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### Sinha condoles loss of lives in drowning incident

LG Manoj Sinha today expressed deep anguish and grief over the tragic loss of three lives in a drowning incident in Tawi river at Nagrota here. He also spoke to senior officials and took stock of the ongoing search and rescue operations. "The loss of young lives is heart-wrenching. My deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families. We stand in solidarity with them during this difficult

### IAS officer relieved

LG Manoj Sinha has ordered to relieve IAS officer Nitish Rajora from his duties in Jammu & Kashmir. According to officials, IAS officer Nitish Rajora was relieved by the LG. No further details regarding his next place of posting or the reason for relieving him were officially disclosed, officials. The LG's administration had yesterday ordered the transfers and postings of six IAS and KAS officers.

### Ladakh bans tobacco, intoxicants in vehicles

In a major move to boost road safety and public health, the administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh has issued a strict ban on the use of tobacco, intoxicants, and prohibited substances inside all public transport and government vehicles. "In the interest of road safety, public health and ensuring orderly conduct and discipline in the use of transport vehicles, it has been observed with concern that use of tobacco and related products (including smoking and smokeless forms), as well as the consumption

### IT deptt notifies all 7 ITR forms

NEW DELHI, MAR 31: The Income Tax department has notified all income tax return forms for the assessment year (AY) 2026-27. While ITR forms 1-4, filed by small and medium taxpayers, were notified on March 30, ITR forms 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, as well as ITR-U (for filing updated returns), were notified on Tuesday. With the ITR (income tax return) notification, individuals, businesses and other entities can start filing I-T returns for the income earned in the financial year 2025-26.

### Body of 3rd boy recovered from Tawi

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, MAR 31 With the recovery of one more body from Tawi today, the bodies of all the three drowned boys have been recovered from the river. Sonam Dutt (16), son of Sunny Dutt, Bavish Koul (15), son of Manohar Nath Koul, and Aditya Pandit (15), son of Shahji Pandit, all residents of Nagrota, were taking a bath in Tawi near Sainik School on March 29 evening when they drowned. Though an operation

## 25,000 posts to be filled this year, says Omar Abdullah

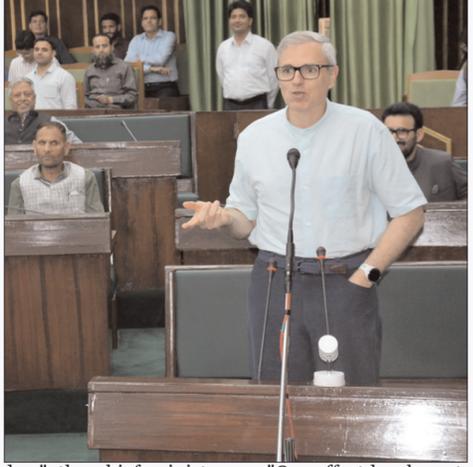
### Assures transparent recruitment

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**Asserting that his government was committed to ensuring a transparent recruitment process, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah told the legislative assembly that at least 25,000 vacancies in different departments were targeted to be filled this year.**

"My government is committed to ensuring a transparent recruitment process while avoiding undue haste that can lead to legal complications," he said while replying to a supplementary raised by PDP MLA Waheed Para.

"The issue of recruitment has already been discussed in detail during this session. We all want the process to be transparent and time-bound. However, time-bound should not mean rushing matters and ending up in court the next



day," the chief minister said. He said that on several occasions, recruitment lists had been challenged in courts, leading to the entire process being stalled. The prolonged legal delays resulted in many aspirants becoming overage and missing out on job opportunities," he added.

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### 'MLAs can allocate up to Rs 50 lakh from CDF'

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that as per the amended guidelines, MLAs can now allocate up to Rs 50 lakh from their constituency development fund (CDF) for providing housing assistance.

"Funds under CDF scheme are being utilised across all assembly constituencies in Jammu & Kashmir for works identified and recommended by respective MLAs, in accordance with guidelines issued by the finance department," he said while responding to a Calling Attention Motion moved by MLA Shamim Firdous during the ongoing Budget Session of the assem

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## Amid global strife, India stands tall to illuminate world path: LG

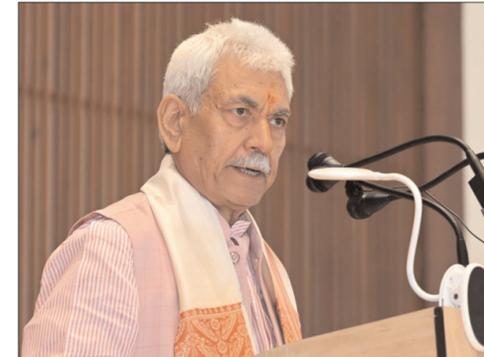
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LG Manoj Sinha today said that 'as the global strife fractures societies and humanity quests for peace, India stands tall to illuminate a new path for the world'.

"In this defining moment as global strife fractures societies and humanity quests for peace, India stands tall to illuminate a new path for the world. We are heirs to a civilisation that lit lamps of knowledge, culture, and spirituality across continents millennia ago," he said in his address at the inaugural ceremony of 'J&K Cultural Festival'.

Sinha emphasised that the culture and spiritual treasures of Jammu & Kashmir would play a vital role in shaping a brighter future for all.

"Jammu's soil brims with rich traditions. Dogri songs weaving life's values, crafts embedding experiences, art infused with devotion are our vibrant legacies breathing new life," he said.



"The J&K Cultural Festival aims to preserve rich heritage, recommit to folk arts, spiritual foundations, traditions and strengthens our identity. I am confident that traditional performances will enliven the atmosphere with colour and melody; cultural displays will carry our priceless legacy to all, and farmer awareness programmes will honour the hands nourishing this Union Territory's soul," he added. "Emerging India's duty is to empower our knowledge economy and propagate innovations, cultural values,

and philosophical ideas globally," he said. "The world awaits fresh ideas, and youth inherit the tradition birthing transformative thought," he added. He called upon youth to return to their roots, cultivate new ideas and innovation and use cultural heritage as a potent tool to transform society. "In this interconnected era, strengthen bonds of brotherhood and champion compassion over conflict worldwide," he asked youth. "Art and culture wield

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### West Asia conflict

## Modi likens Cong to 'political vultures', says India managed situation well

THARAD (GUJARAT), MAR 31: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said while the world is grappling with war, unrest, and rising fuel prices, India has managed the situation effectively due to strong foreign policy and the unity of its people.

He accused the Congress of trying to create panic so that people queue up at fuel stations and gas agencies, likening the party to "political vultures" waiting to exploit the situation (arising out of the West



Asia war) and reap political dividends. "At a time when the world is grappling with war, unrest and rising fuel prices, India has managed the situation effectively due to strong foreign policy and the unity of its peo-

ple," Modi said while addressing a gathering at Nani village in Vav Tharad district of Gujarat.

He said certain political parties, mainly Congress, are trying to take advantage of the situation by spreading panic and fear, instead of supporting national unity.

"Today, the Congress party is busy inciting the people. Like political vultures, it (Congress) is waiting for the situation to escalate so that it can exploit and reap political divi-

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### Security scenario grave, can't be taken lightly: Rather



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Legislative Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather today said the security scenario could not be taken lightly, asserting that

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## Talks on ending Iran war gaining strength: US Def Secy

WASHINGTON, MAR 31: Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth said Tuesday that the next days of the US-Israel war on Iran will be "decisive" while refusing to rule out ground forces playing a role in the conflict.

He also revealed during a news conference -- his first in nearly two weeks -- that he had visited US troops in the Middle East over the weekend, and said that talks on ending the conflict were "gaining strength."

"The upcoming days will be decisive. Iran knows



that, and there's almost nothing they can militarily do about it," Hegseth said. Asked about concerns among some of President Donald Trump's base about the possible use of ground troops in Iran, Hegseth declined to tip his hand. "You can't fight and win

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a war if you tell your adversary what you are willing to do, or what you are not willing to do, to include boots on the ground," he said. "If we needed to, we could execute those options on behalf of the president of the United States and this department. Or maybe we don't have to use them at all -- maybe negotiations work," Hegseth said. The Pentagon chief said talks on ending the war were making progress even as the more than month-long US-Israeli military

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## Technology, tradition must march hand-in-hand: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, MAR 31: Stating that technology and tradition must march hand-in-hand, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who today attended the second Convocation of Nalanda University, focused on the intersection of tradition, technology, & global diplomacy, emphasising the significance of the event for the university's future and encouraging graduates to contribute to its growth.

He praised the institution's growth, expressing pride in being associated with it. In his address, Jais-



hankar said that the Nalanda tradition can be a powerful influence in this democratisation of the global order. In a post on X, he said, "600+ graduates. 31 nations. One shared journey! Honoured to participate in the 2nd Convocation cere-

mony of Nalanda University in Rajgir alongside President Droupadi Murmu, and other dignitaries. Nalanda evokes memories of India's intellectual heritage & cultural grandeur, reminding the world that technology & tradition - vikas bhi, virasat bhi - must march hand-in-hand."

Jaishankar highlighted the university's historical significance and its revival as a symbol of India's rich cultural heritage and urged graduates to give back by contributing to the univer-

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### Kansal appointed union rural development secy



NEW DELHI, MAR 31: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of former Jammu and Kashmir cadre IAS officer Rohit Kansal as Union Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development.

Kansal, who was serving

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## Encounter breaks out in Ganderbal woods; 2 terrorists trapped

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An encounter today broke out between security forces and terrorists, who were said to be two in number, in Ahrama woods of Ganderbal, Kashmir.

Acting on a tip-off about the presence of terrorists in Ahrama woods, a joint team of Army, police & CRPF rushed to the area in the evening and launched a seek and destroy operation, officials said. During searches, a contact was established with

the hiding terrorists and an intermittent exchange of fire was continuing between the two sides when reports last came in, officials said.

At least two terrorists were said to be trapped there, the officials added. Reinforcements had been rushed to the encounter site and every effort was being made to make sure that the trapped terrorists were eliminated. Officials said troops had blocked all the escape routes of terrorists and there was every likelihood of their getting killed in the

encounter. Security had been tightened in the nearby residential areas also, the officials added.

Last year, Pakistani terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad outfit had massacred 25 Hindu holidayers and a local at Baisaran meadow in Kashmir's Pahalgam while they were enjoying with their families. Initially police handled the case but it was later handed over to NIA for its detailed investigation.

To avenge the killings, India had later launched

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## Masood Azhar's brother dies under mysterious circumstances in Pakistan

NEW DELHI, MAR 31: Mohammad Tahir Anwar, brother of top terrorist and Jaish-e-Mohammad founder Masood Azhar, has died in Pakistan under circumstances that remain unclear, according to statements released through the outfit's channels.

His death has raised questions as no official cause has been disclosed so far.

Tahir Anwar was closely associated with JeM and had reportedly been active in its operations for several years.

The terror outfit confirmed his death and announced that his funeral would take place late Tuesday at Jamia Masjid Usman Wali in Bahawalpur.

Despite the confirmation, there has been no mention of illness or any specific incident leading to his death. Authorities in Pakistan have also not is-

sued any official statement clarifying the circumstances, adding to the uncertainty surrounding the development.

Sources suggest that the lack of details has led to speculation, though nothing has been independently verified. Given Tahir Anwar's close links with the JeM outfit, his death is likely to draw attention from security and intelligence agencies monitoring activities related to the group.

Jaish-e-Mohammed, led by Masood Azhar, has been designated as a terrorist organisation by several countries and has been linked to multiple high-profile attacks in the region.

During Operation Sindoor, India had hit a mosque at Bahawalpur which house the JeM headquarters. Several JeM cadres, including close relatives of Masood Azhar,

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### 'Govt clearing liabilities regularly'

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said the government was regularly clearing its financial liabilities, including dues to contractors and retired employees, with over Rs 18,000 crore paid during 2025-26.

"The financial liabilities of the government in the shape of bills presented at treasuries are cleared on regular basis. Bills pertaining to contractors and retired employees are also cleared at regular intervals,"

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## Phase-I of Census to have 33 questions for citizens

NEW DELHI, MAR 31: The government has notified a set of 33 questions to be asked during the first phase of Census 2027 -- Housing Listing and Housing Operations (HLO) -- a month-long exercise to be conducted between April 1 and September 30 as per schedules finalised by states and Union Territories, a top official said on Monday.

The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan, said, according to a January 22 notification, enumerators will

collect details such as building number (municipal or local authority or census number), census house number, and the predominant materials used for the floor, walls, and roof. They will also record the use and condition of the house and assign a household number.

They will also ask about the total number of usual residents in the household, name and sex of the head of the household, whether the head belongs to a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe or other category, ownership status of

the house, number of dwelling rooms and the number of married couples in the household, he said.

Enumerators will also gather information on amenities and assets, including the main source and availability of drinking water, source of lighting, access to and type of latrine, wastewater outlet, availability of bathing and kitchen facilities, LPG/PNG connection, and the primary cooking fuel, Narayan said.

Data on possession of items such as radio, televi

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