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## India no longer victim of terrorism, will respond with strength, strategy: Rajnath

"Change in policy towards terror result of unmatched valour, dedication of soldiers"

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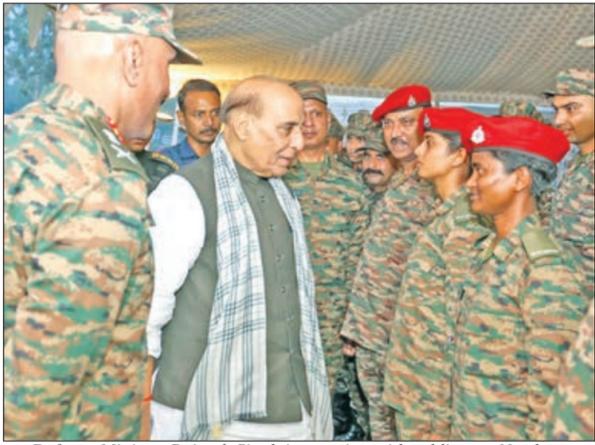
UDHAMPUR: "Operation Sindoor sent a powerful message to terrorists and their patrons that New India is assertive, resolute and will no longer be a victim of terrorism, but respond with strength & strategy," said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Interacting with soldiers at Northern Command, Udhampur, the Defence Minister commended the precision, coordination and courage of the Armed Forces and intelligence agencies in destroying terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK, asserting that India's change in policy towards terrorism is a result of this unmatched valour and dedication.

He described Operation Sindoor as not just a military action, but a warning to the terrorists across the border and those who support them that India will no longer tolerate terrorism and give a befitting reply if its unity and integrity is harmed.

"Operation Sindoor is not over yet. This is just a pause. I want to tell this to my neighboring country," he added.

Rajnath Singh defined the life of a soldier as the one filled with courage



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacting with soldiers at Northern Command, Udhampur on Friday.

and sacrifice, adding that the nation will forever remain indebted to the services rendered by the Armed Forces in the duty of the motherland.

At the Barakhana organised on the eve of International Day of Yoga 2025, Rajnath Singh urged the personnel to keep focusing on physical

and mental well-being, underlining the importance of strength and well-being in a soldier's life.

"If you are strong, our borders will be strong. When the borders are strong, India will be strong," he said.

A cultural programme comprising Khukri Dance, Bhangra, Kalari

### Rajnath to attend Yoga Day in J&K

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said he will attend the International Day of Yoga celebrations in Jammu and Kashmir on June 21 and also interact with the armed forces personnel at Udhampur Cantonment. He shared the update in a post on X. "Leaving New Delhi for Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir. Shall attend the International Yoga Day celebrations tomorrow morning. Also, looking forward to interact with the Armed Forces personnel at Udhampur Cantt," Singh said in a post.

The defence minister will be on a two-day visit to the Jammu region.

The main IDY celebrations, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam.

Pattu and Jhanz Patak was also organised as part of the event.

Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dvivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, and other senior Indian Army officials were present on the occasion.

## US a friend only till it suits its interests: Omar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Friday said the US was a "friend" of other countries only till its benefits were served, and Washington can do anything to secure its interests.

Abdullah's remark came in response to a question by reporters on US President Donald Trump hosting Pakistan Army chief Asif Munir for a White House lunch.

"The US President is a master of his own will. Can we tell him whom he should invite for meals and whom not? It is a separate issue that we used to think the US President was our very special friend, and he would respect our friendship.

"But obviously, America does what benefits it. They do not care for any other country," the CM told reporters after getting down at the Srinagar Railway station, having returned from Jammu.

The chief minister had gone to Jammu on the recently launched Vande Bharat train, along with his

### CM inaugurates 'Raabita' Office in Jammu, vows to address public grievances



CM Omar Abdullah inaugurating Raabita Office at Canal Road, Jammu on Friday.

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday inaugurated the Chief Minister's Public Services & Outreach Office, Raabita, at Canal Road, Jammu, aimed at strengthening the government's outreach to citizens and addressing public grievances more efficiently.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Gulabgarh Er. Khurshid Ahmad, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, and other senior officers

father, Farooq Abdullah.

On his train journey, he said, "Had it not been good, why would I have returned via train by train. The manner in which the people are trying to book trains for this

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### LG Sinha greets people on International Yoga Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday extended his greetings to the people on the occasion of 11th International Yoga Day.

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor has said, "Greetings to

the people on 11th International Day of Yoga Celebrations. This year's International Yoga Day theme, 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health,' underscores Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's vision of global wellness. Our ancient values always emphasised the well-being of all individuals and encourage holistic approach to health and happiness through Yoga. The decadal celebration this year is an opportunity for all to celebrate unity of mind, body and promote harmony in the society. Yoga is a gift of India to the world. Let us all practice Yoga for a healthier lifestyle and healthier Jammu Kashmir".



## Congress used tribals for political benefits, kept them underdeveloped: PM Modi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHUBANESWAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Congress, accusing it of deliberately keeping tribal communities underdeveloped and branding their regions as the "red corridor" for political gains.

Addressing a public meeting to mark the first anniversary of Odisha's BJP government, Modi said the saffron party has fulfilled the long-awaited demands of the people as the four gates of Puri Jagannath temple and its 'Ratna Bhandar' (treasury) have been reopened.



"The party which ruled India for decades had neglected the tribal community and used them merely for political benefits," he said in an allusion to the Congress. He alleged that tribal-dominated regions were "intentionally left backward" during the previous regimes.

"Over 125 tribal-dominated districts in the country were affected by Maoists for years. These areas were given a bad

name like 'red corridor'. Most of these districts were declared backward, and the then governments did not take the responsibility to develop them," Modi said.

He also alleged that there was a lack of good governance in India during the Congress rule in the country.

Modi praised the efforts of the current Odisha government in its first year.

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### JKRTC ensures seamless, comfortable journey for students evacuated from Iran

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Under the visionary guidance of the Transport Minister, Satish Sharma, and the direct supervision of the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir UT, Omar Abdullah, the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) has made comprehensive and seamless arrangements for the safe and comfortable transportation of students recently evacuated from Iran.

This swift response by JKRTC, following the directives from the highest levels of the UT Government, reflects the administration's unwavering commitment to the welfare, safety, and dignity of its citizens. The

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### Srinagar swelters under hottest June day since 2005

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Heatwave continued in Kashmir as Srinagar witnessed the hottest June day in two decades on Friday, forcing a change in school timing across the valley, an official said.

Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 35.5 degrees Celsius on Friday -- 6.3 degrees above the normal, the official said.

The hottest-ever June temperature in Srinagar was recorded on June 25, 2005, when the mercury soared to 36.5 degrees Celsius.

Most parts of Kashmir recorded above normal day temperatures.

Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir in Kulgam district, recorded a maximum of 34.5 degrees Celsius, seven degrees above the seasonal average, while the mercury in Kokernag town settled at a

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 36.1°C Min: 28.4°C

Humidity  
Max: 81 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 35.5°C Min: 21.8°C

Humidity  
Max: 63 Min: 36

Sunset: 19:41 Hours  
Sunrise: 05:22 Hours

## CS mandates IT Deptt for swift revival of unaudited websites

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Friday convened a high-level meeting to review and enhance the cyber security framework for the government assets and websites in the Union Territory, marking a significant step towards fortifying the digital infrastructure.

The comprehensive discussion underscored the paramount importance of robust cyber resilience in the digital age.

The meeting was attended by all the administrative



Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

heads; Inspector General, Crime; Commissioner, JMC and SMC; SIO, NIC and other concerned senior officers.

The Chief Secretary

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### Police attach property of drug peddler

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: Police on Friday attached immovable and movable property of a drug peddler in Rajouri district, officials said.

A single storey residential house and a motorcycle owned by Sajan Kumar of Nowshera area have been attached under sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS), 1985, officials said. The action was taken as part of ongoing efforts to curb the narcotics menace in the region. The attachment proceedings were carried out in the presence of the executive magistrate, they said.

### Centre sets up panel to examine reliance of students on coaching, fairness of entrance exams

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Education has set up a nine-member panel to examine issues relating to coaching and the emergence of 'dummy schools' besides the effectiveness and fairness of entrance examinations, according to officials.

The panel headed by Higher Education Secretary Vineet Joshi will suggest measures to reduce the dependency of students on coaching centres for transition to higher education.

"The committee will examine the gaps in the current schooling system that con-

tribute to students' reliance on coaching centres, particularly the limited focus on critical thinking, logical reasoning, analytical skills and innovation and the prevalence of rote learning practices," a senior Ministry of Education official said.

"The reasons behind the emergence of 'dummy schools' will be examined and the panel will study their role in encouraging full-time coaching at the cost of formal schooling and suggest ways to mitigate them," the official added. The panel will study the effectiveness

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### House Committee on JJM holds review meeting

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The House Committee, constituted to look into the alleged irregularities in implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), on Friday convened a review meeting at the Legislative Assembly Complex, Srinagar.

Committee Chairman, Hasnain Masoodi, presided over the meeting which was attended by members Mohammad Yousof Tarigami, Ali Mohammad Dar, Altaf Ahmad Wani, Rajiv Jasrotia, Ranbir Singh Pathania, Tanveer

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## Modi-led Govt addressed problems facing health sector with holistic view: Amit Shah

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BENGALURU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government for its "holistic" approach in addressing health issues faced by the public.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Adichunchanagiri University (ACU) Bengaluru campus.

"Our leader and PM Modi had said several years ago in Gujarat that poverty's biggest issue is illness, and the cost of treatment; the administration has to provide for the treatment of illness for the poor. I can say with pride today that Modi, when



he became the Prime Minister, has fulfilled it by providing 60 crore poor with free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh," Shah said. The Modi government has addressed the problem of health with a holistic view,

Pariyojana, he added.

"In a way, it is being ensured that a citizen doesn't fall ill from the time he/she is in the mother's womb until the person becomes a complete citizen, and in case the person is ill, he takes treatment without paying a higher price for it," he added.

Major efforts were taken to increase the number of doctors in the country, Shah said. In 2014, the country had 7 AIIMS, and today there are 23 AIIMS, and the number of medical colleges has increased from 387 to 780.

"There were 51,000 MBBS seats then (2014), today it is 1,18,000, and the number of

PG seats was 31,000, today it is 74,000. So, 1,18,000 MBBS doctors and 74,000 double graduate doctors are coming out every year in the country," he added.

Lauding the Adichunchanagiri Math and its institutions for their work in improving the health of people in villages by establishing wellness centres, providing free treatment for the poor, and imparting quality education to students, Shah praised the Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji for keeping up with the 1,800-year-old traditions of the Math. "The Math is taking together tradition

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### BoDs of JKCCCL, SKICC re-constituted

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JAMMU: The Government on Friday re-constituted the Board of Directors (BoDs) of the Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation Limited (JKCCCL) and S h e r - i - K a s h m i r International Conference Centre (SKICC).

"In supersession of all previous orders issued on the subject, the Board of Directors of Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation Limited is re-constituted," reads an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

While Minister, Tourism Department is the Chairman, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Chief

Secretary, Administrative Finance Department, Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department, Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation, Director Tourism, Kashmir, Director Tourism Jammu, Chief Engineer, Distribution Kashmir, Chief Engineer, Distribution, Managing Director, J&K Cable Car Corporation Ltd, Chief Executive Officer, Gulmarg Development Authority are Director of the Board. Special Invitees of the Board are Administrative Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department, Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Chief Engineer,

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