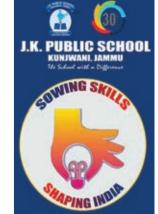


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Op Sindoor made clear India's stringent policy against terrorism: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Asserting that Operation Sindoor has made clear to the world stringent policy against terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that his government takes whatever steps are appropriate in national

Weapons manufactured in India showed their impact during the conflict with Pakistan, he said, without naming the country, at an event to mark the centenary celebration of the conversation between spiritual figure and social reformer Sree Naravana Guru Mahatma Gandhi.

"We have shown that no hideout is safe for terrorists who spill the blood of Indians," he said, adding that his government has worked on the ideals of the revered spiritual figure who wanted a strong India that was free of any discrimination.

Modi said his government has, in the past 11 years, worked to make India strong in social, economic and

defence sectors.

He said India's reliance on foreign countries to meet its defence needs is declining and it is becoming "aatmanirbhar" in the defence

Indian military brought the enemy to its knees with made-in-India weapons in 22 minutes, he said of the precision attacks on terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir following the horrific killing of 26 civilians by terrorists in Pahalgam on

The prime minister said he was confident that made-in-

across the world in future. Modi cited his government's welfare schemes in housing, drinking water and health insurance among other fields to assert that these have empowered the deprived and backward sections of society.

India weapons will be feted

More number of IITs, IIMs and AIIMS have been opened in the last 11 years than earlier, he said, adding that the country is on the path to becoming the world's thirdbiggest economy.

He said, "Narayana Guru envisioned a society free from all forms of discrimination. Today, by adopting the saturation approach, the country is working to eliminate every possibility of discrimination."

Missions like Skill India are empowering the youth and making them self-reliant, he said, stressing that he remembers the social reformer every time he takes big decisions for the betterment of the deprived, exploited and backward sections of society.

In a swipe at previous governments, he said despite decades of independence, millions of citizens were forced to live in extremely difficult circumstances until over a decade back.

Crores of families lacked shelter and lakhs of villages had no access to clean drinking water, while even minor illnesses could not be treated due to lack of health care, he

Poor people and women were deprived of basic human dignity, Modi said.

The welfare schemes of his government have addressed these concerns, and now

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India's Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission today **■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station is now eyeing a launch on June 25, NASA announced on Tuesday. The Axiom-4

mission, which marks the

return to space for India,

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Search operation underway in Mendhar

STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR: Security forces on Tuesday launched a search operation at nearly a dozen places in border district of Poonch, officials said.

The search operation was jointly launched by the special operations group of local police, CRPF and Rashtriya Rifles in different areas of Surankote and Mendhar around 6 am following information about suspicious movement, the officials

The operation was going on in Sari, Ustan, Pathankhor, Lohar Mohalla, Chandimarh, Phagal, Hari top and Kaagwali in Surankote, Limba, and Ucchad and Kallar-Gursai in Mendhar, the officials said.

Chairs 75th Meeting of SMVDSB LG inaugurates pilgrim-centric facilities near Holy Cave, Parvati Bhawan



LG Manoj Sinha chairing 75th Meeting of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board at Katra.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Lieutenant Manoj Sinha Governor chaired the historic 75th Meeting of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra, on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by the newly constituted Board, comprising members

He recalled the past glory

of Gulmarg Golf Course,

once a favourite among

India's top golfers. "The

names of the most iconic pro-

fessional and amateur golfers

still adorn the walls of the

>> Emphasises on robust Pilgrim Feedback Mechanism for valuable insights; continuous improvement

Five temples constructed by Board in Reasi to be dedicated to public in July

including Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Baleshwar Rai, Dr.

Ashok Bhan, Sudha Murty, Gunjan Rana, Dr. K.K. Talwar, Kulbhushan

Man accused of stealing paraded on Jammu streets; inquiry ordered

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A dramatic incident unfolded in the heart of Jammu on Tuesday as a suspected thief, linked to a busted gang, was publicly humiliated with a garland of shoes and made to sit on a moving police vehicle's bonnet, prompting an official inquiry.

A video of the incident, purportedly showing several onlookers cheering the act, surfaced online, sparking a debate among social media users, with many questioning the legality and ethics of the police action and some even terming it "jungle raj".

Two killed, 9 injured in

Rajouri road mishap

RAJOURI: Two women

were killed and nine persons

seriously injured in a head-

on collision between a tempo

traveller and a mini load car-

rier in Rajouri district on

The tempo traveller, which

was on its way to Jammu

from Rajouri town, was

badly damaged in the acci-

dent, which took place at

Chattyari-Chingus around

The officials said that two

women passengers - Insha

Fatima (26) of Khotra and

Farzand Begum (50) of

Fatehpur - died instantly,

while nine persons were seri-

ously injured and shifted to a

hospital. The injured include

Begum's husband Mohd

Igbal and her daughter Rafia

While seven of the injured

were admitted in the

Government Medical College

hospital in Rajouri, a man

and his minor nephew were

taken to the military hospi-

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tal, the officials said.

Iqbal, they said.

Tuesday, officials said.

5.30 am, they said.

STATE TIMES NEWS

CM vows to develop Gulmarg as world-class golf destination **STATE TIMES NEWS**

mony for golfers and hote-

liers at the Gulmarg Golf

Championship, the Chief

Minister-who also holds the

Tourism portfolio-said, "We

want to make Gulmarg a

world-class golf destination

once again. Special attention

will be given to golf, golf

ACB arrests Geology & Mining official

while accepting bribe of Rs 10,000

lifting soil from a particular

Instead of providing proper

legal assistance, Gh Mustafa

allegedly told the com-

plainant to avoid the lengthy

formalities and demanded a

bribe of Rs 20,000 for grant-

ing unofficial permission to

lift the soil for three days,

official said adding that

Mustafa further demanded

Rs 10,000 as an advance

Acting on the complaint,

official said, the ACB con-

ducted a discreet verification

through a designated officer.

The verification report con-

firmed the allegations and

payment.

land." ACB official said.

Superintendent of Police GULMARG: Chief Minister (SSP) Joginder Singh Omar Abdullah on Tuesday ordered a departmental reaffirmed his government's inquiry into the matter. resolve to reestablish The accused is a resident of Gulmarg as a premier global Kashmir and was allegedly golf destination, promising under the influence of drugs focused attention on golfing when he was arrested followinfrastructure, internationaling a chase and a scuffle near tournaments a hospital here. tourism-friendly facilities. Speaking at an award cere-

According to Bakshi Nagar Police Station SHO Azad Manhas, whose team was involved in the incident, a man who was robbed of Rs 40,000 while buying medicines for his patient a couple of days ago, identified the accused outside a hospital in the heart of the city and

Jammu and

Mining

Department

STATE TIMES NEWS

Kashmir Anti Corruption

Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday

arrested an official of the

and

Department while accepting

a bribe of Rs 10,000 in

"ACB received a written

complaint, alleging demand

of bribe by D.H), in-charge

of the area, Geology and

plainant, who owns a JCB

machine, stated that he had

approached the concerned

official for guidance regard-

ing the legal formalities for

The

Ganderbal district.

JAMMU:

Geology

Mining

Ganderbal.



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah during visit to Gulmarg

ments so that Jammu and Kashmir can be marketed as a pre-eminent golfing desti-

nation across the globe. Acknowledging the effort required, Omar Abdullah ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 infrastructure, and tournament is justified given the

substantiated that the public

servant had indeed demand-

ed illegal gratification, offi-

On the basis of the com-

plaint and verification

report, official said, a case

FIR No. 10/2025 under

Section 7 of the Prevention

of Corruption Act, 1988 (as

amended) was registered at

Police Station ACB Srinagar.

Subsequently, a trap team

was constituted, and a suc-

During the trap operation,

official said, the accused pub-

lic servant was caught red-

cessful trap was laid.

cial added.

economic and tourism potential of Gulmarg. "These are high-spending tourists who don't just play golf-they stay in hotels, go sightseeing, and shop. It's about creating a experience that brings them back year after

Gangval firing incident: Two wanted shooters arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two criminals, wanted in a recent firing

incident, were arrested after a 17-day long hunt here, police on Tuesday said.

Six people have been arrested so far in this case, they said.

Harneet Singh alias "Honey" and Ramandeep Singh alias "Dutta", both residents of Digiana, were the main accused in the firing incident in Gangyal area of Jammu on June 6, resulting in injuries in the right arm of Paramjeet Singh of Seora village. The two shoot-

ers were on the run and were

arrested after hectic

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Gulmarg Club. Sadly, the decline in the situation led to the neglect. But we are determined to bring it back," he The Chief Minister lauded the role of the local MLA and emphasized the need for a

tourist-friendly attitude towards visitors. "We must see every tourist not as a onetime visitor, but as a potential reneat quest Their

from July 27 numerous requirements for Deputy

Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra

STATE TIMES NEWS

Commissioner Vikas Kundal on Tuesday chaired a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the annual Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra, scheduled to commence from July 27, 2025.

The meeting was attended

smooth conduct of the yatra. The concerned departments

were asked to make arrange-

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At the outset, Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik briefed the participants on the preparations being made. He said the arrangements are being made as per the established protocols and past practices.

by religious leaders, prominent citizens and local stake-■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 holders. They underlined experience for all pilgrims.

ments for accommodation of yatris, provision of toilet and sanitation at base camps and halt points, medical aid, uninterrupted water and power supply, public address for announcements, transport and parking arrangements, sheds, overall cleanliness and other related facilities. Deputy Commissioner assured all stakeholders that the administration is committed to make the Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra 2025 a peaceful, safe and well-managed spiritual

Army opens fire after noticing suspicious movement near LoC

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Army troops opened fire after noticing suspicious movement in a forward area near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district, while security forces conducted searches at more than a dozen places in Poonch, Samba, and Kathua districts on Tuesday, officials

The suspicious movement of three to four people under the cover of thick foliage was detected by alert soldiers in the Chingus area of Kiri sector in Rajouri in the morning, they said. The troops fired over two



dozen rounds and simultaneously launched a search operation, and also deployed drones. However, there was no trace of the suspected people, officials said.

They said the special operations group of local police. CRPF and Rashtriya Rifles also launched search operations in different areas

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Trump says ceasefire in effect, criticises both Iran, Israel

handed while demanding

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JERUSALEM: President Donald Trump claimed a ceasefire between Iran and Israel was "in effect" on Tuesday, after expressing deep frustration with both sides and accusing them of violating the agreement he brokered.

Israel earlier accused Iran of launching missiles into its airspace after the truce was supposed to take effect. The Iranian military denied firing on Israel, state media report-

Trump expressed anger and frustration as he told reporters at the White House that both Israel, a close ally, and Iran had violated the ceasefire plan. But later he said the deal was saved, and



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said he held off on tougher strike against Iran after speaking to Trump.

Here is the latest: Israel's emergency services: 28 killed during 12 days of

war with Iran

As a cease-fire between Iran and Israel took effect Tuesday, Israel's emergency services released final figures from 12 days of fighting.

According to the data, 1,347 people in Israel were affected, including 28 killed, 17 seriously wounded, 29

moderately wounded, 872 lightly wounded and 401 treated for anxiety.

Netanyahu's office says he held off on tougher strike after speaking to Trump Netanyahu's office says

Israel struck an Iranian radar in response to the Iranian missile attack early Tuesday. But it says the Israeli leader held off tougher action after an appeal from President Donald Trump.

"Following President Trump's conversation with Prime Minister Netanyahu, Israel refrained from additional attacks," Netanyahu's office says.

Iran TV says another nuclear scientist was killed in Israeli airstrike

A high-profile Iranian nuclear scientist was killed in an Israeli strike, Iran state TV said, making him the latest in a list of top atomic experts who are said to have been killed in Israeli attacks over the last 12 days.

Mohammad Reza Sedighi Saber, who the US State Department had sanctioned last month, was killed at his father-in-law's residence in an early Tuesday morning strike in northern Iran, according to the report.

It added that three projectiles had hit the residence, and an earlier round of strikes had killed his 17-yearold son on June 13.

The Council on Foreign Relations on Monday

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Committee on Public Undertakings reviews functioning of JKSPDC

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Public Committee on Undertakings of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Tuesday held a review meeting at the Assembly Complex Srinagar to examine audit paras related to the Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC).

The meeting was presided Committee over by Chairman, Ali Mohammad Sagar and attended by members including Saifullah Mir, Ali Mohammad Dar, Baldev Raj Sharma, Shakti Raj Parihar, Ranbir Singh Pathania, Showkat Hussain Ganai, Saif Ud Din Bhat

and Tanvir Sadiq.

Legislative Assembly Manoj Kumar

Pandita outlined the agenda. The Chairman called for expediting all ongoing hydroelectric and power projects across Jammu and Kashmir, noting the Union Territory's vast yet under-utilised potential for power generation. He stressed the need for timely completion and commissioning of projects to benefit the public.

The Chairman underlined the role of robust audits in ensuring transparency and accountability. He directed the officers to prepare and submit all relevant audit reports to the Committee

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