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## No proposal to relax CLU norms: Govt tells Assembly

The government today told the legislative assembly that there was no proposal under consideration in the revenue department regarding relaxation in the change of land use (CLU) norms.

Replying to a question raised by MLA Surjit Singh Salathia, minister Javed Ahmad Rana, he said, "The government does not intend to grant any relaxation in respect of change of land use at present."

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## Mystery shrouds SI's death

A police Sub-Inspector was found dead under mysterious circumstances at RS Pura near here today.

Officials identified him as Abid Bashir, a resident of Tarathpora in Kupwara district of the valley.

He was presently posted at RS Pura police station. The exact circumstances leading to his death were not immediately known, officials said and added that further details were

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## No proposal to open new wine shops: Govt

The government today informed the legislative assembly that there was no proposal to open new wine shops in the Union Territory.

In a written reply by the minister in-charge, finance department, to a question raised by MLA Arjun Singh Raju, the government said that, "As of now, no new liquor licences are proposed to be issued in Jammu and Kashmir during the next financial year."

The government also furnished district-wise revenue generated from

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## No new admin units for now

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that the government currently had no plans of creating new administrative units, as priority was to operationalise the ones established earlier.

He made this statement while intervening during Question Hour on supplementary queries raised by Khanyar MLA Salman Ali Sagar and several other members, regarding the demand for carving out a new tehsil by bifurcating certain areas falling under

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## AN-32 Kargil courier service commences

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The AN-32 Kargil Courier Service commenced today for the winter season, ensuring continued air connectivity for the people of Kargil during the harsh winter months.

On the occasion, the Indian Air Force crew was warmly welcomed at Kargil by Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, Kacho Mohammad Feroz, along with Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Rakesh Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Imteaz Kachho, and Assistant

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# Trust has become India's strongest currency: Modi on trade deals



said.

These remarks by the Prime Minister were met with the crowd chanting his name.

In January, India and the European Union concluded the trade agreement between the two sides, which took place during the state visit of the President of the European Council, Antonio Costa, and the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen.

Earlier today, India and the US announced a framework for an Interim Agreement on reciprocal, mutu-

ally beneficial trade.

The joint statement said the framework reaffirms the countries' commitment to the broader Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) negotiations launched by President Donald Trump

and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2025, which will include additional market-access commitments and support a more resilient supply chain.

As per the joint statement, the US will apply a reciprocal tariff rate of 18 per cent on Indian-originating goods, including

textiles and apparel, leather and footwear, plastic and rubber, organic chemicals, home decor, artisanal products, and certain machinery.

PM Modi, during his address, also highlighted India's people-centric initiatives and opportunities for the Indian diaspora in Malaysia.

He noted the recent announcement to extend eligibility for an Overseas Citizen of India card to Malaysian citizens of Indian origin up to the sixth generation and to introduce Thiruvalluvar Scholarships for Malaysian students to study in India.

He also noted that a new Indian Consulate will soon open in Malaysia.

"India will always embrace you with open arms. That is why we made a historic decision just a few months ago. We extended the OCI card eligibility to Malaysian citizens of Indian origin up to the 6th generation. We have been supporting the Indian Scholarships Trust Fund.

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## US removes 25 pc tariffs imposed on India

**NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, FEB 07:** US President Donald Trump has removed the 25 per cent tariffs it imposed on India for purchasing Russian oil, citing that the country has undertaken "significant steps" and New Delhi has committed to stop directly or indirectly importing oil from Moscow.

"I have received additional information and recommendations from senior officials regarding India's efforts to address the national emergency described in Executive Order 14066. Specifically, India has com

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## Govt action against Maoists ended fear in Bastar: Prez



**JAGDALPUR (CHHATTISGARH), FEB 07:** President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday said that decisive action by the government against Maoists had ended the atmosphere of fear and distrust in the Bastar re

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Gen Dwivedi visits forward posts



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JAMMU, FEB 07

Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi today visited forward posts in Poonch district of Jammu and reviewed operational preparedness of troops deployed in the area and interacted with the personnel

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# Enthusiasm of tourists to visit J&K hasn't diminished: Amit Shah

**Says UT must harness full hydropower potential**

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JAMMU, FEB 07

Against the backdrop of last year's Pahalgam terror attack, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said that the enthusiasm of tourists from across the country to visit Jammu and Kashmir had not diminished. He also said that the UT must harness its full hydropower potential.

On April 20, 2025, Pak terrorists had massacred 25 Hindu tourists and a local at Baisaran meadow in Kashmir's Pahalgam. The incident had impacted the flow of tourists in J&K, giving a severe setback to tourism industry in the UT.

"The enthusiasm of tourists from across the country to visit Jammu and Kashmir has not diminished. There is a need for aggressive marketing of Jammu and Kashmir's tourist destinations in other states to explore the tourism potential available here," he said while ad-



ressing a review meeting in Jammu to assess the progress of development projects in the Union Territory.

Shah said the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre would provide all possible assistance in the plan to develop new tourist destinations in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Due to the continuous and dedicated efforts of the Modi government to accelerate development, development projects in Jammu and Kash-

mir have made unprecedented progress. Jammu and Kashmir needs to develop the full potential of its hydropower projects," the home minister said.

The meeting focused on infrastructure development and the implementation of key schemes in the Union territory, officials said.

The meeting, which was held at Lok Bhawan here, was attended by LG Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Union Home

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# NC, BJP MLAs clash in assembly over 'special status'

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The legislative assembly today witnessed a heated exchange of words between MLAs of National Conference and Bharatiya Janata Party over the 'special status' of Jammu & Kashmir.

Pandemonium broke out in the House when National Conference MLA Javid Baig was vociferously speaking on the 'special status'.

Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma countered him by asserting that there was no such thing as a spe-

cial status. "I am ready to face any punishment if you can show me the words special status in the Indian Constitution. Shouting in the House will not work," he said.

"There is no mention of any special status for Jammu & Kashmir in the Indian Constitution," he said and accused NC of misleading people by repeatedly raising the issue.

"Constitutional demands must be backed by explicit constitutional provisions. As far as I know and have studied, there is no word called 'special status' in the

Indian Constitution in relation to Jammu and Kashmir's accession or merger. When you make a constitutional demand, it must have a constitutional basis," he said.

Sharma argued that the term 'special status' was used loosely by several states to seek economic or employment-related packages and should not be linked to Article 370. "Special status can mean an employment package or a financial package. Do not connect it with Article 370 which is a history and has been buried," he said.

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# India reiterates stance on import of Russian oil

**NEW DELHI, FEB 07:** The ministry of external affairs on Saturday reiterated its stance on the import of Russian oil and said that India's energy security remains the government's top priority.

In a statement, MEA said that diversifying India's energy sourcing lies at the heart of our strategy.

"Insofar as India's energy sourcing is concerned, the government has stated publicly on several occasions that ensuring the energy security of 1.4 billion Indians is the

supreme priority of the government," the ministry said.

"Diversifying our energy sourcing in keeping with objective market conditions and evolving international dynamics is at the core of our strategy to ensure this. All of India's actions are taken and will be taken with this in mind," it added.

This comes after New Delhi and Washington issued a joint statement outlining the details of the recently announced trade pact, under which tariffs on Indian products enter-

ing US will drop from 50 pc to 18 pc. The development follows months of negotiations that started back in February 2025.

Two days back, Russia's Kremlin rejected US assertions that India agreed to stop purchasing Russian crude, reiterating New Delhi's sovereign right to procure oil from any source. The clarification followed recent statements from Washington suggesting that an India-US trade understanding included a pivot away from Russian supplies.

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# Innovation, entrepreneurship foundations of nation-building: Kavinder

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Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta today inaugurated Udyamitsav and PRAGYAAN 2026 at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu, calling the initiatives a powerful reflection of India's innovation-driven future.

"Innovation, entrepreneurship and scientific temperament are the true foundations of nation-building," he said while addressing students, innovators and educators.

The LG underlined that



premier institutions like IIT Jammu were not just centres of education, but laboratories for shaping the future of New India.

"Udyamitsav symbolises India's journey from ideas to innovation, from startups

to nation-building," he said and lauded the participation of nearly 1,000 young entrepreneurs from Jammu & Kashmir and neighbouring regions, describing them as job creators whose solutions

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