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J&K crowned Ranji Champions; CM announces Rs 2 Cr reward for players, support staff

'On the Cusp of Glory': Omar in Hubbali to cheer team



Victorious moment: Champion J&K team posing with trophy after historic win in Ranji Trophy.

STATE TIMES NEWS

HUBBALLI (KARNATAKA): In a moment that will be etched in the sporting history of Jammu and Kashmir, the J&K cricket team lifted their maiden Ranji Trophy title, prompting Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to announce a Rs 2 crore cash reward for the players and support staff.

Describing the triumph as a defining chapter for J&K cricket, the Chief Minister said the victory has ignited celebrations across the region and inspired a new generation of young sportspersons. He further declared that members of the title-winning squad would be eligible for government appointments under the newly notified pol-

icy for outstanding athletes. Facing eight-time champions Karnataka on their home ground, the Paras Dogra-led J&K team scripted an extraordinary tale of resilience in Indian domestic cricket to claim their maiden Ranji Trophy title on the basis of a first-innings lead, after the final against eight-time

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CM Omar Abdullah cheering for J&K team at Hubbali.

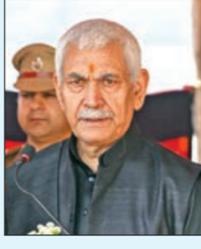
LG congratulates J&K cricket team on historic triumph

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest congratulations to the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Team for the historic maiden Ranji Trophy title victory.

The Lieutenant Governor hailed the achievement as a defining moment in the Union Territory's sporting history. He praised the players and the coaching staff for their extraordinary performance, and dedication throughout the tournament.

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "J&K's finest hour has arrived! Emotions surging beyond words as I watch our Cricket team claiming the Ranji Trophy. To every fierce player who carved history through sheer grit: thank you from entire UT beaming with pride. You have immortalized history-embrace it with honor."

I'm grateful for UT's sporting revolution ignited under Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji's leadership post 2019. To all youth: let this blaze ignite your horizon: train relentlessly & fiercely. Build on this win to pioneer eras of dominance -J&K's unstoppable future starts with you."



US, Israel launch major attack on Iran, Trump urges Iranians to 'take over'



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DUBAI: The US and Israel launched a major attack on Iran on Saturday, and President Donald Trump urged the Iranian public to "seize control of your destiny" by rising up against the Islamic leadership that has ruled the nation since 1979. Iran retaliated by firing missiles and drones toward Israel and US military bases in the region, and exchanges of fire continued into the evening.

Some of the first strikes on Iran appeared to hit near the offices of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Smoke rose from the capital as part of strikes that Iranian media said occurred nationwide. It wasn't immediately clear whether the 86-year-old leader was in his offices when the attack occurred. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told NBC News that Khamenei and President Masoud Pezeshkian are alive "as far as I know," and called the attack "unprovoked, illegal and absolutely illegitimate." In a video announcing the "major combat operations," Trump told Iranians that "when we are finished, take over your government. It will be yours to take. This will be probably your only chance for generations." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu echoed that goal, called for

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Jammu and Kashmir Government announces Rs. 2 Crore for Winning Team

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