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32 killed in human-wildlife conflicts between 2023-2025

A total of 15,661 cases of human-wildlife conflict were recorded across J&K between 2023 and 2025, resulting in 32 deaths and 350 injuries, with Jammu district alone accounting for nearly 18 per cent of these incidents.

Forest Minister Javed Rana gave this information in the Assembly on Tuesday in a written reply to a question by National Conference (NC) MLA Mubarak Gul.

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24 PSUs
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Out of the 44 public sector undertakings in Jammu and Kashmir, 24 are making losses and four are non-functional, the Union Territory government informed the legislative assembly on Tuesday.

The government said it was examining ways to strengthen the sick PSUs and improve their operational and financial performance.

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No proposal to waive power bill arrears of farmers

The government on Tuesday informed the legislative assembly that there was no proposal under consideration to waive off outstanding electricity usage charges or arrears for small and marginal farmers in the Union Territory.

In a written reply to a question raised by Gharu Ram, Minister In-charge, Power Development Department (PDD), stated that the government does not intend to waive elec

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that Jammu and Kashmir had recorded a steady rise in GST collections, with total revenue amounting to Rs 24,080.79 cr over the past three financial years, reflecting improved compliance and a widening tax base.

GST collections in J&K stood at Rs 7,272.15 cr in 2022-23, increased to Rs 8,128.44 cr in 2023-24 and

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Decision on restoration of statehood to J&K soon: Arjun Meghwal

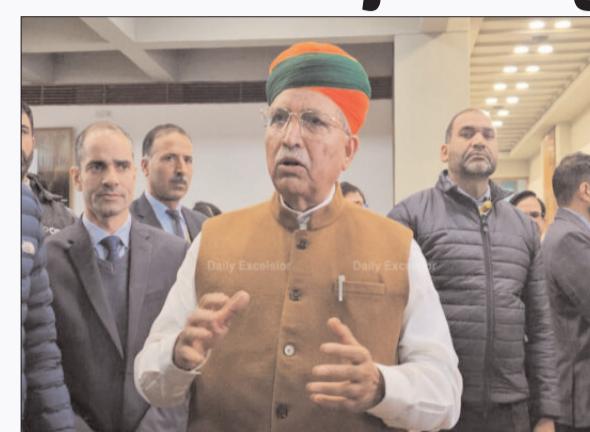
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Union Law & Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal today said statehood to Jammu and Kashmir would be restored soon, prompting a quick response from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah who said that he hoped that the wait was not too long.

"While it is a very sensitive issue, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said in the Lok Sabha that J&K's statehood would be restored," he told reporters after attending a function at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar.

Meghwal was in Srinagar to lead a regional workshop on Tele-Law (DISHA) scheme, focusing on technology-enabled legal services. His comments on the region's political status drew immediate attention.

"You will get it but there is a process for it. I feel you will soon get to hear about a



decision in this regard," the union minister said.

"See, you have raised an important issue. It is a sensitive issue," he said. "See, the home minister has already said in the Lok Sabha that you will get this right. It has a process and I feel that you will soon get to hear a decision about it."

Reacting to Meghwal's comment, the chief minister, who was also present at the function, said that "no one will be satisfied" unless statehood was granted, and hoped the wait would not be long.

"I heard the union minister saying on the side-

lines that we will be hearing good news soon. It has been one and a half years of wait. We hope we do not have to wait much longer," Abdullah told reporters.

The chief minister said no one in Jammu and Kashmir would be satisfied till it was done.

"The process is on, though it is taking longer. We were expecting to get it by now but we have not got it yet. We have not given up hope, we are talking to the Centre on it continuously," he added.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre had abrogated the controversial Article 370

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Home Minister Shah, while speaking in Lok Sabha on February 13, 2021, had said that Jammu and Kashmir's Union territory status was temporary and its statehood would be restored.

The workshop was held as part of the Tele-Law Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA), a Central Sector Scheme being implemented by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.

Among others, who participated in the workshop, included Justice Arun Palit - Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh - Secretary of Law & Justice Government of India, Niraj Verma and other senior officials and stakeholders.

The push for restoration recently intensified

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AI Impact Expo powerful convergence of ideas: PM

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India AI Impact Expo 2026 was a powerful convergence of ideas, innovation and intent, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday.

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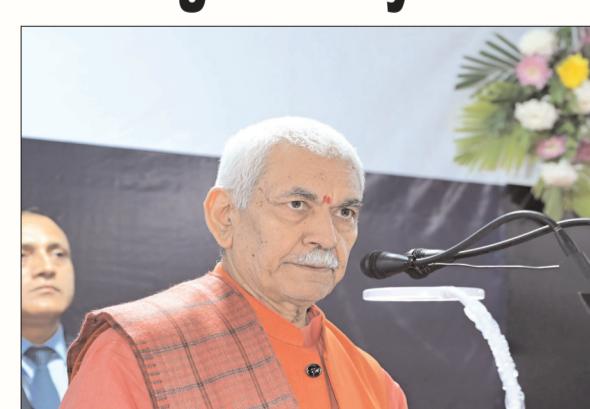
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India, France forge 'Special Global Strategic Partnership'

Ink 21 agreements

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