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Cuba Deputy PM calls on Dr Jitendra, extends invitation for Havana meet

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Jammu Police brings back smiles; reunites missing man with family after 20 years

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Poonch boys emerge Kabaddi champion

ICC MSME Conclave 2025

Entrepreneurial ecosystem created to make J&K preferred investment destination: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Indian Chamber of Commerce's MSME Conclave 2025 in Jammu on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on addressed the Conclave 2025, organised Indian Chamber of Commerce, in Jammu.

In his inaugural address, the Lieutenant Governor welcomed the Entrepreneurs,

Bankers, Investors, Industry Leaders and Experts to explore the opportunities in the MSME sector and foster strategic collaborations dur-

ing the conclave. The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the pivotal role played by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in shaping the economy, driving country's manufacturing sector growth and boosting Make in India initiative.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the MSME sector has witnessed unprecedented growth brought and remarkable

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>> LG highlights pivotal role of MSMEs in shaping economy, driving country's manufacturing sector growth; boosting Make in India initiative

- Says, thousands of Units have become operational in past few years; we are determined to take MSMEs growth to a new level, a growth that is inclusive, sus-
- Government of India is committed to extend all possible support to facilitate J&K's Industrial growth
- Cautions against making irresponsible statements that may shake investors' trust and confidence; create further hurdles in J&K's journey towards prosper-
- We have taken steps to address issues in constructive manner; my aim is to establish J&K as hub of entrepreneurial excellence, employment generation
- Under PM Narendra Modi, MSME sector has witnessed unprecedented growth; brought remarkable transformation to Indian economy
- MSMEs exports increased from Rs. 3.95 lakh Cr in 2020-21 to Rs. 12.39 lakh Cr in 2024-25. This number shows MSMEs are playing crucial role in strengthening global trade

Well-coordinated plan under implementation to ensure 24x7 power supply in J&K: Omar

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said a well-coordinated plan,

which includes modernisation works in transmission and distribution system, is under implementation to ensure 24x7 power supply to the consumers in the Union Territory. Abdullah also said

that no major progress has been achieved in the development of a coal block in Odisha. The coal block was allocated to J&K State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) jointly with NTPC in July, 2013 by the Union Ministry of Coal. Of the total estimat-

NTPC and 130 MT to JKSPDC. The chief minister, who is also in-charge of the power

A patrol party noticed a

suspicious object on the

Shopian-Anantnag road at

Qaimoh in Kulgam district

which turned out to be an

A bomb disposal squad was

ed geological reserves of 396

MT, 266 MT was allocated to

ministry, shared the information in a written reply to a question by BJP's Rajiv Jasrotia in the legislative

"The department is com-

mitted to providing 24/7 reli-

able, affordable, and high-

quality power supply to every

household. A well-coordinat-

ed plan, taking a holistic view

of all key elements of the

power supply chain, is under

projects and system upgradation/modernization works in transmission and distribution systems under Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) and schemes Revamped Distribution Sector

ment of several generation

a target completion by 2027-28," Abdullah He said major hydro projects, namely Pakal Dul, Kiru, Kwar, and Ratle are progressing fast and are expected

Scheme (RDSS), with

to collectively add over 3,000 MW in installed capacity after their commissioning by 2027.

In addition, new projects such as 390 MW Kirthai-I, 258 MW Dulhasti-II, 800 MW Bursar, 1,856 MW Sawalkote, 240 MW Uri-I Stage-II, 89 MW Ujh,

Influencer Orry, 7 others booked for 'consuming alcohol' at hotel in Katra

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Social media influencer Orry and seven others were booked for allegedly



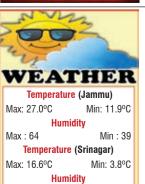
consuming alcohol at a hotel in Katra, the base camp for the pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi

No proposal to declare old City Jammu as **Heritage City** STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Monday said that presently there is no proposal regarding declaration of the Old City Jammu as Heritage City.

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, while replying on behalf of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah to a question raised by Yudhvir Sethi, said that there is no such proposal under consideration in the department at present.





Sunset: 18:39 Hours

Sunrise: 06:38 Hours

Min: 34

Max: 66

Their action evoked strong resentment among the people, with BJP and Peoples Democratic

legislators demanding stern action against the accused. The Jammu and

Kashmir Police said in a statement that the eight accused were booked for "violating the law of the land" and added a team was set up to nab them for "hurting

the sentiments of people". A complaint was received at Katra police station on March 15 that some

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi

High Court has asked the

Centre to expeditiously com-

ply with an order of the

Supreme Court for consider-

ing a representation for

amending the Constitution

and replacing the word India

"Hindustan".

"Bharat"

Justice Sachin Datta also

allowed the petitioner to

withdraw his petition in this

The order passed on March

12 said, "After some hearing,

senior counsel for the peti-

tioner seeks to withdraw the

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Renaming India as Bharat: Delhi HC

"Under the leadership of

Terrorist killed in gunfight with SFs in Kupwara IED defused in Kulgam; searches launched in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: An unidentified terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces in the Zachaldara area of Kupwara district on Monday, officials here said.

security The forces launched a cordon and search Krumhoora $_{
m village}$ inZachaldara following information about the presence of terrorists in the area, the officials said.

The search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists opened fire towards the security

asks Centre to comply with SC order

pursue the matter with the

ministries concerned for dis-

posal of the petitioner's rep-

resentation in terms of the

order dated June 3, 2020

passed by the Supreme

Court...the present petition

stands dismissed as with-

The Centre's counsel

should appropriately convey

to the ministries concerned

for expeditious compliance of

the order passed by the

The petitioner had initially

moved the Supreme Court,

which in 2020, directed the

petition be treated as a repre-

Supreme Court, it added.

drawn.



forces' positions. One terrorist was killed in retaliatory firing and some arms and ammunition were recovered from the spot, they said.

The identity and group affiliation of the slain terror-

sidered by appropriate min-

Petitioner Namaha, repre-

sented by senior advocate

Sanjeev Sagar, then moved

the high court for a direction

to the authorities to decide

no option but to approach

this court, by way of the

present petition as there is no

update from the respondents

about any decision taken on

the representation of the

It said the English name

"India" did not represent the

petitioner," the plea said.

culture and tradition

"The petitioner is left with

his representation.

istries.

ist were vet to be ascertained. In a related development, security forces averted a tragedy with the timely detection of an improvised explosive device (IED) in Kulgam district, officials

LA passes Business Advisory Committee Report

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Legislative Kashmir Assembly on Monday unanimously passed the recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) concerning the business schedule of the House.

Member, Mubarak Gul, moved the motion.

Speaker of the Jammu and Legislative Assembly, Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, put the report to a voice vote, which was unanimously passed by the members.

As per the recommendations, the House sittings on March 17, 22, and 24, 2025,

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the officials said.

IED, they said.

rushed to the spot which defused the IED on the spot without causing any damage, Meanwhile, security forces launched a search operation

after an ex-serviceman reported movement of two suspected individuals in a forest in Rajouri district, officials said.

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on Monday.

the official said.

sion," he said.

KOLKATA: Amid the

Trinamool Congress high-

lighting the issue of 'fake vot-

Commission has decided to

introduce a new option in its

software for the detection of

'ghost voters', an official said

The new option would help

the Electoral Registration

Officers (EROs) find out if

there are multiple names on

a particular EPIC number,

"The chief electoral officers

in all states have been

informed about this deci-

On Monday, a letter was

EC to introduce new option in its

software to find 'ghost voters'

Election

■ STATE TIMES NEWS against Rajni Sharma (33), JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police's Crime Branch on Monday issued a lookout notice against six online fraudsters, including two women, for allegedly

Lookout notice against 6 for 'duping'

ex-serviceman in Jammu

duping an ex-serviceman here of more than Rs 17.50 lakhs on the pretext of doubling his money, an official The case was registered at the Jammu Crime Branch's Special Crime Wing (SCW)

police station in 2022 following a complaint by the victim, the official said. He said the lookout notice

was issued by SCW's ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Jammu Zonal headquarters

sent to the chief electoral

officers of the states inform-

ing them about a new module

for correcting 'duplicate

EPIC numbers, the official

Until now, the state elec-

tion officers or the district

EROs could not see the iden-

tity cards or EPIC numbers

of voters from their end and

thus missed out on those

with similar EPIC numbers

in other states, the official

Acting Chief Electoral

Officer of West Bengal,

Dibyendu Das on Monday

held a virtual meeting with

senior officials in the

added.

wife of Vishnu Sharma from Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh); Rekha (44), wife of Krishan Kumar from Gurgoan (Haryana); Sanjay Heela (39) from North 24 Parganas (West Bengal); Akash (35) from Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh); Mohd Hasin Khan (28) from Gurugram (Haryana); and Virendra (29) also from Gurugram.

SCW Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch Jammu, Sanjay Parihar requested for information about the accused to bring them to

Police orders inquiry

into officer's conduct against woman protester STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday ordered an inquiry after a video surfaced purportedly showing a police officer kicking a woman pro-

tester in Kulgam district. "A video has surfaced on the social media regarding a police officer's conduct with the public in Kulgam. We have taken cognisance of the yesterday's incident and the allegations regarding the officers conduct," Kashmir Zone Police said in a post on

It said the DIG South Kashmir Range (SKR) would enquire into the

Govt launches mobile app

CJ administers oath to 3 Addl Judges as Permanent Judges

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan, on Monday administered the Oath of office to Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Additional Judges, as Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the Chief Court Room, Justice's Jammu.

The oath taking ceremony was attended at Jammu by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta and Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary while Justice Atul Sreedharan, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice



Sekhri and Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Additional Judges, as Judges of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in Chief Justice's Court Room, Jammu on Monday.

Rahul Bharti, and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi participated online from

The proceedings of the oath taking ceremony were conducted by Shahzad Azeem,

Registrar General, who read the contents of the Notification received from Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division), the

Warrants of Appointment issued by the President of India and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorising the

Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the Oath of office to Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Raiesh Sekhri and Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani.

The ceremony was also attended by Former Judges of High Court, Chief Secretary, UT of J&K. Deputy Solicitor General of India, Jammu, Secretary to Government, Department of Justice Affairs, Parliamentary Member, Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal District Judge Jammu, Inspector General of Police, President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Members of the Bar, Senior Advocates, Officers of and

Administration and Officers

and Staff of the Registry.

for PM Internship Scheme STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Union

Sitharaman on Monday launched a dedicated mobile application for the Prime Minister Internship Scheme and urged more companies to

join the programme. Also, the minister said she has appealed to MPs to encourage youth to join the scheme.

The pilot project of the scheme targeted at providing 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth during 2024-25 was launched on October 3, 2024.

After launching the app in the national capital on Monday, Sitharaman, who is in charge of the Finance and Corporate Affairs ministries, said the scheme is aimed at getting youth from Tier II

and III cities and help them to understand the skills that are required by the industry as well as the job availability.

expectations and requirements and the scheme is aimed at bridging that gap, the minister said. Regarding the scheme, she emphasised that there is no

There is a shortage of peo-

ple in terms of industry

compulsion on industry and no interference. The scheme is for a national cause, Sitharaman said

and urged more companies to be part of it. Indian industry should participate in the larger interest. You need to open the win-

dow... for people to have a peek," the minister said. Minister of State for

Corporate Affairs

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