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No hiding place for those targeting peace: LG



LG Manoj Sinha attending closing ceremony of 2nd All India Police Kabaddi Cluster at MA Stadium Jammu on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the peace we enjoy today, the peace that lets families gather, athletes compete, and communities thrive, did not come without a price. "This peace was secured through the sacrifices of the J&K Police, the Army, and the CAPFs. Thousands of police personnel, soldiers, and CAPF bravehearts gave their lives protecting the people of Jammu & Kashmir. Our duty is not just to remember them, but to ensure their sacrifice endures, preserving the peace they won," the Lieutenant Governor said. "The Lieutenant Governor issued a stern warning to those who seek to destroy this peace: 'You will find no place to hide. We will hunt you down from the deepest depths'." The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the closing ceremony of 2nd All India Police Kabaddi Cluster 2025-26 (Men & Women) at MA Stadium Jammu. The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the sports persons from State Police Forces and CAPFs participated in different sports disciplines including Kabaddi, Gymnastics, Fencing and Kho-Kho. He said the discipline, and determination displayed by the participants truly reflect the core values of policing.

"Sports have always bridged divides through their unmatched reliability. Language, geography, social status, rank, and authority fade away on the field. There, only courage and resolve matter. The sports ground binds us in a shared humanity. This is an education possible only on the ground, and it has the power to shape the character of the young generation. Such sporting events carry another vital lesson: lasting public security, peace and prosperity is strengthened from trust and values," the Lieutenant Governor said. Lauding Jammu Kashmir Police, the Lieutenant Governor said that through the Civic Action Programme, the J&K Police has kept alive the conviction that we belong to community, that we care for youth, and that we believe in their future. "The people here have always

Reviews progress of works under SASCI CM emphasizes faster fund utilization, timely completion of projects



CM Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting in Jammu on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the progress of projects under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme. The review focused on the progress of works, reforms and opportunities, covering a wide spectrum of projects being executed by different departments. Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, besides the Administrative Secretaries of several departments and senior officers from the concerned departments, were present at the meeting. Taking a comprehensive department-wise review, the Chief Minister examined the physical and financial progress, utilisation of funds, and issues hampering the timely execution of the projects. The Chief Minister issued clear directions for expediting expenditures, resolving bottle-

Govt promotes 24 officers to Time Scale of JKAS

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Thursday promoted 24 Junior Scale officers to the Time Scale of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS). "Sanction is accorded to the promotion of 24 Junior Scale officers to the Time Scale of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service in pay level 11 (67700-208700), with effect from January 1, 2026, on notional basis and on regular basis prospectively," reads an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department. As per order, the promoted officers included Mohammad Zubair Lattoo, Narinder Kumar, Muazzam Ali, Priya Lakshmi, Mohd. Azhar Lone, Indu Janwal, Wakeel Ahmed Batt, Asiya Nazir, Rashi Dutta, Akanksha Kalsotra, Preeti Sharma, Farukh Nasir Paul, Muneeb Umar, Bhumika Sharma, Parveez Ahmad Bhat, Saniya Malik, Aamir Yaazid Rafter, Mamta Rajput, Kewal Krishan Sharma, Shaqet Ali, Kanchan Bala, Abdul Rashid Raina, Mohd Raiyaz, and

Man who opened fire at Farooq sent to 5-day police remand



Police taking accused Kamal Singh Jamwal to Court in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A court here on Thursday remanded a man who allegedly made an assassination attempt on National Conference president Farooq Abdullah to five-day police custody for questioning. The 63-year-old accused, Kamal Singh Jamwal, was produced in the city court amid tight security. Police sought his custody stating that further interrogation was necessary to ascertain the motive behind the attack and to verify whether the accused had any links with any organisation or individual. The court, after hearing

Pakistani drone-dropped heroin worth Rs 12 Cr seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Around 2 kg of heroin worth Rs 12 crore "dropped" by a Pakistani drone was recovered near the International Border here, officials said on Thursday. The recovery was made by Jammu Police and 101 Battalion BSF from an agricultural land in Bahadurpura village in the Bishnah area late Wednesday night, they said. "Acting on the inputs regarding a suspicious drone dropping, a search operation was launched, leading to the recovery of a bag attached with a rope and hook containing small packets of heroin," police said. Police termed the recovery as a significant achievement on the anti-drug trafficking front and said the area is just a few kilometres from the International border. The recovered packets

V K Saxena to take oath as new LG of Ladakh today

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: Lieutenant Governor-designate of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, received a warm welcome upon his arrival at the Kushok Bakula Rimpochee (KBR) Airport, Leh on Thursday. Senior officials, representatives of political and religious organisations and a large number of common citizens gathered at the airport to welcome Saxena to Ladakh. Among those present to receive Saxena

ACB files 4th chargesheet against former EO MC Sumbal, 3 others in DA case

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has presented the fourth chargesheet against Abdul Rashid Shah, the then Executive Officer of Municipal Committees Sumbal, Hajin and Bandipora, along with three co-accused before the Court of the Special Judge Anti-Corruption Baramulla in connection with a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case. According to an ACB official, the case originated from

Non-bailable warrant against Farooq in JKCA scam case recalled

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A local court on Thursday recalled a non-bailable warrant hours after issuing it against former chief minister Farooq Abdullah in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) scam case, considering his condition following a murderous attack a day before. Earlier in the day, Chief Judicial Magistrate Srinagar Tabassum had issued a non-bailable warrant as Abdullah failed to appear in court either in person or online. However, Abdullah's coun-

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SEHR TIME: 05:20 (MARCH 14)
IFTAAR TIME: 06:39 (MARCH 13)

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.8°C Min: 17.0°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 18.0°C Min: 7.9°C

Humidity
Max: 93 Min: 74

Sunset: 18:36 Hours
Sunrise: 06:45 Hours

'God saved me': Farooq reacts to assassination bid; flags 'inadequate' security at venue

"Amit Shah speaks to NC President to check on his well being"



NC President Farooq Abdullah briefing media at his residence in Jammu on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Veteran politician and National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah on Thursday described his narrow escape from an assassination attempt as an act of divine intervention, while raising serious questions over the "total absence" of police deployment at a high-profile wedding where the incident took place. The 88-year-old former chief minister was targeted at point-blank range on Wednesday night while leaving a marriage pavilion in the Greater Kailash area on the outskirts of Jammu. "I am fine and God has saved me," Abdullah told PTI on Thursday morning. "I do not know that man,

Omar meets father after assassination bid
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah met his father and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah here on Thursday morning, hours after security personnel foiled an assassination attempt on the veteran leader at a wedding function in the city. Leaders cutting across party lines also gathered at the former chief minister's residence in Bathindi here to enquire about his well-being and demanded a thorough probe into the incident. The chief minister drove straight to the NC chief's residence after arriving in Jammu

LG speaks to Farooq, assures thorough investigation into attack

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday spoke to former chief minister Farooq Abdullah following the attack on him at a wedding function and assured him that a thorough investigation would be conducted. "Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha spoke to National Conference president Farooq Abdullah. He assured that a thorough investigation would be conducted," sources said. They said that DGP Nalin Prabhat was directed to leave no stone unturned in getting to the bottom of the incident and to ensure that action follows swiftly.

Terror conspiracy case: NIA raids in Poonch



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted raids at multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district as part of its probe into a terror conspiracy case, officials said. The raids were conducted at Mohalla Khorinar and Hari-Surankote in connection with a case related to a terror conspiracy involving the recovery of arms and ammunition, including a pistol and two grenades, from two people in the border district in 2024, they said. The NIA had already filed a chargesheet against the accused -- Abdul Aziz and Munawar Hussain -- along with their Pakistani handler Nazir Hussain in April last year.