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India needs leaders in every field who prioritize its interests while solving global problems: PM

NEW DELHI, FEB 21
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday pitched for world-class leaders in every field who can find solutions to global complexities and needs while prioritising the interests of India.Addressing the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) conclave here, Modi said an institute like this can be a game-changer at a time when India needs energetic leaders in every field, be it bureaucracy, policy-making or business, who have a global approach but a mindset rooted in local perspectives.He called for leaders in different fields who have "global thinking and local upbringing", saying what is needed is a leadership that reflects India's vision in every field when the country is emerging as a "global powerhouse".
The country's speed and momentum need to be replicated in every field, Modi said, adding that institutes like the SOUL are not only a choice but a necessity.
"There is a need for energetic leaders in every sector who can find solutions to global complexities and needs while prioritising the nation's interests on the global stage," he said.These leaders should have a global approach but retain a local mindset, and should be ready for strategic decision-making, crisis management and futuristic thinking, the prime minister said.
The future leadership, he said, will not be limited to power, an apparent reference to the political arena, adding that leadership roles will require capabilities in innovation and impact.
Modi said such leaders, who Cont. on page 11

J&K's first budget 'good start,' will lay foundation for next 5-years: CM Omar Abdullah

Says this is the point from which his assessment time starts

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SRINAGAR, FEB 21
Terming the first budget of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir a "good start" to lay the foundation for the next five years, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said that the government led by him will try its best to live up to the expectations of people.
Talking to reporters here the Chief Minister, according to the news agency said, "I know all the issues cannot be resolved in the first Budget, but it would be a good beginning to lay the foundation and move ahead."
Earlier, addressing a gathering on the 18th CII Annual Tourism Summit, in the national capital, Omar Abdullah asked the people associated with industries and other businesses to give suggestions and inputs to him for the upcoming budget.
"If there are inputs or suggestions you would like to give to make your lives easier as entrepreneurs, as industrialists, as investors and business people, then this is the time to do it."
He said, "This is the time when we are now sitting down to actually write the budget that I will have to read out in the Assembly on March 7."
"Right now, we are operating on a blank slate. You have nothing really to judge me by. Whatever I have is what I inherited four months ago. Now, it is the time when I start to put my stamp of this elected Cont. on page 11

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah reviews functioning of Raabita office

Group of Concerned Citizens meets CM and submit memorandum

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a review meeting of the CM's Public Services and Outreach Office, Raabita, in Srinagar to assess its functioning and strengthen its role in addressing public grievances effectively.
During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed that Raabita Nodal Officers be designated at the district level to ensure prompt and efficient handling of public issues. He stressed the need for a proactive approach in reaching out to people, ensuring that government initiatives and grievance redressal mechanisms are accessible to every citizen.
A detailed presentation was given on the office's working, highlighting key achievements and ongoing initiatives aimed at enhancing public service delivery. The Chief Minister reiterated his government's unwavering commitment to a transparent, accountable, and people-centric administration. He instructed officials to adopt a more responsive and result-oriented approach, ensuring that grievances are resolved in a time-bound manner. He emphasized on improving the quality of disposal of public grievances and to ensure that grievances are actually resolved when updating the final disposal of each grievance.
Emphasizing the importance of Cont. on page 11

HC order transfer of 11 Chief Administrative Officers

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JAMMU, FEB 21
The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court transferred 11 chief Administrative Officers.
According to the order issued by MK Sharma Principal Secretary to Chief Justice that Ali Mohammad Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer in the Court of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kupwara is transferred and posted as such in the Court of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Baramulla whereas Mohammad Yousuf Shah, Chief Administrative Officer in

the Court of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Baramulla is transferred and posted as such in the Court of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Budgam whereas Rubina Akhter, Chief Administrative Officer in the Court of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Budgam is transferred and posted as such in the Court of Cont. on page 11

Time to create an action plan for rehabilitation of degraded forests: CS

NEW DELHI, FEB 21
Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting of the Forest, Ecology & Environment Department to assess its functioning besides reviewing the progress on ongoing conservation measures for protection of lakes and wetlands in the Union Territory.
During the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed the officers to frame a comprehensive action plan based on scientific principles for rehabilitation of degraded forest areas within a stipulated time frame.
To enhance the efficiency

of forest land management, the Chief secretary instructed the officials to expedite the survey and demarcation of forest lands by installing boundary pillars and digitizing the records. This step aims to effectively curb encroachments and Cont. on page 11

Speaker LA reviews progress on new Legislative Assembly Complex

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JAMMU, FEB 21
Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, today convened a meeting with senior officers to review progress on construction of new Legislature Complex at Jammu.
Secretary, PWD (R&B), Bhupinder Kumar; Secretary, Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, Achal Sethi; DG, Budget, Mohammad Sultan; DG Codes, Mahesh Dass; Secretary, JKLA, Manoj Kumar Pandit; Chief Engineer R&B Jammu; SE R&B, South Circle Jammu

and other senior officers of concerned department and Assembly Secretariat were present in the meeting.
Threadbare discussions were held on the issues pertaining to construction of new Assembly Complex in view of recent cabinet decisions.
A detailed presentation about various phases of project execution was given by the Executive Engineer in charge of the project through PowerPoint Presentation.
The Secretary PWD(R&B) informed the Speaker regarding the action taken on the directions given by the Council of Ministers. It was informed that the DPR of balance work has been submitted to IIT Jammu for vetting. As soon as vetting of DPR is received, tendering process shall be initiated.
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Jammu Police solves burglary case in less than 60 hours

Two accused apprehended, total items worth Rs 25 lakhs recovered

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JAMMU, FEB 21
Gandhi Nagar Police has worked out a sensational theft case registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar, apprehended 2 accused and recovered stolen items worth rupees twenty five lakhs approximately from their possession. Police has recovered 28 tolas of gold jewelry items and two branded watches from the possession of the accused.
On 18.02.2025, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Gandhi Nagar by one S. Manmeet Singh Rissam S/O Lt. S. Ranjeet Singh Rissam R/o

Nanak Nagar, Jammu regarding the theft of golden ornaments and watches from their house . Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 41/2025 U/s 331(3)/305 BNS was registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar and investigation was set into motion. Sensing the gravity and magnitude of the burglary, special teams were formed at Police Station level. Surrounding Police Stations and Police Posts were activated and the teams worked tirelessly in a dedicated and focused manner based on Human-Int , Tech-Int and CCTV camera Cont. on page 11

Cross-border terrorism biggest threat to people, J&K India's integral part: MEA

NEW DELHI, FEB 21
Reiterating that cross-border terrorism remains the biggest threat to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the Ministry of External Affairs on Friday asked Turkey not to interfere in India's internal matters.
MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, according to the news agency, while addressing a news conference in the national capital said, "Pakistan's persistent policy of using terrorism as a tool against India is a matter of grave concern."
"Pakistan's policy of sponsoring terror remains the biggest threat to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.
Jaiswal's remarks came in response to recent comments by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Cont. on page 11

Ex-Hizb militant on the run for 18 years held in J&K's Reasi

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REASI, FEB 21
A former militant of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen was arrested after being run for 18 years from Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said.
A police spokesman said that Anwar Ali Chouhan(40), S/O Haji Nizam Din Chouhan alias Jamsheer, R/O Gujjar Kothian, Talwara, Reasi, had joined Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terror outfit in 2001.
However, after his surrender in 2007, he "concealed his presence and was hiding himself in Kashmir and at some unknown places"."…he was absconding from arrest in the most wanted

criminal/militancy cases of P/S Reasi, from time to time conducted so many raids at his house at Gujjar Kothian, Chinore Jammu and Kherpora Anantnag but he was not found at these locations," said the spokesman, in a statement.
The spokesman said that they approached Cont. on page 11

SED reprimands teaching staff deployed, attached in other Deptts

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SRINAGAR, FEB 21
School Education Department Friday reprimanded all teaching staff deployed and attached for administrative works in different offices and departments in Kashmir region.
In this regard, a latest official communiqué was issued by the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK).
DSEK said that all the Teaching Staff deployed or attached for administrative works in different offices and departments was recalled with the directions to report to their original place of postings on December-12-2021 and July-01-2024.
According to the news agency, the directorate said that despite clear cut instructions, it has come to notice of DSEK that a number of teaching officials have been made to continue in different office and institutions within or outside parent department for administrative works on one pretext or the other without obtaining prior approval Cont. on page 11

Eviction of Ex-Legislators/Ex-Ministers from Ministerial Bungalows.

Sr. AAG filed Supplementary Compliance Report & DB directs Adv. S.S. Ahmed to file his response

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JAMMU, FEB 21
In the much publicized Public Interest Litigation seeking eviction of Ex-MLAs/Ex-Ministers from the Ministerial Bungalows/Government Accommodation, Senior AAG S.S. Nanda appearing on behalf of Estates Department filed a Fresh Supplementary Compliance Report on February 18th, 2025 wherein it has been submitted that pursuant to order dated April 3rd, 2024 passed by the Division Bench then headed by Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh (now Judge of the Supreme Court of India), individual orders were passed in each case (except in case of Mst. Wazira Begum, Political Person and Sona Ullah Lone, Political Person who had already vacated Government Accommodation) after taking into consideration different orders of the Division Bench as well as the J&K Estates Department (Allotment of Government Accommodation) Regulations, 2004 and SOPs issued from time to time.
The Division Bench on April 3rd, 2024 had directed both Director Estates, Jammu as well as Srinagar to hear all 43 Political Persons individually and then individual orders be passed in respect of these 43 persons.
In the Supplementary Compliance Report, it is further submitted that the Estates Department upon the directions of Division Bench evicted all the Ex-Legislators/Political Persons whose list was submitted before the Division Bench and were not entitled to Government accommodation, except Ravinder Sharma, Ex-MLC who has approached the High Court and the court vide order dated July 26th, 2017 in LPA (OW) No.65/2017 titled Ravinder Kumar Sharma V/s State of J&K and Ors. has directed to maintain Status Quo with regard to the possession in respect of Government Cont. on page 11

Jammu Bar to protest against proposed advocates amendment bill on Saturday

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JAMMU, FEB 21
Opposing the draft Advocates (Amendment) Bill, the Jammu chapter of the J-K High Court Bar Association (JKHCBA) on Friday said it will stage a protest against the Central government's proposed move on Saturday.
The decision was taken at an urgent meeting of the advisory committee of the association at its office here, a spokesman for the lawyers' outfit said.He said the meeting was convened to discuss the proposed amendments to the Advocates Act, 1961, wherein the majority of the members opposed the draft amendments, terming them "unconstitutional, undemocratic, authoritative and dictatorial".
The meeting chaired by bar president K Nirmal Kotwal held that the amendments would undermine the Cont. on page 11