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Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani also participated in the deliberations. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Additional Chief Secretary for the Chief Minister's Office Dheeraj Gupta. Those also present included Financial Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary of the Power Development Department Ashwani Kumar, Financial Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary of the Tourism Department Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma besides other senior officers.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary presented the current status of the ongoing reforms, highlighting the objective to substantially reduce the permissions required to start and run a business.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah conducted an in-depth review of each intervention area, seeking specific timelines from the departments concerned. He underscored that the purpose of regulations is to organise systems efficiently, not to create unnecessary procedural hurdles for the public. The Chief Minister emphasised the need for simpler, more direct processes across sectors and called for a visible reduction in red tape in the government's dealings with citizens and businesses.

The meeting took stock of a broad range of priority interventions under discussion, spanning land use, industry, education, healthcare and digital governance. The issues that came up for discussion included land use framework to ease building permissions and industrial land utilisation in rural and urban areas, removing dual licensing requirements for businesses and strengthening the role of a nodal agency for industrial development to deal with industrial approvals. The meeting also deliberated on simplifying minimum requirement norms for private educational institutions and streamlining medical practitioner registration through a unified licensing mechanism for the healthcare sector.

At the systemic level, the meeting discussed measures to strengthen digital governance infrastructure. These included establishing an auto-appeal mechanism under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) to ensure time-bound delivery of citizen services and creating a centralised digital repository of all state acts, rules, regulations and Government Orders, along with a concurrent review to assess the relevance of various regulations from time to time. Reducing end-to-end turnaround times on the Single Window System was also highlighted as a priority area.

Concluding the meeting, the Chief Minister directed all departments to furnish measurable timelines for each reform intervention under discussion. He reiterated that easing the regulatory environment remains central to J&K's objective of attracting investment and ensuring that the progress under Phase 2 delivers tangible benefit to citizens, entrepreneurs and investors.

Anuj Agnihotri tops...

secured fourth rank with Economics as his optional subject. Bhatnagar, who holds BA LLB (Hons) from National Law University, Delhi, secured fifth rank with Sociology as his optional subject.

The top 25 candidates comprise 11 women and 14 men.

A total of 958 candidates -- 659 men and 299 women -- have qualified the examination and are recommended for appointment to different central civil services, the Commission said, adding that the candidature of 348 recommended candidates has been kept provisional.

The civil services examination (CSE) is conducted annually in three stages -- preliminary, main and interview -- by the UPSC to select officers of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) among others.

The civil services (preliminary) examination, 2025 was conducted on May 25, last year. A total of 9,37,876 candidates applied for this examination, out of which 5,76,793 actually appeared in the test.

A total of 14,161 candidates qualified for appearance in the written (main) exam-



LG, CM congratulate UPSC qualifiers

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated and extended his best wishes to the aspirants from UT of Jammu Kashmir who have successfully cleared UPSC Civil Services Examination-2025. In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "Congratulations to all aspirants from J&K who have successfully cleared UPSC CSE-2025. Your success has brought pride to the UT and will inspire young aspirants across J&K to pursue their dreams. I wish all the successful candidates a bright & fulfilling career in public service."

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today extended his heartiest congratulations to the candidates from Jammu & Kashmir who have successfully cleared the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025, describing their achievement as a moment of immense pride for the region.

In his felicitation message, the Chief Minister lauded the hard work, perseverance and dedication of the successful candidates, saying that their accomplishment reflects the determination and potential of the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

He said that the success of these young aspirants would inspire many more students across the Jammu and Kashmir to set high goals and pursue their dreams with commitment and sincerity.

The Chief Minister wished all the successful candidates a bright, fulfilling and distinguished career in public service, expressing hope that they would contribute meaningfully to the nation's development and governance.

Satish inaugurates YSS-JKSC Cricket League

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, IT, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today inaugurated the YSS-JKSC Cricket League at the M.A. Stadium, Jammu.

The Minister formally inaugurated the tournament by unveiling the trophy and distributing team jerseys among the participating teams, signalling the commencement of the much-awaited cricket league which has drawn participation from 18 teams. The league is being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council under the aegis of the Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K.

The matches of the tournament will be played under floodlights at M.A. Stadium, adding to the excitement for the spectators. All the games would also be live-streamed on YouTube, enabling the cricket enthusiasts from across Jammu and Kashmir and beyond to ent the tournament. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, senior officers of the

Department of Youth Services and Sports, representatives of sports associations, renowned sportspersons and a large gathering of cricket lovers who thronged the stadium to witness the launch of the league.

Speaking on the occasion, Satish Sharma said that sports have the power to shape

character, promote discipline and foster unity among youth. He said that the government is committed towards strengthening sports infrastructure and creating greater opportunities for young sportspersons across Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the YSS-JKSC Cricket League will serve as an important platform for young cricketers to showcase their talent and gain exposure, while also nurturing the vibrant sports culture emerging across the region.



ination which was held in August, 2025. Of these, as many as 2,736 candidates had qualified for the personality test (interview) of the examination.

"The UPSC has declared the final results of the CSE 2025 today. Congrats to all successful candidates as you begin a career of service to the nation. For those who did not make it-the learning from this journey will guide you in the paths ahead," UPSC chairman Ajay Kumar said in a post on X.

Educational qualifications of top 25 successful candidates range from graduation in engineering, humanities, science, commerce, law, medical science and mass media from premier institutions of the country such as Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), National Law University (NLU), AIIMS, Delhi Technological University (DTU), Anna University, University of Delhi and University of Mumbai among others.

Top 25 successful candidates have opted for subjects like anthropology, commerce & accountancy, chemistry, economics, electrical engineering, history, mathematics, medical science, philosophy, political science & international relations, public administration and sociology as their optional choice in the written (main) examination. The UPSC said the recommended candidates also include 42 Persons with Benchmark Disability -- 10 orthopedically handicapped, 14 visually challenged, nine hearing impaired and nine with multiple disabilities.

As many as 258 other candidates have been put on a reserve list, it said. Of the total qualified candidates, 317 belong to the General category, 104 from Economically Weaker Section (EWS), 306 from Other Backward Class (OBC), 158 from Scheduled Caste (SC) and 73 from Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories.

The result of two candidates has been kept withheld, the Commission said. The Centre had reported 1,087 vacancies to be filled through the civil services examination.

Rajnath calls for...

Persian Gulf region, it is an extremely important area for the world's energy security. When there is disturbance or disruption in this region, it directly impacts the supply of oil and gas," he said.

"Not only that, today we are witnessing supply chain disruptions not just in the energy sector, but in other sectors as well. The direct impact of these uncertainties falls on the economy and global trade," he said.

Singh said the current situation has once again reflected the importance of oceans.

"In this era of changing global geopolitics, oceans have once again come to the centre of the world's power balance. At such a time, as a major maritime nation, it is India's responsibility to provide leadership with confidence, capability, and a clear vision," he said.

The defence minister, however, did not make any direct or indirect reference to the US sinking an Iranian warship off the coast of Sri Lanka two days back.

JKCA 'scam' case...

The predicate offence has to be necessarily investigated and tried by the authorities empowered by law."

"In the instant case, the CBI, which is the main investigating and prosecuting agency, did not incorporate any scheduled offence in the charge sheet," the order read. On the question of framing of charges, the court said the essential ingredients of the offence under sections 120-B, 406 and 409 of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) were prima facie made out against the accused.

"Therefore, the accused persons shall be charged for the commission of the said offences. However, addition of charges can be done suo moto at any stage during the trial of the case before pronouncement of judgment after recording of statement of the material witnesses," the order read.

Matter of great...

guidance and full support during his tenure as the lieutenant governor (LG) of Ladakh. After serving the Union territory (UT) for over eight months, he resigned from the post of the LG on Thursday.

The 66-year-old was appointed as the Ladakh LG on July 18, 2025. He was the third LG since the UT was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019.

A senior BJP leader from Jammu, Gupta has previously served as deputy chief minister of what was formerly the state of Jammu and Kashmir, and as the speaker of the legislative assembly. He has also been the mayor of Jammu.

Vinai Kumar Saxena, the former LG of Delhi, has been appointed Ladakh's next lieutenant governor. Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary said, "Congratulations to Kavinder Gupta. Ladakh was a small area, and he is a capable person. From now on, people will also recognise his capabilities."

He added that Gupta's appointment as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh is a

matter of pride for Jammu and Kashmir, as he is a "son of the soil".

Israeli warplanes pound...

and nuclear program. The stated goals and timelines for the war have repeatedly shifted, as the US has at times suggested it seeks to topple Iran's government or elevate new leadership from within.

India on verge...

ensured internal security, the most important ingredient for the growth of a nation, the union home minister said.

Noting that the CISF has been providing security to major installations, ranging from reservoirs and industries to Parliament, Shah said the force "played the role of a catalyst for the economic growth of the country".

Shah emphasised that higher economic growth is achieved when peace exists, and said, "Our security personnel have effectively implemented their resolutions to maintain industrial peace".

He said that the vision of building a strong national economy and making India the world's largest economy cannot be realised without industrial development, and providing a secure environment for industrial growth requires a national-level industrial security force.

J&K's pension bill...

substantially retire. They said that the introduction of the New Pension Scheme (NPS) in 2010 provides a sustainable pension framework with effective fund management, unlike OPS which does not have a dedicated pension fund.

They said that Jammu and Kashmir, being an expenditure-led region with modest revenue receipts and limited avenues for investment, has witnessed disproportionate growth in pension liabilities in the past.

Earlier also, pension expenditure had nearly doubled from Rs 731 crore in 2004-05 to Rs 1,495 crore in 2009-10, they said. Following a cabinet decision in 2009, the government transitioned from a Defined Benefit Pension Scheme -- OPS -- to a Defined Contribution Pension Scheme -- NPS -- for all government employees appointed on or after January 1, 2010, through amendments in the J-K Civil Service Regulations, they said. They further maintained that while fulfilling its commitment to eligible pensioners under OPS, the government ensures that developmental allocations and activities are not adversely affected. Once the pension outgo stabilises around 2040, proportionately more funds are expected to be available for the development sector, it added.

Focus on making...

for an additional 20 lakh tonnes of production, he said, adding, "Fisheries can become a major platform for export growth." The prime minister emphasised the need for new business models in hatcheries, feed, and logistics to realise the potential of the 'Blue Economy'. "This can become a high-value, high-impact sector for rural prosperity," Modi said. To mitigate risks, the prime minister advocated for crop diversification and said that states must be inspired to fulfil their budgetary responsibilities. Modi asserted that the government places great emphasis on bringing a 'technology culture' to agriculture, and said that technology only yields results when it is integrated by institutions and entrepreneurs. He called for suggestions on how to effectively merge technology with traditional systems. Discussing the 'Lakshpati Didi' campaign, Modi set a target of creating 3 crore more such successful women entrepreneurs by 2029 and sought suggestions on how to achieve this goal with greater speed. He urged entrepreneurs to increase investment in areas of storage and innovation in agri-fintech and supply chains to energise the rural landscape.

IAF Su-30MKI...

shortly after taking off from Jorhat airbase on Thursday.

"The IAF acknowledges the loss of Sqn Ldr Anuj and Flt Lt Purvesh Duragkar, who sustained fatal injuries in the Su-30 crash," the IAF said in a brief statement. "All personnel of the IAF express sincere condolences, and stand firmly with the bereaved family in this time of grief," it said.

Communication with the aircraft was lost at 7:42 pm on Thursday, officials had said. At approximately 1 am on Friday, the IAF confirmed the Su-30MKI that disappeared from radar on Thursday has crashed.

Su-30MKI is a two-seater multirole long-range fighter jet developed by Russian aircraft manufacturer Sukhoi. It is now built under licence by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) for the IAF. The IAF operates a fleet of over 260 Su-30MKI jets. A Sukhoi fighter plane had crashed in Nashik district of Maharashtra in June 2024. Another Sukhoi-30 jet had crashed in January, 2023 after taking off from the Gwalior airbase.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) Firozpur acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tender. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www Ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Bidding System	Date of uploading tenders	Bid closing Date/Time	Date and Time of opening E-Tender
Open	Single System packet	06.03.2026 before 15:00 hours	27.03.2026 Time 15:00 hours	27.03.2026 Time 15:05 hours

S. No.	Tender Number	Details of Tender
1.	92-HABD-AMC-2026	Work of Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) for Hot Axle Box Detection (HABD) system installed at 05 locations (BWZ, GILL, SNL, PHR and MOW station) of FZR Division for the period of 02 Years.

Advertised Value	Tender Document Cost	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
Rs.2430660.95/-	0.00	Rs.48600/-	30 Days	02 Years

For more details please log on to www.ireps.gov.in

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IN THE COURT OF 3RD ADDL MUNSIF JAMMU

PRESENT:-ARVIND MANHAS

KARAN SINGH CHARAK AGE 71 YEARS S/O LATE SH. NARIAN PARSHAD CHARAK R/O PALOURA TOP JAMMU (PLAINTIFF)

VS

1. KULWANT SINGH CHARAK S/O LATE SH. NARIAN PARSHAD CHARAK R/O SAINIK COLONY JAMMU (DEFENDANTS)

2. SMT. VINOD CHARAK

3. SMT. KIRAN KOTWAL BOTH D/O LATE SH. NARIAN PARSHAD CHARAK BOTH R/O PALOURA TOP JAMMU.

(DEFENDANTS)

IN THE MATTER OF:- SUIT FOR DECLARATION TO THE AFFECT THAT PLAINTIFF IS THE LEGAL HEIR OF DECEASED LATE SH. RAJINDER SINGH CHARAK S/O LATE SH. NARIAN PARSHAD CHARAK AND IS ENTITLED TO INHERIT IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OWNED AND POSSESSED BY LATE SH. RAJINDER SINGH CHARAK IN FORM OF: PIECE OF LAND MEASURING 13.5 MARLAS COMPRISING UNDER KHASRA NO. 457, KHATA NO. 891 AND KHEWAT NO. 116 SITUATED AT PALOURA JAMMU WHICH IS BOUNDLESS AS EAST/HOUSE OF KIRAN KOTWAL AND LAND OF KULWANT SINGH CHARAK.

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NORTH ROAD
SOUTH: VACANT LAND OF SH. BANARSI DASS.

WITH CONSEQUENTIAL RELIEF OF PERMANENT PROHIBITORY INJUNCTION RESTRAINING THE DEFENDANT FROM CLAIMING ANY RIGHT OVER THE SAID PROPERTY.

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Sd/-
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The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd
Zonal Office Rajouri

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The Jammu & Kashmir Bank invites offers from Owners of premises on lease basis for housing its Branch / ATM Qila Darhal, Rajouri on Ground Floor, as per the details given below:

S. No	Name of the Branch / EBU	Location	Carpet Area in sq. ft. (approx.)
01	Qila Darhal	Locality: Qila Darhal Within 200 mtrs from Panchayat Ghar/BDO Office Qila Darhal (Main Road) Tehsil: Qila darhal, District: Rajouri	1200 sq. ft.

Further details, requirements, terms and conditions, Technical Bids and Financial Bids proforma relating to the same can be obtained in person from Zonal Office Rajouri during working hours and also can be downloaded from Bank's website <https://jkb.bank.in> from 05/03/2026 under the link "EOI & Tender Notification" in the Quick Access Tab. The interested parties/persons owning the premises and having a clear title over the property should submit their offers in format prescribed by Bank by or before 11/03/2026 (05:00 PM IST) at Zonal Office Rajouri. Bank reserves the right to cancel/reject any/all offer(s) without assigning any reason thereof.

Dated: 02/03/2026 DIP/J-4206-P/25 Zonal Head

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E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025-26 Date: 05.03.2026

Sr.DEN-IV/JAT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date mentioned below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	1. Two Packet System Rest- Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
1. 02.03.2026	1. 10.03.2026	1. 24.03.2026 15:00
2. 03.03.2026	2. 11.03.2026	2. 25.03.2026 15:00
3. 05.03.2026	3. 13.03.2026	3. 27.03.2026 15:00
4. 05.03.2026	4. 13.03.2026	4. 27.03.2026 15:00

S. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1	90-2025-26-BDGM-DRM-JAT	Work of various base depot/site activities in c/w Through Sleeper Renewal by PQRS 36.00 km at various locations of Single Line of existing track laid with 52 kg rails on PSC-6 sleepers with M+7 density with proposed PSC sleeper with M+8 density on QZ-BRML section & Construction of PQRS depot for 36.00 km TSR by PQRS in QG-BRML section under Sr.DEN-IV/JAT
		Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		126635644.04 783200.00 90 days 12 Months
		Similar nature of work - "CTR/ TRR/ FFR/ TTR including Raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28"
2	91-2025-26-MCTM-DRM-JAT	Improvement of water supply works at MCTM station under ADEN/MCTM.
		Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		10994022.42 205000.00 60 days 12 Months
		Similar nature of work - "Any civil work other than track work"
3	93-2025-26-MCTM-DRM-JAT	Repair to protection work, raising of Retaining wall, Providing catch water drain over T-23 SVDK end, Increasing of water way by way of providing Hume pipes at Br. No 181 at Km. 71/341 in the section of SSEW/SVDK under ADEN/udhampur.
		Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		25090215.39 275500.00 60 days 12 Months
		Similar nature of work - "Construction/ rehabilitation of Railway bridges/ROBLHS/RUB"
4	94-2025-26-BDGM-DRM-JAT	Construction of new crew lobby for loco pilot and train manager at SVDK station, construction of rooms for Loco Lobby crew at BDGM PRS Building 1st floor and construction of New Running Room and Crew Lobby at BRML Railway Station.
		Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		33628743.98 318200.00 60 days 12 Months
		Similar nature of work - "Construction of building/quarters"

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against the tender.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRIC DIVISION-II, JPDCL GANDHINAGAR JAMMU

Cancellation Notice

No: - ED-II/TS/6360-6363 Dated:- 05-03-2026

Sub:- Cancellation of e-NIT No. 44 of 2025-26 dated 03-03-2026 i.e. "Shifting of 630 KVA Substation at Mohan Singh Unchi Pulli Sector 13 Nanak Nagar Near Drain for safety of nearby residential Houses" on Turnkey Basis under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer ED-II JPDCL, Jammu"

Due to administrative reasons which include insufficient funds available under Capex Budget 2025-26 for carrying out the works of "Shifting of 630 KVA Substation at Mohan Singh Unchi Pulli Sector 13 Nanak Nagar Near Drain for safety of nearby residential Houses" on Turnkey Basis under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer ED-II JPDCL, Jammu under Capex Budget 2025-26, therefore the said E-nit is hereby cancelled.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DIP/J-4212-P/25 Electric Division-II, JPDCL
Dated: 06-03-2026 Gandhi Nagar Jammu