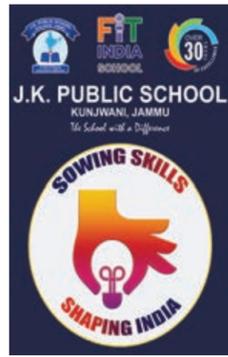


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CM stresses bridging gap between education and employability

Calls for mission-mode approach towards future-ready skill



CM Omar Abdullah chairing preliminary meeting of Mission Skill framework for J&K.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday chaired a preliminary meeting to discuss the formulation of an action plan for Mission Skill in Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive, mission-mode strategy to equip youth with market-relevant skills.

Youth must become job creators through innovation in agriculture: CM

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday highlighted the immense potential of agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir, stating that initiatives such as the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIAP) are playing a crucial role in nurturing a vibrant startup ecosystem and promoting innovation-driven enterprises in Jammu and Kashmir.

Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Finance Shailendra Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary Tourism & PDD, Commissioner Secretary Planning, Development & Monitoring, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce, Secretary Labour & Employment, Managing Director and CEO Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Vice Chancellors of all universities of Jammu and Kashmir, Directors of Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Technology, senior professors and other concerned officials. Addressing the participants, the Chief Minister underscored that the traditional education system often does not fully equip students with the skills required for the evolving job market or entrepreneurship.

J&K Govt initiates steps for establishment of AI Mission

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government has initiated steps for establishing the Jammu & Kashmir Artificial Intelligence Mission (JK-AIM) to promote adoption of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies in governance across the Union Territory.

Army foils terrorists' infiltration bid along LoC

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Army troops on Wednesday scuttled an infiltration attempt by a group of terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district, officials said. The suspected persons were observed trying to sneak into this side from the Turkandi forward area around 4.15 am, prompting the army to open fire, the officials said.

President appoints new Governors, LGs Kavinder new Governor Himachal Pradesh; Ata Hasnain Bihar Governor; Saxena LG Ladakh



Kavinder Gupta, Syed Ata Hasnain, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, R.N. Ravi



Jishnu Dev Varma, Nand Kishore Yadav, Shiv Pratap Shukla, Vinai Kumar Saxena

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, has approved a major reshuffle in the appointments of Governors and Lieutenant Governors across several states and Union Territories.

In an official notification, the President announced a series of new appointments and transfers that will take effect from the dates the appointees assume charge of their respective offices.

Governor of Bihar: Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi has been appointed Governor of West Bengal following the resignation of Ananda Bose. Meanwhile, Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar will discharge the functions of the Governor of Tamil Nadu.

Rs 2 Cr police funds diversion scam CB IO Dy SP Tahir under scanner for mishandling investigations

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The alleged diversion of over Rs 2 crore from the official account of JKAP 4th Battalion Security Jammu to the account of a PSO has taken new turn with questions being raised over handling of the investigations in the major scam by Crime Branch's (CB) Investigation Officer (IO) Dy SP Tahir.

then Commandant of JKAP 4th Battalion Security Jammu, Sanjeev Kumar Khajuria, IPS, who reported suspicious financial transactions detected during scrutiny of salary records and bank statements of the battalion.

battalion had been utilizing the services of SgCt Vikas Sharma since July 2024 for handling accounts-related work including Payscale, PFMS operations and maintenance of cash books due to shortage of trained staff.

manipulation of a Deputy Superintendent of Police. During scrutiny of Payscale records it was noticed that Vikas Sharma had received House Rent Allowance during July and August 2024 amounting to Rs 6,354 per month despite having government accommodation allotted to him. However, this amount was shown as zero in the Annual Income Withdrawal Sheet which appeared to have been altered before submission, even though the document is normally auto-generated through the Payscale system.

Funds were diverted to PSO's account: FIR transferred from Channi Himmat PS to Crime Branch

According to the FIR contents, DySP Suhail Rashid along with Inspector Madan Lal approached the police station and presented a formal letter issued from the headquarters of the battalion seeking registration of a criminal case.

Further discrepancies were detected while examining salary records for

Army to recruit 800 porters in Rajouri-Poonch sector

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Army will conduct recruitment drives from March 12 to enrol 800 porters for its newly raised Porter Company, officials said. "A porter recruitment rally for enrolling 600 porters and 200

Modi speaks to Macron on West Asia; seeks return to dialogue

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday spoke to French President Emmanuel Macron and discussed shared concerns over the evolving situation in West Asia, and the need for a return to dialogue and diplomacy.

and coordinate efforts towards the early restoration of peace and stability in the region. "Spoke with my friend President Emmanuel

Macron today. We discussed our shared concerns over the evolving situation in West Asia and the need for a return to dialogue and diplomacy.



After his telephonic conversation with Macron, Modi said they will continue to engage closely

the US and Israel

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SEHR TIME: 05:29 (MARCH 7)
IFTAAR TIME: 06:33 (MARCH 6)

WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 32.4°C Min: 15.5°C
Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 65
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 24.7°C Min: 5.4°C
Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 66
Sunset: 18:30 Hours
Sunrise: 06:54 Hours

T20 World Cup: India enter final with seven-run win over England

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: Sanju Samson's sublime fifty and Jasprit Bumrah's spell touched with unearthly genius on a batting beauty helped India secure a seven-run win over gallant England, as the defending champions powered to the T20 World Cup final here on Thursday.

Sanju Samson (89 off 42) overcame the Jofra Archer challenge through a slice of luck for his second successive fifty, firing India to a mammoth 253 for seven, the highest total in a knock-out game in the tournament's history. It was an above-par total at Wankhede but Jacob Bethell (105 off 48) led England's fightback with a sublime hundred after they lost three wickets in the powerplay for 68 runs.

