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CM reviews plan for expansion and modernization of JK House properties across India

Calls for depiction of cultural identity in the new infrastructure

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday reviewed plans to establish new JK Houses in Dwarka in the national capital and Mumbai and to revamp existing government properties across several states and Union Territories to strengthen Jammu and Kashmir's presence nationwide.

The review meeting was attended by Resident Commissioner J&K Ramesh Kumar and senior officers of the Resident Commission and concerned departments.

They presented updates on the ongoing projects, budgetary requirements as well as future development plans aimed at strengthening the institutional infrastructure outside Jammu and Kashmir.

While reviewing the progress of multiple infrastructure projects being handled by the J&K Resident



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting at New Delhi on Wednesday.

Commission, the Chief Minister stressed that all upcoming and renovated JK House properties must showcase the rich cultural heritage and distinctive identity of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Ensure that the new constructions and restructuring of existing properties carry a local touch of Jammu and Kashmir's rich cultural legacy so that these government assets reflect a unique blend of heritage and modern functionality," the Chief Minister said.

The meeting reviewed the status of J&K government properties in Dwarka and 5, Prithviraj Road in New Delhi, Chandigarh, Amritsar and Mumbai and also discussed proposals for expansion and modernisation of facilities meant for officials, students, patients and visitors from Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was informed that the government has initiated steps to establish a new JK House in Dwarka, New Delhi, to augment

accommodation and administrative infrastructure for J&K officials and visitors. Similarly, the government is pursuing the development of a JK House at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai to enhance J&K's presence in the country's financial capital.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised that these government properties should serve as symbols of pride for Jammu and Kashmir and showcase its cultural richness and

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Energy crisis: No need to panic or pay attention to rumours, says PM

STATE TIMES NEWS
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI (TAMIL NADU): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday appealed to the people not to pay attention to rumours or panic in the wake of the LPG supply disruption caused by the ongoing conflict in West Asia, and urged that only verified information be disseminated.

The PM's comments come in the wake of the commercial LPG short supply that has affected the hotel industry across the country and opposition criticism over the issue and also amidst fears of a possible shortage of or spurt in prices of petrol and diesel in the coming days.

Addressing a mega NDA poll rally here, he said the BJP-led NDA government always makes every possible effort to help its citizens when they are in trouble.

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'Centre, Gulf nations helping Indians amid West Asia conflict'

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CEC can only be removed by Parliament like SC, HC judges

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The opposition is likely to submit a notice in both Houses of Parliament to remove Gyanesh Kumar as the chief election commissioner.

This will be the first time that a notice will be submitted to remove a CEC.

The opposition has often accused him of siding with the ruling BJP, disenfranchising genuine voters and helping the saffron party in "vote chori" (stealing votes).

According to the law, a CEC cannot be removed from his office "except

J&K's fuel stock sufficient, LPG supply adequate for 13 days: Official

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday said there is adequate stock of fuel including LPG in the valley.

"Our stock position on essential supplies for high speed diesel, motor spirit and LPG is comfortable. LPG supply is stocked for 13 days. At maximum supply also, we maintain supply for about 15 to 20 days," Kashmir Divisional Commissioner Anshul Garg told reporters here.

He said there is no need for panic as the government is closely monitoring stocks of all three fuels. "Our control room as well as the food and civil supplies department is monitoring this daily. We are comfortably placed in terms

of stocks," he said.

Garg said with minimal disruption on Jammu-Srinagar national highway, there is no need to worry.

"I would like to appeal to the public to solely rely on official updates for supply position. There is no need for panic buying. Government of India and Government of Jammu and Kashmir are keeping close watch on this situation. If any decision needs to be taken, it will be communicated by the government," he added.

He said there was a restriction issued by the Centre for commercial LPG but it was not applicable to domestic consumers, hospitals and educational institutions. "If any violation is noticed,

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65-yr-old man arrested after firing on Farooq Abdullah at marriage function

Narrow escape as accused overpowered by security personnel; investigation underway

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Panic gripped a marriage function in Jammu on Wednesday evening after a 65-year-old man allegedly opened fire when senior political leaders, including National Conference President and former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah and Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, were leaving the venue at Greater Kailash area.

According to officials, the incident took place at Royal Park, where a private wedding ceremony was underway and several prominent guests had gathered. As the two



CCTV footage showing man attempting to fire at Farooq Abdullah. (Inset) Accused Kamal Singh Jamwal in police custody.

leaders concluded their participation in the function and were exiting the venue, a gunshot was reportedly fired, creating alarm among those present.

Security personnel deployed for the protection of the dignitaries reacted swiftly and overpowered the accused before any further untoward incident could occur. The suspect was immediately taken into custody and later identified as Kamal Singh Jamwal (65) of Purani Mandi.

Sources said the prompt response of the security staff ensured that the situation was brought under control within moments, preventing any possible threat to the leaders or other guests attending the event. Both Farooq Abdullah and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary were reported to be safe and unharmed.

Soon after the incident, senior police officials rushed to the spot and initiated

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Municipal council office, two houses gutted in midnight fire

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A single-storey municipal council office and two residential houses were gutted in a fire in Kishtwar district, officials said on Wednesday.

The fire broke out in the municipal council building in the densely populated Kishtwar town around midnight and engulfed two nearby residential houses, a spokesperson of the fire and emergency services department said.

Three fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the blaze was controlled after strenuous efforts, the spokesperson said.

All three structures suffered extensive damage, officials said.

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ROZA TIMING

SEHR TIME: 05:22 (MARCH 13)
IFTAAR TIME: 06:38 (MARCH 12)

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.0°C Min: 19.9°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 66

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 12.5°C Min: 10.5°C

Humidity
Max: 93 Min: 83

Sunset: 18:35 Hours
Sunrise: 06:46 Hours

Governor Kavinder Gupta arrives in Jammu, outlines vision for Himachal Pradesh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After assuming charge as the 30th Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Kavinder Gupta arrived in Jammu on Wednesday to a warm and enthusiastic welcome by hundreds of supporters gathered at the airport. The occasion marked his first visit to Jammu following his oath-taking ceremony at Raj Bhavan, Shimla on March 10, 2026.

Interacting with media persons, Governor Kavinder Gupta expressed gratitude to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for entrusting him with this responsibility. "I thank the Honourable President and the Prime Minister for



HP Governor Kavinder Gupta interacting with media in Jammu on Wednesday.

this opportunity. Their wishes and expectations are that every section of society is

Outlining his key priorities, the Governor underscored his commitment to making Himachal Pradesh drug-free, emphasising that collective efforts by the government, civil society and communities are essential to combat substance abuse and protect the younger generation. He stated that initiatives for youth engagement, skill development and constructive participation in social and economic activities would remain central to his agenda.

Governor Gupta also highlighted Himachal Pradesh's immense potential in religious and adventure tourism, and stressed the need to promote organic farming, noting that the hill

state's terrain offers unique conditions to emerge as a hub of sustainable agriculture. "Encouraging organic practices would protect the environment, enhance farmers' income and strengthen rural livelihoods," he said.

Affirming his commitment to inclusive governance, the Governor said the position he holds does not belong to any political party, and that he would work with both the ruling and opposition parties for the State's overall development.

Responding to questions about Jammu and Kashmir nationals facing difficulties in Himachal Pradesh, Governor Gupta stressed the importance of nurturing

Terrorist killed along LoC in Rajouri identified as LeT launching operative

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Terrorist who was killed along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district during a failed infiltration attempt has been identified as a launching operative of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, officials said on Wednesday.

According to the army, the terrorist was killed in the general area of Jhangar in the Nowshera sector around 3 pm on Tuesday, while he, along with another associate, was trying to sneak in from across the border.

Based on the documents and intelligence inputs, the deceased has been identified as Hamza Yousaf, a resident of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Yousaf was a senior opera-

tive of LeT's launchpad module assigned to facilitate the infiltration of armed terrorists into the Indian side, officials said, describing his killing as a major setback for the proscribed outfit.

A huge quantity of arms and ammunition, including an AK-type rifle with two magazines, two pistols with four magazines, 58 rounds, three hand grenades, one mobile set, two SIM cards and some Pakistani currency were recovered from the possession of the slain terrorist.

However, his associate managed to escape and cross back to the Pakistani side during the encounter, officials added. This was the second infiltration bid foiled by the army in the Rajouri

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