeting on development of Jammu and Kashmir at Lok Bhawan, Jammu before returning to Delhi, they added.

CAT Jammu Bench sets record; delivers 400 judgments in 4 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu Bench, has achieved a remarkable feat by delivering 400 judgments in a continuous stretch of four days, disposing of over 450 cases.

The Division Bench, comprising Judicial Member, Rajinder Singh Dogra and Administrative Member, Ram Mohan Johri has disposed of all these cases with phenomenal speed and precision, making a paramount achievement in the country's legal system.

With this extraordinary display of Judicial efficiency

the CAT Jammu Bench, delivered 100 judgments in a single day providing relief to a large number of litigants for the service-related matters including regularization, compassionate appointment, seniority, promotion, recovery, etc, who were waiting for justice since long times.

All these matters were dealt meticulously and decided independently by giving separate judgments in each case which added flair to the judiciary.

Making remarkable record of its sort, the CAT Jammu Bench gave relief to poor litigants and created a

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Tripartite agreement for Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority signed, Shah says Centre will extend all help

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre Thursday signed an agreement with the Nagaland government and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation for the formation of 'Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority' within the state.

The agreement was signed in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who said the Centre will extend all help and fulfill all its responsibilities for the development of eastern Nagaland.

"Barring one or two points, all issues have been sorted," Shah said.

Since 2019, we have done 12 important agreements in the Northeast, he said.

"It has been a tradition of the Narendra Modi government that we make full effort to implement the agree-



ments we have entered into. I want to assure the representatives of ENPO that the Centre will extend lot of help for the development of Eastern Nagaland and will also fulfill its responsibility too," Shah said.

There should be no doubt on the Nagaland and central governments and every amount will be decided and released, he said, adding initial expenses for your establishment shall be borne by the Union home ministry.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said this agreement "reflects mutual trust, addresses the aspirations of eastern Nagaland and the state at large, and reaches out to take development to every doorstep". The ENPO, the apex body representing eight tribes across six eastern districts of

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J&K economy likely to grow at 5.82 pc in 2025-26: Economic Survey

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir's real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is estimated to grow at 5.82 per cent, according to the Economic Survey Report 2025-26.

The report said that Jammu and Kashmir achieved a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.47 per cent in real GSDP during 2019-20 to 2024-25, indicating economic resilience and post-pandemic recovery.

"The growth rate is higher than Delhi and Himachal Pradesh and marginally

higher than Haryana during the same period", it added.

The Economic Survey Report, tabled on the floor of the J&K Legislative Assembly by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday, estimated the size of the J&K economy at about Rs 2.86 lakh crore in nominal terms and Rs 1.50 lakh crore in real terms.

The report further said that per capita income in the Union Territory is estimated at Rs 1,68,243 in 2025-26, registering a higher growth rate compared to several northern states and UTs, including Himachal


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JKBOSE extends dates for re-evaluation, photocopies of answer scripts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) has announced the extension of dates for re-evaluation and obtaining the photocopies of answer scripts of class

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 22.4°C Min: 6.9°C

Humidity
Max: 76 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.2°C Min: -0.4°C

Humidity
Max: 90 Min: 83

Sunset : 18:06 Hours
Sunrise : 07:23 Hours

India at historic turning point, ready to lead world again: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HARIDWAR/UTTARAKHAND: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday attended the Idol Installation Ceremony of Swami Satyamitranand Giri Ji Maharaj at Haridwar in Devbhoomi Uttarakhand.

The Spiritual, Cultural, and Sadguru Memorial Celebration was held under the guidance of Swami Avdhesanand Giri Ji Maharaj, Acharya Mahamandaleswar of Juna Akhara.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on profound economic, cultural and spiritual renaissance in the country, which is igniting a vibrant new consciousness in the society.

"With the blessings of revered saints, people are



LG Manoj Sinha at the Idol Installation Ceremony of Swami Satyamitranand Giri Ji Maharaj at Haridwar.

advancing steadfastly toward the vision of building a modern, transformed India," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that the values envisioned by our ancestors millennia ago are now being embraced worldwide, with nations adopting the philoso-

phy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-"the world is one family"-as a beacon for peace and harmony.

"Since time immemorial, our tradition has championed the welfare of all humanity. It has gifted us the expansive vision of the

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LA passes Motion of Thanks on LG's Address

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Thursday adopted the Motion of Thanks on the Lieutenant Governor's address, delivered on February 2 in the Legislative Assembly.

The Motion of Thanks was moved by MLA Showkat Hussain Ganie and seconded by MLA Dr. Rameshwar Singh.

Leader of Opposition in the House, Sunil Kumar Sharma, while participating in the discussion on the Motion of Thanks, said that it is the collective duty of all members to work for the progress and development of people of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that people have high expectations from the government and these aspirations

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Crackdown on drug peddlers' financial backbone, Rs 21 lakh seized: SP South

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major offensive against the narcotics ecosystem, Jammu Police, South Zone, have intensified their crackdown not only on drug peddlers but also on the financial networks sustaining the illegal trade, resulting in the seizure of large sums of illicit money and freezing of suspicious bank accounts.

Addressing a press conference at Police Station Bahu Fort, Senior Superintendent of Police (SP) South Jammu, Dr Ajay Sharma, along with SDPO East, SHO PS Bahu Fort, SHO PS Bagh-e-Bahu and ICPP Narwal, detailed the sustained and decisive action taken to dismantle the entrenched drug network operating in Rajiv Nagar, Bahu Fort, Bagh-e-Bahu and adjoining areas, which



SP South Jammu, Dr Ajay Sharma briefing media.

had earlier gained notoriety for narcotics-related activities.

"Our focus is not limited to recovery of drugs and arrest of peddlers. We are systematically choking their financial lifelines by identifying, seizing and attaching proceeds of crime," Dr Ajay Sharma said.

He stated that since 2025, intensified surveillance,

strengthening of source networks and round-the-clock vigil in vulnerable pockets have led to 27 FIRs under the NDPS Act, arrest of 41 accused, recovery of 1 kg 238 grams of heroin and 18 kg of ganja, demolition of 11 houses of drug peddlers through the civil administration, freezing of three bank accounts involving

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