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## Fulfilling aspirations of people is resolve of Govt: Modi

"Need to accelerate process of linking India's education sector to real world economy"

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday called for accelerating the process of linking the country's education sector to the real world economy, while sharpening focus on subjects like artificial intelligence and automation.



Addressing a post-budget webinar, Modi also said that fulfilling aspirations of the people is the resolve of his government and education, skill development, health, tourism, sports and culture are some of the sectors that act as a medium to fulfil them.

"Fulfilling the aspirations of the people is not just a subject, but it is the core objective and the resolution of this government," he said at the webinar which was attended by stakeholders from different government ministries, departments and

researchers get ample opportunities to work on new ideas," he said.

He said the health sector has been strengthened, the Ayushman Bharat Yojana and Arogya Mandirs have led to greater penetration of health services in rural areas.

Referring to the 'care economy', through which trained caregivers help senior citizens, Modi said as the senior citizen population increases, the demand for caregivers will also rise.

"I request that new training models should be developed," he said.

The prime minister said India is working on a vision of preventive and holistic health today and in the past few years, the country's health infrastructure has been strengthened.

He said new medical colleges have opened in

experts from private sectors.

The prime minister said education, skill, health, tourism, sports, culture are fundamental sectors and major means of fulfilling these public aspirations.

"We will need to accelerate the process of connecting our education system to the real world economy even further. On topics like AI and automation, the digital economy, and design-driven manufacturing, we will need to increase our focus even

## Iran sought permission for docking of 3 ships in Indian ports; approval granted: Jaishankar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Iran had sought India's permission for three of its ships to dock at Indian ports and the approval was granted the next day, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday, amid tensions in the Indian Ocean region following sinking of an Iranian warship by the US last week.

In a statement in the Parliament, Jaishankar said one Iranian vessel, IRIS LAVAN, docked in Kochi on March 4.

**"Wellbeing of Indian community in West Asia overriding priority"**

Iranian side has requested permission on February 28 for three ships in the region to dock at our ports. This was accorded on March 1. IRIS LAVAN actually docked on March 4 in Kochi. The crew is currently in Indian naval facilities," he said.

"We believe that this

It is for the first time a senior minister said that Iran requested for docking of three of its ships in Indian ports.

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## No immediate hike in petrol, diesel prices

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices will not be increased for now despite international crude oil rates crossing USD 100 per barrel, government sources said on Monday, even as authorities stepped up efforts to maintain uninterrupted fuel supply lines across the country.

As the conflict in West Asia entered the tenth day, world markets plummeted, and Brent crude oil, the international standard, surged to nearly USD 120 a barrel, about 65 per cent higher than when the war started,

before retreating.

Top government sources said the government is closely monitoring global oil markets, but there is no immediate plan to raise retail fuel prices. Oil marketing companies are expected to absorb the current cost pressure for the time being.

While the country has adequate stocks of both raw material (crude oil) and finished products (fuels) to meet requirements for the next 6-8 weeks, the government has tweaked the policy for ordering a cooking gas LPG refill.

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## Policeman arrested for graft in Reasi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau on Monday arrested a policeman for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5,000 from a person in Reasi district, an official said.

Head Constable Parvaiz Ahmad Bhati, a resident of Mandhar, was trapped following a complaint that he was demanding the illegal gratification to drop certain sections of law in a case registered against the complainant, a spokesperson of the Anti-Corruption

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## HC holds Full Court Reference to condole Justice Jhanji's demise



Full Court Reference being held to condole demise of Justice V. K. Jhanji, Former Judge/Acting Chief Justice of the HC of J&K and Ladakh.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A Full Court Reference was held on Monday in the Courtroom of the Chief Justice at Jammu Wing of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and

Ladakh to condole the demise of Justice V. K. Jhanji, Former Judge/Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, who passed away on 23rd February, 2026.

The Full Court Reference was convened in accordance with the long-standing conventions and institutional traditions of the High Court.

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**ROZA TIMING**

SEHR TIME: 05:25 (MARCH 11)  
IFTAAR TIME: 06:37 (MARCH 10)

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 24.8°C Min: 13.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 71 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 6.8°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity  
Max: 94 Min: 83

Sunset : 17:27 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:23 Hours

## MoD releases new Manual of Security Instructions

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Monday released a new comprehensive document outlining security guidelines to address the changing security scenario, and emphasised the need for strict adherence to security discipline amid emerging threats and evolving challenges.

He released the Manual of Security Instructions 2026 of the Ministry of Defence at a function held at the South Block here.

"The manual is a comprehensive document outlining the security guidelines, which will be updated

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## Govt committed to resolving people's concerns: CM

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday reiterated that his government remains committed to resolving people's concerns and ensuring timely relief and development across all regions.

Interacting with several MLAs, who flagged various issues pertaining to their constituencies, the Chief Minister assured them that all genuine issues raised would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly discussed issues concerning development works and pub-



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah interacting with MLAs at Jammu on Monday.

lic welfare in their respective constituencies.

MLA Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia, MLA Banihal Sajad Shaheen, MLA Ramban Arjun Singh Raju, MLA Bhaderwah Daleep Singh Parihar, MLA

Gulabgarh Er Khursheed Ahmed, and MLA Anantnag West Abdul Majeed Bhat Laram met the Chief Minister and apprised him of various issues pertaining to their respective constituencies.

## J&K eyes AI to transform governance, citizen services



Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Jammu on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Monday held detailed deliberations with

## CS, RG&CCI sensitise J&K officers on preparations for Census-2027

JAMMU: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, in presence of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (RG&CCI), Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, on Monday chaired a high-level sensitisation session to review and strengthen preparations for the upcoming Census, 2027 which will be conducted digitally for the first time across the country.

The session was attended by Administrative Secretaries of various departments, senior officers of the Union Territory administration, Divisional and District administration officers and representatives of multiple government departments. Addressing the officers, the Chief Secretary emphasised the need for coordinated

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