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Dr Jitendra launches India's first AI based

'Large Language Model' for Indian languages

Utkarsh Gupta to represent India in 1st Juniors Roll Ball World Cup 2025 in Kenya

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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh Operation Sindoor unveiled: JKPS Kunjwani hosts Defence Talk by Brig (Retd) Sukhdev Singh

India offers an excellent opportunity for investment in aviation sector: PM

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India's fast-growing aviation sector offers an excellent investment opportunity for leading global companies.

Addressing the AGM of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) here, Modi said the country aims to increase the size of the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) segment to USD 4 billion by 2030.

Emphasising that India has an open and supportive policy ecosystem, Modi said all efforts are being made to make the country a global manufacturing hub.

India is ready for big investments in the civil aviation sector, he noted. "We want the world to see India not

just as an aviation market but also as a value chain leader. Our direction is right, our speed is right...So, we are confident that we will continue to move forward rapidly," Modi said.

He further said India is investing in world-class airports and that the number of airports has increased to 162 from 74.

Today, India is the world's thirdlargest domestic aviation market.

The success of the UDAN scheme is a golden chapter in Indian civil aviation, the Prime Minister said.



PM Narendra Modi addressing at International Air Transport Association's 81st Annual General Meeting in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on Monday.

Modi to chair Council of Ministers' meeting, first after Op Sindoor

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers on Wednesday, the first after India's punitive military action against Pakistan under Operation Sindoor launched in response to the Pahalgam

Sources said the ministers are likely to be given details of the operation, which is also expected to figure in the ruling BJP's programmes starting next week to mark the first anniversary of the Modi government in its third term.

Besides speaking on Operation Sindoor, the Prime Minister may give an overall highlight of his governance thrust in the council meeting as the ministers prepare to communicate with people across the country during the anniversary events. India's precise strikes on nine terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied

Kashmir followed by its counterattack on the neighbouring country's military facilities, especially air bases, have been a highlight of Modi's recent speeches. He has affirmed that Operation Sindoor has marked

Sanjeev Verma appointed as CEO J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government Monday appointed Sanjeev Verma, a 2001 batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu and Kashmir.

"In pursuance of notification No. 154/J&K/2025-P.Admn dated May 29, 2025, issued by the Election Commission of India, Verma, Sanjeev (AGMUT:2001), is

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Search operation underway in Kathua

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces on Monday launched a search operation near a forest area in Kathua district after suspicious movement was detected, officials said. The operation was launched after a civilian spotted three suspected persons in Saladhi area of Hiranagar, they said.

A joint operation team is engaged in the search, and vigilance has been intensified in the area and along the highway, they added.

Sinha attends 'Telangana Formation Day' celebrations at Raj Bhawan



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering during Telangana Day celebrations at Rai Bhawan Srinagar on Monday

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday attended the cele-'Telangana bration Formation Day', hosted by Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan at Srinagar. The event also observed Goa Day, which was celebrated on 30th May.

Security personnel, students and the people from Telangana and Goa living in J&K UT were the special

invitees for the evening. The Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations and

During the meeting, the

best wishes to the people of Telangana and Goa on the occasion.

He paid homage to the

prominent luminaries, revo-

lutionaries, freedom fighters,

social reformers and great personalities of Telangana and Goa and remembered their significant contribution in nation building. "The rich cultural heritage,

timeless values of the two states have strengthened the nation's unity and integrity.

May the blessed states continue to scale new heights of growth and development. I wish peace, prosperity, and well-being for all their citi- $_{
m the}$ Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor,

in his address, paid tributes to the civilians killed by Pakistan-Sponsored Terrorists in Pahalgam. He saluted the indomitable courage and valour of Indian

Armed Forces for scripting a historic victory saga of 'Operation Sindoor' and avenging Pahalgam terror attack. "Amidst all our diversity resides the unity

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67 unexploded shells neutralized in forward villages

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 60 unexploded shells have been successfully located and neutralized in forward villages along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, a defence spokesperson said.

The shells were defused in villages Chajla, Jhulas, Mendhar, Mankot and Lower Krishna Ghati as part of an ongoing effort to protect lives and property in border regions, the spokesperson

He said the Army has been conducting systematic demolition of unexploded shells left behind after cross-border shelling by Pakistan between

Lieutenant Governor greets people on Jveshtha Ashtami STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Minister $_{
m Omar}$ Abdullah have extended their greetings and good wishes on the occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, being celebrated on June 3.2025. In a message,

Lieutenant Governor has said: "On the auspicious Jveshtha occasion of Ashtami, I extend my heartiest greetings to everyone, especially our Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters.

May the divine blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani continue to illuminate our paths, ushering in peace, happiness, and prosperity for all May the spirit of this sacred occasion further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, fostering harmony and mutual respect across the communities. Let us on this auspicious day dedicate ourselves to selfless service to the nation and the welfare of

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WEATHER Max: 36.9°C Max: 41 Max: 23.5°C Max: 74

Sunset: 19:34 Hours

Sunrise: 05:23 Hours

May 7 and 10. "The shelling, which often targets civilian settlements, pose a persistent threat to residents and livestock in the affected areas. As of now, a total of 67 unexploded shells have been successfully neutralized," the spokesperson

He said that these operations are part of a broader initiative by the Army to clear populated and agricultural areas of dangerous ord-The Army, working in close

coordination with local

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lt Gen Pratik

Sharma, General Officer

Commanding-in-Chief of the

Northern Command, on

Monday reviewed the securi-

ty measures for the annual

Amarnath Yatra that is

scheduled to begin next

The Army commander,

Northern Command, also

visited Chinar Corps and

assessed the prevailing secu-

rity situation in the valley

and evaluated the opera-

tional preparedness of the

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma,

month.

administration, has been conducting these

Enhance surveillance, deploy anti-sabotage teams: DGP **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra next month, Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Nalin Prabhat on Monday directed security forces to bolster measures to mitigate potential risks by deploying anti-sabotage teams along the pilgrimage routes.

The director general of police (DGP) also asked them to utilise advanced technologies to enhance surveillance and threat detection capabilities.

The DGP chaired a joint meeting with officers of police and Central Armed Police Forces at the Police Control Room, Kashmir, here

Northern Army Commander reviews security

arrangements for Shri Amarnath yatra

Chinar Corps to evaluate

operational readiness and

assess the current security

environment. The Army



to review the arrangements for Amarnath Yatra, Eid-Ul-Adha and other upcoming events, a police spokesperson

At the onset of the meeting,

security

the narticinating office

briefed the police chief about proposed security arrangements for the conduct of the yatra and Eid-Ul-Adha, emphasising the significance of effective coordination among various forces,

Bhupinder gets addl charge of Resident Commissioner J&K **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government of Monday assigned additional charge to Bhupinder Kumar, IAS. According to the order issued by M Raju, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration

Department, Bhupinder (AGMUT:2011), Secretary to the Government, Public Works (R&B) Department (holding additional charge of Registration for the UTs of J&K and Ladakh), shall, in addition to his own duties, hold the charge of Resident

Commissioner.

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DGP issued directions for implementing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and emphasised the importance of proactive measures in mitigating risks and ensuring the safety and security of participants. He also directed the field

officers to intensify efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem and ensure robust security arrangements for the upcoming events.

The spokesperson said the police chief instructed the officers to mitigate potential risks by deploying anti-sabotage teams along the routes of the Amarnath Yatra.

India to get remaining S-400 missile systems by 2026, says Russia We have a long history of col-

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Russia is committed to delivering the remaining units of the S-400 air defence system to India by 2025-2026, the country's Deputy Chief of Mission in India, Roman Babushkin. said on Monday, highlighting that the system performed "very efficiently" during the recent India-Pakistan ten-

Babushkin also hinted at expanding bilateral cooperation with India in air defence and anti-drone systems.

"We heard that the S-400 performed very efficiently during the recent clashes between India and Pakistan.

laboration. The air defence systems, according to what we are experiencing, the situation in Europe and here, this is one of the promising topics of our partnership in defence preparation in general," Babushkin told PTI

Babushkin confirmed that the contract for the remaining two S-400 units is on track, with deliveries expected to be completed by 2025-26, in line with publicly announced timelines.

India signed a USD 5.43billion deal with Russia in 2018 for five squadrons

ACB presents charge-sheet for misappropriation of MGNREGA Funds

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday presented charge-sheet for misappropriation of MGN-REGA Funds.

"ACB has produced Challan of case FIR No. 25/2015 PS VOJ (now ACB)under Section 5 (1) (d) read with 5 (2) JKPC Act Svt. 2006 and Section 120-B, 420, 467, 468 and 471 RPC before the Court of Special Anti-Corruption Doda against accused persons namely Hukum Singh, the then Assistant Executive Engineer REW Sub Division

Bhaderwah, Barkat Ali, the Naib Sarpanch Panchayat Gurekhra, Kartar Singh, the then Secretary Panchayat/VLW Gurekhra, Mohd Aslam, the then Technical Assistant (contractual basis) BDO Office Bhalessa and Choudhary Ikhlaq Ahmed, the then GRS Panchayat Gurekhra," ACB official said.

"Brief facts of the case are that during the Financial Year 2012-13 and 2013-14, fictitious payments under MGNREGA scheme in ward No.1 and 2 of Panchayat Halga Gurekhra, Block Gandoh, District Doda have

been made against un-executed/partially executed works, payment was released in favour of financially sound persons/government employees and persons who were not physically present during the execution of work," official said adding that in many cases, unskilled labourers are shown engaged for work exceeding prescribed limit of 100 days in a Financial Year. In some cases, same person is shown working at two places at one time/same person is shown twice in the muster roll. Moreover, many muster rolls also carries

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Ensure timely completion of SBM 2.0, AMRUT projects: CS

Commander was briefed on

the prevailing security situa-

tion and operational

STATE TIMES NEWS

#ArmyCdrNC,

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Monday directed the officers to ensure completion of all projects being executed under AMRUT 2.0 and SBM 2.0 on top priority across the Union Territory.

While chairing a high-level meeting held in this regard, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress on various flagship urban development schemes. He stressed that both AMRUT and SBM are "Pragati programmes," which are being monitored seriously at the highest level.

He emphasized that project implementation must be expedited and processes like tendering, approval and on-ground execution should be carried out in a fast-track manner. To ensure proper monitoring, he instructed all the concerned departments to prepare month-wise work plans and submit progress reports every fortnight.



During the review of SBM 2.0, it informed that significant

achievements have been made in solid

waste and used water management.

interacting with troops at Chinar Corps, Srinagar.

Under the Integrated Solid Waste Management initiative, the department has reached a major administrative milestone. Used water infrastructure is also being improved, with many schemes already under construction and others in advanced planning stages.

For C&D processing, 125 plant processing TPD has been allotted to SMC and 65 for JMC. With emphasis given on legacy waste clearance, the meeting was informed that 1.33 MT of legacy waste was remediated since the last review meeting. In terms of sanitation infrastruc-

ture, construction work for 375 toilet seats has been awarded. The Jammu Municipal Corporation is working on seats while the Srinagar Municipal Corporation is constructing 95 seats and 97 urinals.

Additionally, the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies has floated tenders for another 275 toilet seats and 58 urinals. For Individual Household Latrines, 51 beneficiaries have been identified and construction is under-

The Chief Secretary praised the joint efforts of executing agencies, consultants and the urban local bodies, and underlined the importance of timely completion and quality control. He said that these projects play a vital role in achieving sustainable urban development and protecting public health.

While reviewing AMRUT 2.0, he noted that the mission is aimed at making cities water secure and improving the overall quality of life He said that, out of the total 99 approved schemes, the majority of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 works

Bomb threat at Jammu Rly Station turns out to be hoax



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A bomb threat targeting Jammu railway station turned out to be a hoax after an intensive search of the premises by security agencies, police said on

Monday. The hoax call was received from an unknown caller regarding the presence of a bomb at the main station on Sunday evening, a police official said. Police along with Railway

police acted swiftly and the whole station was thoroughly

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