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The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that in the last 5-6 years, J&K's economy has doubled. The UT of J&K has become a favourite investment designation and more BPOs are also coming up in the UT. J&K Bank which was earlier at the loss of Rs 1300 cr is now at the profit of Rs 1700 cr; he added.

"J&K is writing stories of its golden era by ensuring equal opportunities to the aspirations of the deprived classes, farmers, women and the youth. What was previously impossible in J&K has been made possible," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

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"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Central Schemes and Innovations will shape our youth's dream into reality. I am looking forward to the day when youth from J&K will join the space sector; become an astronaut to explore new frontiers of space," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, commended the 'Bharat Sanrachna J&K 2025' initiative aimed at creating awareness about government schemes, welfare programmes and highlighting innovation and technology driven development across multiple sectors.

He said the two-day mega exhibition will educate and engage youth, students, farmers, entrepreneurs and every section of society with real-time exposure of government services and build the bridge between government and the people.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the presence of the Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of MSME, Ministry of Space, Bureau of Indian Standards, Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Tourism and Indian Council of Agricultural Research in today's exhibition is a significant step towards inclusive development.

He emphasized that the schools and colleges should visit the exhibition in large numbers to inspire youth and encourage their contribution to Jammu & Kashmir's development journey. The 3-day long event will feature interactive Exhibitions from central ministries, PSUs, institutions, and national boards; Live Demonstrations & Hands-on Experiences for students and visitors; Workshops, Seminars & Expert Talks on topics like innovation, sustainability, and government support; Skill Zones, career guidance sessions, and youth empowerment modules and showcase of local success stories and integration of local artisans and entrepreneurs.

Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Tarun Jain, Director, Tarmeh Events; officials from Central government departments and UT Administration, prominent citizens, innovators, entrepreneurs and youth in large number were present.

HIGHLIGHTS...

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Mutual tourism growth...

Rajkumari Thapa, MLA (Soreng-Chakung) Aditya Gole, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board Neelu Sharma, Counsel General of Thailand Siriporn Tantipanyathep, and Counsel of Association for Conservation & Tourism (ACT) Raj Basu.

Besides a distinguished gathering of travel professionals, industry stakeholders, and dignitaries, the event also witnessed enthusiastic participation from various tour and travel operators, tourism officers, and media representatives, highlighting the growing significance of the eastern Indian market in national and global tourism circuits.

The Chief Minister, who was the chief guest at the event, highlighted Jammu & Kashmir's transformation into a year-round, all-segment tourist destination, with significant strides made in infrastructure, accessibility, and investor-friendly policies.

He spoke of the deep cultural and emotional connect between J&K and West Bengal, inviting travellers from the state to rediscover the timeless charm, natural beauty, and evolving experiences of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed his privilege in being part of the country's premier travel trade platform. "It is indeed a privilege to be here at 'TTF Kolkata 2025,'" he said. "I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the organizers for creating this vital platform that promotes tourism across the country. Jammu & Kashmir is proud to participate as a key stakeholder in India's tourism growth story."

He elaborated on the remarkable transformation witnessed in Jammu & Kashmir's tourism sector. "J&K has evolved into a year-round, all-segment tourism destination," he noted. "We are not only focusing on traditional sites but have also identified and developed off-beat locations such as Gurez, Bangus, Bladerwah, Sanasar, Doodhpathri, and Basohli. These destinations have seen significant growth and offer unique experiences to travellers."

Highlighting the J&K's thrust on border tourism, the Chief Minister stated, "We are promoting tourism in areas like Uri, Keran, Teetval, and Suchetgarh. Our aim is to ensure that local communities benefit directly from tourism-led development. These border destinations are not only picturesque but also rich culturally."

The Chief Minister placed special emphasis on community involvement in the tourism landscape. "Homestays across Jammu & Kashmir reflect the growing grassroots participation in tourism," he said, adding: "We are particularly supporting women-led homestays in rural areas such as Kupwara and Ganderbal. This approach is helping us promote inclusive growth while empowering women economically."

He also underlined the growing popularity of niche tourism in the region. "J&K has emerged as a prime hub for adventure tourism-be it skiing, trekking, alpine lake exploration, or mountaineering," he said. "Our world-class golf courses in Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Srinagar, and Jammu are attracting global enthusiasts, including international cricketers. Wedding tourism, too, is gaining momentum in Srinagar and Gulmarg, with several high-end celebrations taking place in these iconic locations."

Referring to the revival of film tourism, the Chief Minister stated, "Jammu & Kashmir is once again reclaiming its position as the cinematic crown of India, ideal for filmmaking. The return of Bollywood to the Valley is not only enhancing the region's visibility but is also creating livelihood opportunities across sectors."

Sharing recent recognitions, he added, "J&K's tourism initiatives have earned national acclaim. We received the SKOCH Silver Award for our Homestay Initiative and multiple accolades under the Ministry of Tourism's Best Rural Homestay Awards for locations like Keran, Jharokabagh, and Yusmarg. We were also recognized under the 'Travel for LIFE' program for our sustainable tourism efforts. Moreover, Aru in Pahalgam was awarded Best Tourism Village in the Adventure Category."

Discussing future prospects, the Chief Minister spoke about J&K's emergence as a hub for MICE tourism. "We are positioning Jammu & Kashmir as a leading destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE), backed by our natural beauty, cultural richness, and improved infrastructure," he said.

Looking ahead, he stressed the importance of sustainable and inclusive development. "Our tourism strategy is anchored in sustainability, community participation, and heritage conservation," he said. "We are focusing on expanding experiential and niche tourism-ranging from homestays and cultural trails to wellness and rural tourism. Our vision is to make Jammu & Kashmir not just a preferred destination, but a global benchmark for responsible, inclusive, and transformative tourism."

Omar Abdullah extended a warm invitation to delegates, investors, and travel stakeholders. "I urge all of you to visit Jammu & Kashmir and witness its tourism potential firsthand. TTF Kolkata offers us a unique platform to explore collaboration and foster deeper cultural and economic ties with West Bengal. J&K has always held a special place in the hearts of travellers from Eastern India, and we look forward to welcoming them once again with renewed experiences and opportunities."

The Travel & Tourism Fair Kolkata 2025, being held from July 10-12, features over 500 exhibitors from 25+ Indian states and 14+ countries, along with 5,500+ verified travel trade professionals, making it the largest tourism networking event in Eastern India ahead of the festive travel season.

Pahalgam attack underscores...

"It is our responsibility to ensure that these culprits are not able to come near any populated area," he said.

The chief minister maintained that the Armed forces, paramilitary forces and the state police were going full throttle to arrest the culprits.

"I am confident that they will be apprehended," he said.

He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir may not have political consensus, but they are unanimous that no innocent should lose their lives to violence.

However, Omar Abdullah struck an optimistic note about the recovery of the tourism sector, despite the setback.

"Tourism has started reviving in Jammu and Kashmir. Maybe hotel rates are lower than they were before the Pahalgam attack, but people have surely started coming, including for the Amarnath Yatra," he said.

Asked about the Supreme Court's Thursday's order permitting the poll panel to continue with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, he said that those who want to move the judiciary are welcome to do so.

"But I am among those people who want elections to be held at any cost," he said.

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has triggered a major political controversy in Bihar, where assembly polls are due later this year, with the opposition INDIA bloc alleging that it was designed to "benefit the ruling NDA", a charge denied by the EC that is carrying out the massive exercise.

Asked about the INDIA bloc and recent remarks by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Abdullah refrained from getting into personalities but suggested that the responsibility of keeping the opposition alliance united lies with the biggest player.

"It is not about me or Mamata Banerjee, but the main responsibility is that of the biggest stakeholder to make it a success," he said, indirectly referring to the Congress.

Reacting sharply to the BJP's repeated jibe that West Bengal under Mamata Banerjee was being turned into another Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said such statements were misleading and ironic.

He said that the saffron party had been saying before the elections in the northern state that it was like heaven and that its economy was changing.

"They used to claim before elections that Kashmir was like heaven and its economy was changing. So, if they now equate Bengal and Kashmir, it's fine," he said.

"This is the first time in the history of the country that a state has been broken into Union Territories. We are seeking an early transition back to statehood," he added.

He said the people of West Bengal have been an all-weather friend of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our tourism revival in the 1990s essentially started from two places - Gujarat and West Bengal," he said.

ACB arrests revenue...

(as amended in 2018) was registered in PS ACB Doda and investigation taken-up.

During the course of investigation, official said, a trap team headed by Gazetted Rank Officer was constituted.

"The team laid a successful trap and accused public servant Muzamil Sahal, son of Salam Ud Din Shah, resident of Kaskool, Tehsil Banihal, District Ramban presently posted as Patwari, Patwar Halqa Pogal Paristan, District Ramban was caught red handed while demanding and accepting of bribe Rs

2500 from the complainant in presence of independent witnesses," official added.

The accused was arrested on spot by the ACB team after following the due procedure of law and the bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team, official said adding that further investigation of the instant case is going on.

J&K Govt embarks...

investments. The meeting featured a presentation by Chief Innovation Officer, IIT Jammu, MT Arvind, showcasing preliminary findings on prominent IT and research parks across India. These included Electronics City (Karnataka), HITEC City (Telangana), T-Hub Hyderabad, Technopark Trivandrum (Kerala) and IIT Madras Research Park. The presentation detailed key aspects such as investment models, governance frameworks, operational best practices and policy support mechanisms.

Discussions also focused on distinguishing between research parks, incubation centers and full-scale IT Parks, with an emphasis on fostering innovation, integrating emerging technologies and creating an enabling ecosystem for startups and Global Capability Centres (GCCs).

Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA, Mahima Madaan, referenced the IT Infrastructure Development Private Limited, established in 2019, as a potential vehicle for anchoring such initiatives.

Meanwhile, Director Planning briefed about the Center for Innovation, Transformation, and Governance (C-TAG) set up in partnership with IIM Jammu to drive policy innovation.

Dr. Gunet Soodan, Director, University of Jammu and OSD to the Vice Chairman of J&K Higher Education Council, stressed the need for a collaborative ecosystem with strong government-industry-academia partnerships to attract major players and ensure availability of skilled manpower.

As a key outcome, the Study Group resolved to conduct field visits to successful IT Park models such as T-Hub and Cyberabad in Hyderabad and IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai. These visits aim to provide first-hand insights into operational dynamics, governance mechanisms and innovation ecosystems. Dr. Piyush Singla stated that "This initiative reflects our commitment to transform Jammu & Kashmir into a digital and innovation-driven economy. By learning from India's most successful IT ecosystems, we will develop a sustainable, future-ready framework for IT/ITES Parks in the UT, he added. He said that these parks will not only catalyze job creation and investments but also position J&K as a key player in India's digital growth story.

Chhari Mubarak taken...

The ceremony witnessed participation of a number of devotees reinforcing the composite cultural ethos of the region.

The Chhari Mubarak will continue its traditional journey as per the religious calendar, culminating in the final darshan at the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji.

Two pistols, 6...

Churun Gali in the Khanetar Top belt, they said. The recovery included two pistols with magazines, six grenades, 24 rounds, three IEDs, one UBGL (a grenade launcher), and a watch, they said.

Over 17,000 pilgrims...

1,586 women, 25 children and 162 sadhus and sadhis -- left in 284 vehicles between 3:15 am and 3:58 am amid tight security.

While 3,081 pilgrims left in 137 vehicles for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district, 4,226 pilgrims left in 147 vehicles via the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district.

With this, a total of 62,788 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp for the valley since July 2, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

The Bhagwati Nagar base camp has been placed under a multi-tier security cover in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 lives.

CS reviews functioning...

formulation regarding different disasters the UT is vulnerable to. He advised for taking mitigation measures after carrying out expeditions to safeguard the region from any Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF).

The Chief Secretary took stock of updated status of the transit accommodations created for the migrant employees in Kashmir Valley. He called for rapid execution of the ongoing works so that all the 6000 flats are allotted to these employees without any further delay.

Dulloo also took appraisal of implementation of relief and rehabilitation package being extended to the displaced persons of PoJK/Chhamb and the West Pakistani Refugees by the Central Government. He called for disbursement of relief amounts to all the eligible families and giving opportunity to those who had not yet received the benefits despite being eligible for the same. The Chief Secretary took note of other welfare measures like onboarding of migrants registered with Relief Organisation on NFSA, database for extension of different social security schemes to them. He called for extending such benefits to them forthwith for they have rights to such benefits like other groups of population.

Principal Secretary, DMRR&R, Chandraker Bharti, informed the meeting about different activities and achievements including strengthening of UT, Divisional and District level disaster management authorities by deploying necessary manpower there. He also revealed that the department, for first time, has established a Disaster Mitigation Fund earmarking an amount of Rs 39 crore for augmenting the disaster management infrastructure. He also made a mention of establishment of the Directorate of Disaster Management for which the necessary approval had been sought from the Finance Department.

Govt approves Rs...

has been the priority of the government. Among the six flood affected states, Assam received Rs 375.60 crore, Rs 29.20 crore was given to Manipur, Rs 30.40 crore to Meghalaya, Rs 22.80 crore to Mizoram, Rs 153.20 crore to Kerala and Rs 455.60 crore to Uttarakhand as the central share from SDRF, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

These states have been affected due to extremely heavy rainfall, floods and landslides during the southwest monsoon this year. The Modi government has provided more than Rs 8,000 crore from SDRF/National Disaster Response Fund to various states this year, the statement said.

It has already released Rs 6,166.00 crore from the SDRF to 14 states and Rs 1,988.91 crore from the NDRF to 12 states.

In addition, Rs 726.20 crore was released from the State Disaster Mitigation Fund to five states and Rs 17.55 crore from the National Disaster Mitigation Fund was also released to two states, the statement said.

During the ongoing monsoon, 104 teams of the NDRF were deployed in 21 states/UTs for rescue and relief operations.

India now makes...

other country. At the same time, proxies for cash usage have fallen," the note said. The note presents evidence consistent with this framework using granular data covering the universe of transactions on India's UPI, an interoperable platform that has become the world's largest retail fast payment system by volume. "Since its launch in 2016, UPI has grown quickly, while some proxies for cash usage have begun to decline. UPI now processes more than 18 billion transactions per month and dominates other electronic retail payments in India," the fintech note said.

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PVR KC 07:50 PM

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TRAVELTIME!

Jammu to Srinagar

IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM

Srinagar to Jammu

IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE

11078 Jhelum Express
Departure : 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival : 11:15 at New Delhi

12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express
Departure : 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival : 05:55 at New Delhi

12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express
Departure : 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival : 06:55 at New Delhi

Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)
Departure : 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival : 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop : Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:
Chair Car (CC): 715
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320
Booking: Available on IRCTC

Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)
Departure : 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival : 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:
Chair Car (CC): 660
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270
Booking: Available on IRCTC

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