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New Delhi. The Supreme Court's deadline of September 30 will be kept in mind. We will inform you accordingly." Kumar said when asked about the timeline for assembly elections.

Kumar said the timing of elections in any state depends on the expiry of the assembly's term.

"Elections in four to five states are scheduled for this year, each with separate timelines, and we are prepared for that," he said.

With the Amarnath Yatra concluding on August 19, he said the security situation and force requirements would be assessed in Delhi.

During their visit, the CEC-led team met representatives from nine political parties -- the B-JP, Congress, AAP, BSP, CPI(M), National Conference, People's Democratic Party, J&K National Panthers Party (Bhim), and J&K Panthers Party (India) -- in Srinagar to gather their viewpoints.

"These are recognised parties in the state. All parties unanimously praised the people and the Election Commission for conducting peaceful and historic parliamentary elections in J-K.

"They acknowledged that the high voter participation was a historic achievement, with no untoward incidents. Public faith in the electoral process has increased," Kumar said.

Kumar noted that all parties agreed that elections should be held as early as possible and also called for a level playing field in the elections.

"They emphasised the need for elected representatives to connect better with the people, ensuring the progress of democracy in the region. They believe that the people should form their own government, and elections should be held soon," he said.

Regarding the recent spurt in terror attacks and violence, especially in the Jammu region,

"Given the overwhelming response during the parliamentary elections, there is a need to build on that momentum. State government officials have also said that they are ready to hold elections, and no concerns about any inconvenience were raised," he said. Referring to the recent terror attacks, Kumar acknowledged that security situations pose their own challenges.

"There have been some minor changes in the security situation since the parliamentary elections, but these cannot and will not disrupt the elections. The administration is fully competent to handle such challenges," he said.

Kumar said such "nefarious acts" are often engineered in response to successful elections.

"We remain confident in our resolve. No design, however disruptive, will be allowed to succeed," he asserted.

Kumar also assured that the enthusiasm and high voter turnout seen in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections would not be diminished by such minor challenges.

"We are fully committed to ensuring that nothing disrupts the election process. Such situations will not arise, and we will not allow any forces to succeed by delaying the polls," he said.

"The forces and administration are more than capable of dealing with any such situation. The flag of democracy will continue to fly high," he added.

He said a "positive challenge" was the anticipated increase in participation from both candidates and voters.

"The challenge lies in making this a reality on the ground," he said.

Kumar stressed that all officials have been directed to be proactive in making the necessary arrangements at polling stations and on the ground.

"There was significant enthusiasm among young voters, and we aim to build on this momentum by providing an appropriate atmosphere, which is also a challenge we are ready to meet," he said.

The CEC outlined various directives regarding security, voter facilities, and providing the best possible environment for the elections.

## EC team holds...

and preparation of the forces for the polls, the officials said. The issues of deployment of forces, providing security cover to candidates, and security during campaigning were deliberated upon, the officials added.

## LG performs Pujan...

Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and other senior officers also participated in the Chhari-Pujan.

Meanwhile, a fresh batch of over 390 pilgrims left for the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas this morning from Jammu, officials said.

The 42nd batch of 398 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp at 3.26 am in a convoy of 14 vehicles escorted by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and police, they said. All the pilgrims have opted for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

Over five lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance at the shrine so far this year. The yatra commenced on June 29 and is scheduled to conclude on August 19.

## Anarchist, tainted Congress...

cope up with the most alarming situation, including massive infighting, the senior Congress leaders in J&K and at the Centre are feeling helpless to control the unbridled anarchist cadre.

## Modi Govt formed...

counterpart authorities in Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals, Hindus, and other minority communities living there. The committee will be headed by the ADG (Additional Director General), Border Security Force, Eastern Command," Shah said in a post on X.

Apart from the BSF ADG, the four other members of the committee are the BSF's Inspector General of Police (IGP) for the South Bengal frontier, the IGP for the Tripura frontier, member (planning and development) of the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAT), and secretary of the LPAT.

While extending greetings to Muhammad Yunus, who took oath as the head of an interim government in Bangladesh on Thursday, Prime Minister Modi express hope for early return of normalcy and sought safety of Hindus and other minority communities in that country.

## Sisodia granted conditional...

states, including Delhi, Telangana, Goa, and Punjab, he said. Chugh also accused the Aam Aadmi Party of failing to fulfill its promises made during the formation of governments in Delhi and Punjab. He criticized the party for setting new records in corruption, stating that Punjab is increasingly burdened by debt while the Bhagwant Mann government remains inactive.

## J&K Film Screening...

a significant step towards harnessing the untapped potential of filmmaking in the region.

The screening was also attended by a diverse audience including film enthusiasts, and artists, all of whom appreciated the cinematic narrative portrayed in "Bed Number 17."

Going forward, DIPR plans to continue these screenings as part of its commitment to support local filmmakers and show-

case the vibrant cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir through the medium of cinema.

## Budget approval paves...

2023-24, the UT government also stringently enforced borrowing limits and curtailed the culture of overdraft and Hundis. With close monitoring of public debt, the UT government was successful in tapering down the off-Budget borrowings. The government also restrained the non-priority expenditure through austerity measures and biometric verification of beneficiaries. For the first time in 77 years, UT contributed to the contingency funds created by RBI.

Lieutenant Governor; Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo and Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh Vaidya led the UT's efforts in this direction. Crucial meetings were held in June and July 2024 in Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance to review the fiscal performance of the UT Government. Union Home Minister and Union Finance Minister personally reviewed the fiscal management of the UT Government.

Considering the challenges faced as also the reforms undertaken by the UT government, the Central Government has approved the special financial support of Rs.17,000 crore for Jammu and Kashmir. As a result of this Rs. 17,000 crore of special package, the fiscal deficit to GDP ratio of Jammu and Kashmir will reduce to 3.0% in the financial year 2024-25. The Union Government will provide for the salary, pension and other costs of Jammu and Kashmir Police for which an allocation of Rs 12,000 crore has been made in the Union budget. In addition, a special grant of Rs 5,000 crore is being provided to Jammu and Kashmir.

As part of the special package, the UT government has also committed to discharge its dues with J&K Bank in timely fashion. In fact, the UT government has repaid about Rs. 4,600 crore to the Bank to clear the past dues. It will reduce the fiscal stress of the UT government in multiple ways. The package will provide additional fiscal space to the Government to work towards fulfilling the developmental needs and aspirations of the people. It will also enable J&K police to undertake upscaled investments in modern weapons, police housing, and infrastructure facilities.

The budget of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024-25 makes provisions for the ongoing initiatives for infrastructure development, sustainable agriculture, new industrial estate, PRI level works, employment generation, developing tourism, and social inclusion.

## Budget Highlights 2024...

- Revival and restoration of 75 identified heritage sites/cultural sites. Establishment of 8 cultural centers.
- 46 estates to be developed to fulfill the goal of 'Made in Jammu and Kashmir'.
- Under Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (J&K REGP), 1,372 units are targeted to be setup during 2024-25.
- New Start-up Policy to be introduced for creating entrepreneurship ecosystem.
- 'Two Cancer Institutes' at Jammu and Srinagar to be made fully operational during 2024-25.
- Enhancing DNB Seats to 400 and creation of ABHA IDs for 1.35 crore population.
- 100% screening of 30+ age population for hypertension and diabetes.
- AIIMS, Awantipora to be made functional by March, 2025.
- New Nursing College at Handwara to be set-up.
- Attainment of TB free status in all the remaining districts.
- 2,176 new Kindergartens to be established.
- 18,499 Schools to be provided sports equipments', 2,584 Schools to be provided ICT labs and Smart Classrooms, 43 Robotic Labs and 30 Virtual Reality Labs to be established.
- Establishment of Science Centres in 100 Schools and vocational Education to be introduced in new 554 Schools.
- 20 national sports events to be organized in 2024-25.
- Placement drives for 1,000 pass outs to be organized in collaboration with big business and industrial establishments.
- New initiative to create ecosystem for promotion of enterprises and self-employment, generate over 5 lakh opportunities for self-employment and expand investments through credit support.
- New age courses to be introduced in 10 Industrial Training Institutes.
- Outreach and counselling activities to be conducted for aspiring job seekers through Model Career Centers (MCCs).
- All persons with disability to be covered under Nirmaya Health Insurance Scheme.
- 11 Shakti Sadan and 04 Sakhi Niwas to be established.
- 7,708 women beneficiaries with establishment of 1,502 units to be targeted under self-employment scheme
- 80 schools to be transformed into smart schools in tribal areas.
- An addition of 3,014 MW installed capacity in phased manner till year 2026-27 with cumulative increase of design energy of 10,714.50 Million units per annum.
- Creation/Augmentation of 38,150 KVA Distribution Transformer; Replacement of 14,000 Ckm of dilapidated LT bare conductor.
- Providing of reliable power supply to the far-flung and remote areas of Gurez.
- 5,000 Kilometres of road length to be black-topped during 2024-25
- 194 new projects sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 1023.42 crore under NABARD to be taken for execution during 2024-25.
- Rs 1000 crore new road and bridge projects to be taken up under NABARD loan assistance under RIDF Tranche XXX during 2024-25.
- Completion of 60 ongoing bridges is targeted during 2024-25.
- 4.26 lakh households to be provided Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to achieve 100% coverage under tap water connections.
- Shahpur Kandi Dam project likely to be commissioned which will benefit Jammu and Kashmir with 1,150 cuses of irrigation water facilities to 32,186 hectare of land in Kathua and Samba.
- Balance work of Tawi Barrage to be completed. 197 minor irrigation schemes to be completed during 2024-25, which envisages creation of irrigation potential of 38,723 hectare.
- All projects to be completed under Smart city mission.
- Western Foreshore Road along Dal Lake, Srinagar to be constructed.
- Introduction of 200 e-buses under PM e-Bus Sewa scheme.
- Inter Model Station (IMS) in collaboration with NHAI to be developed at Katra.
- Finalization of Master Plan of all 78 Cities/Towns.
- Development of Sewerage network of Houseboats in Dal-Nigeen Lake, including sewerage network of hamlets inside lake.
- Implement of Van se Jal, Jal se Jeevan, an innovative water conservation techniques through water shed management approach, promote sustainable agricultural practices and revitalize traditional water bodies, including wetlands.
- Conservation and rejuvenation of Wular Lake to enhance the livelihood of the local people, through ecotourism.
- Completion of construction of 1,500 flats as transit

accommodation for Kashmiri Migrant employees during 2024-25.

- Remaining 276 posts out of 6,000 posts under PM-Package for Kashmiri Migrants to be filled in 2024-25.
- e-KYC of all beneficiaries under Public Distribution System to be completed.
- Roll out of Smart PDS in Jammu and Kashmir.
- 4,000 AC agriculture pumps to be replaced by Solar Pumps in phased manner under PM-KUSUM
- Around 04 MW rooftop solar power plants to be installed on the government buildings. 22,494 Government buildings to be 100% solarised in phased manner.
- 5,000 improved biomass cook-stoves to be provided in the tribal areas to reduce indoor air pollution and fuel use.
- Solarization of all routes and camps of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.
- Operationalization of Bio-Technology Park at Kathua.
- Young Scientist Awards/Fellowships among the outstanding researchers.
- IDTR at Kot Bhalwal, Jammu to be completed and operationalized in 2024-25.
- Institute of Inspection and Certification Centre (ICC) at Samba, Jammu to be completed in 2024-25.
- Implementation of Vehicle Location Tracking Platform (VLTP) for safety of women in public transport vehicles.
- Automated Testing Stations (ATSs) to be established for testing fitness of motor vehicles in private sector.
- Construction of Modern Bus Terminal at TRC, Srinagar.

## Major Outlays under...

- Rs. 1317 crore for strengthening infrastructure and services in the health sector under National Health Mission mechanism.
- Rs. 1104 crore for construction of own houses of houseless poor families in rural areas with PM Awas Yojana-Grameen support
- Rs. 1068 crore for Provision for salaries, food grains, cash assistance for Kashmiri migrants and construction of transit accommodation for Kashmiri migrant employees.
- Rs. 1021 crore for transforming agriculture and allied sectors of the UT through the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), with the five-year outlay of Rs 5013 crore, including provisions for IPAD funded J&K Comprehensive Investment Plan (JKCIP) and development of cold storage and high density plantation.
- Rs. 923 crore for development and upgradation of Industrial Estates, for providing GST refund incentive and incentives as per the Industrial Policy for industrial units, promotion of trade through JKTPPO's events for boosting investment and employment
- Rs. 776 crore for equity support for the hydro electric projects at Ratle, Kwar, and Kiru, which would provide stable revenue source and cheaper power.
- Rs. 586 crore for Universal health insurance coverage for all families of Jammu & Kashmir.
- Rs. 500 crore for providing of drugs, machinery and equipments for health institutions.
- Rs. 475 crore for upgradation infrastructure of colleges and universities and for rollout of the National Education Policy.
- Rs. 518 crore for promotion of Tourism, development of new tourism destinations and new circuits, construction of ropeways, conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and film festival and promotion policy.
- Rs. 445 crore for improving sanitation and waste disposal facilities, IHHLs, CSCs & achieving ODF+ status in the rural areas.
- Rs. 390 crore for flood management projects of river Jhelum.
- Rs. 405 crore for schemes for self-employment, Start-ups, Seed Capital Fund, implementation of Mission Youth schemes, and support to self help groups for generation livelihoods.
- Rs. 179 crore for construction of security related infrastructure, police housing colonies, bunkers in border areas and installation of CCTVs in police stations.
- Rs. 150 crore for installation of solar rooftops and solar pumps.
- Rs. 335 crore for creation of sports infrastructure, heritage preservation, promotion of festivals and theatre and development of Infrastructure and initiatives for welfare of Tribals, like tribal hostels, milk villages, nomad shelters, etc.
- Rs. 100 crore for Capital support for revitalization of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Cooperative Banks.
- Rs. 500 crore for MGNREGA works at Gram Panchayat level.
- Rs. 401 crore for development of Dal lake, afforestation, wildlife management, and preservation of protected areas.

## GoC 16 Corps...

Line of Control and hinterland to review the current security situation", White Knight Corps said on X on Friday.

The GOC emphasised the importance of Indian Army's operations to ensure peace and stability, working in close coordination and synergy with other security agencies in the region.

## Usman Majid pays obeisance at Hazrat Nanga Baji (RA) Shrine



Former Minister Usman Majid visiting shrine of Hazrat Nanga Baji (RA) in Malangam, Bandipora.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: Former Minister Usman Majid on Friday visited the shrine of Hazrat Nanga Baji (RA) in Malangam, Bandipora.

The visit was marked by profound moments of prayer and reflection, as Majid paid homage to the revered saint and sought divine blessings for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of Jammu and Kashmir.

During his visit, Usman Majid offered prayers at the shrine.

His prayers were centered around enhancing the prospects of peace and prosperity across Jammu and Kashmir, underlining his deep concern for the current state of affairs and his hopes for a brighter and more harmonious future. In addition to offering prayers, Usman Majid interacted with the caretakers of the shrine as well as the kiths and kin of Hazrat Nanga Baji (RA).

These interactions were filled with discussions about the ongoing efforts to maintain the shrine, preserve its spiritual sanctity, and ensure that it continues to serve as a place of solace and inspiration for devotees.

## Dr Jitendra presents 'Week' magazine awards to eminent doctors, philanthropists



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after presenting "The Week" magazine awards in an event organised by the "Malayalam Manorama" publishing house at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on Friday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh presented prestigious awards from "The Week" magazine to eminent personalities in medicine and philanthropy at a ceremony organized by Malayalam Manorama and The Week magazine.

The event celebrated notable contributions in various fields, including medicine, social service, and media. Dr. Singh also unveiled "Pioneers of India," a Coffee Table book showcasing 29 influential figures across diverse sectors such as education, cinema, and music.

He praised the book as a remarkable tribute to India's enduring spirit of creativity and intellectual pursuit.

In his address, Dr. Singh expressed his pride in being part of the medical fraternity, highlighting his own background as a renowned endocrinologist with over three decades of experience.

He emphasized that the book stands as a testament to India's rich heritage of intellectual inquiry and pioneering achievements. Dr. Singh also reflected on his past association with the Malayalam Manorama

group, recalling his participation in a similar event the previous year.


Dr. Singh praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for advancing research and development.

He noted recent government initiatives from the union budget, including internships for youth, the removal of angel tax, and CSR rules mandating corporate investment in R&D.

He commended the government's focus on fostering startups and highlighted successes in space and biotechnology sectors achieved through public-private collaborations.

The Minister underscored the importance of early industry linkage and overcoming skepticism about startups being limited to IT.

He highlighted the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) as an initiative to preserve and transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations. Dr. Singh concluded by commending the publishing house for its efforts in promoting optimism, creativity, and positive contributions to society.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**Corrigendum for change of eligibility criteria and opening date of tender through E-Procurement system**

Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NRI, Store Depot Mech. Workshop, AMRITSAR for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Eligibility Criteria	Modified due date
1.	62245227	1. OEMs or their Authorized Agent/dealers with valid authorization from OEM can also quote on behalf of OEM provided the OEM takes full responsibility for the quality of the material including warranty obligations and the inspection against Railways orders carried out at the manufacturers premises. 2. In keeping with the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017 as amended and in terms of Clause 2.4.2 of instructions to tenderers for e-Tender, Rev. 1.21 of April-2024, Public Procurement of this item is restricted to Class-I local suppliers only. Thus, only Class-I local supplier as defined under the Public Procurement (preference to Make in India) Order, 2017, as amended shall be eligible to bid in this tender. Offers from vendors who do not qualify to be Class-I local supplier shall be summarily rejected and, therefore, such vendors should not participate in the tender. In case any vendor who does not qualify to be a Class-I local supplier for the tendered item participates in the tender, such a bidder does so at its own risk and cost and Railways shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused to the bidder on this account. <b>NOTE:-</b> As per Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017, procurements where the estimated value to be procured is less than Rs. 5 lakhs shall be exempt from this Order. In terms of sub clause 8A of clause 2.4.2 of Instructions to tenderers for e-Tenders, Rev. 1.21 of April 2024, Bidders are requested to indicated the local Content in their offered product in the requisite field in the offer form	20.08.2024

**NOTE** - Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.  
**Tender Notice No. 11A/2024-2025 Date : 09.08.2024 2487/2024**

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**Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System**

Sr. Divisional Material Manager, N Rly., Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due date
94245627A	Set of condenser coil assembly for RMPU and Set of Cooling (evaporator) coil assembly	18 set +18 set = 36 Set	01 Nos. 07.09.2024

**NOTE:** Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.  
**Tender Notice No. 17/2024-25 Dated: 09.08.2024 2491/2024**

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**Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System**

Sr. Divisional Material Manager, N Rly., Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due date
94245627B	Office Hysteroscope with Hysteroenomat Set	01 Nos.	07.09.2024
94245624B	Automated Immune Assay Analyzer	01 Nos.	07.09.2024

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**Tender Notice No. 16/2024-25 Dated: 09.08.2024 2479/2024**

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