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**Meerra Chopra Shares Disturbing Cab Experience, Says Driver Was 'Almost Sleeping'**

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### LG thanks PM for civil enclave expansion at Sgr airport

LG Manoj Sinha today expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for approving the development of civil enclave at Srinagar International Airport proposed at an estimated cost of Rs 1,677 cr.

### CRPF cop shoots self dead

A CRPF cop allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself with his service rifle in Kashmir's Anantnag district today.

### Over 1,000 posts of doctors lying vacant

More than 1,000 posts of doctors are currently lying vacant across Jammu and Kashmir, according to figures shared by the health & medical education department.

### BOSE/SSSA designated as nodal agency for TET

The government has designated J&K Board of School Education (JK-BOSE)/State School Standards Authority (SSSA) as Nodal Agency for conducting Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) across the Union Territory, in compliance with a Supreme Court judgment.

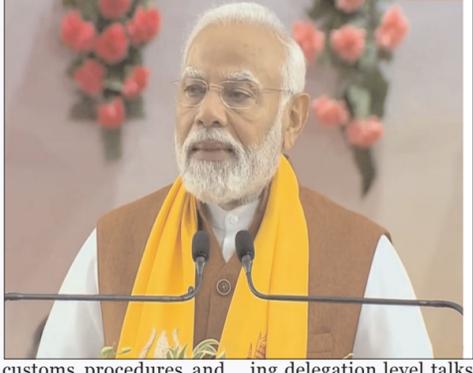
### Jammu courts lead in pendency among J&K distts

Subordinate courts across Jammu and Kashmir are grappling with a pendency of 3,89,210 cases till January-end, with criminal matters accounting for nearly two-thirds of the total backlog and over 58,000 cases lingering between five to 30 years, official data shows.

## India, Israel begin FTA talks

# Modi's Israel visit to boost bilateral def, trade cooperation

**NEW DELHI, FEB 24: India and Israel have launched the first round of negotiations for a proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA), coinciding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day state visit to Israel beginning Wednesday to shore up bilateral defence and trade cooperation amid the ongoing tensions in the Middle-east including deteriorating ties between the US and Iran.**



The inaugural round of talks, which will continue till February 26 in New Delhi, follows the signing of 'Terms of Reference' in November 2025 that set the framework for structured negotiations to deepen bilateral trade and economic engagement.

During his two-day Israel visit, the PM's engagements will include his address to Israel's parliament, wide-ranging talks with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu and a meeting with President Isaac Herzog.

### Russia-Ukraine conflict

## India abstains from UNGA draft resolution on 4th anniversary of war

**NEW DELHI, FEB 24:** India and 50 other countries on Tuesday abstained on a UN General Assembly draft resolution calling for an immediate, full, and unconditional ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine.

Introduced by Ukraine along with Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.

## Trump's tariffs return, but at softer bite

### 10 pc global levy takes effect

**NEW DELHI, FEB 24:** US President Donald Trump has brought a new global tariff regime into force at a 10 per cent rate, defying earlier signals that the levy would be imposed at a higher level.

The scaled-back rate has offered limited relief to markets and businesses that had braced for a sharper shock. Even at 10 per cent, the tariffs are expected to raise costs for importers and manufacturers reliant on global supply chains, with knock-on effects for pricing and margins.

## AI Impact Summit

### Parl panel passes resolution condemning 'shirtless protest' by Cong

**NEW DELHI, FEB 24:** The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology, chaired by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, on Tuesday passed a resolution strongly condemning the disruption at the AI Impact Summit, where members of the Congress Youth Wing staged a "shirtless protest," calling the act inappropriate and harmful to India's image on a global platform.

across party line described the protest as an attempt to embarrass the nation in front of foreign delegates and international representatives attending the summit.

partnership with strong cooperation across science and technology, innovation, defence and security, trade and investment, agriculture, water, and people-to-people relations.

On October 9, Modi dialled Netanyahu and congratulated him on the progress made under President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan.

The defence cooperation has emerged as an important pillar of the partner

### VP to visit Kashmir on Feb 26



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Elaborate security arrangements have been made across Kashmir ahead of Vice President C P Radhakrishnan's maiden visit to the valley on February 26.

### Kerala renamed as Keralam

**NEW DELHI, FEB 24:** The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal of Kerala government to change the name of the state to Keralam, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

### Vande Bharat to run between Jammu, Sgr from Mar 1

**NEW DELHI, FEB 24:** Northern Railway has announced extension of the Vande Bharat Express service to provide direct connectivity between Jammu & Srinagar from March 1, 2026.

## Big move against Tahawwur Rana

# Canada moves to revoke 26/11 mastermind's citizenship

**TORONTO, FEB 24:** Ahead of Prime Minister Mark Carney's visit to India, the Canadian government is pushing to revoke the citizenship of a Pakistan-born businessman, Tahawwur Rana Hussain, accused of playing a key role in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack.

United States to India in April 2025. He was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) as soon as he landed in New Delhi.

When Rana applied for citizenship in 2000, he claimed to have lived in Ottawa and Toronto for the previous four years, with only a six-day absence from the country, the IRCC wrote in a report.

The revocation decision accused him of "a serious and deliberate deception," and said his "lack of respect for the citizenship laws of

Canada" had led immigration officials to wrongly grant him citizenship.

The government said it was referring his case to the Federal Court, which has the final say on whether citizenship was obtained by "false representation or fraud or by knowingly concealing material circumstances."

A Toronto immigration lawyer representing Tahawwur Rana, also known as Tahawwur Hussain Rana, has appealed the decision, arguing it was unfair and violated his rights,

## 'Saving lives' campaign

# Prez stresses affordable world-class healthcare for all

**MUMBAI, FEB 24:** President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday inaugurated the nationwide campaign 'Saving Lives & Building a Healthier Bharat' at Lok Bhavan in Mumbai, saying that 'affordable world-class healthcare for all' should be everyone's mission.



Over 180,000 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs provide healthcare services across the country. Under Ayushman Bharat Yojana, the world's largest health insurance scheme, around 12 crore families receive health coverage of Rs 5

In her address, she said the Government of India had taken several important steps over the past decade to ensure citizens remain healthy and have access to quality healthcare.

lakh per family per year for hospitalisation. National programmes such as Mission Indradhanush, the TB-Free India Campaign, and the Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission are protecting citizens from diseases.

## Terrorists strike in Pak's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; 6 cops killed

**PESHAWAR, FEB 24:** At least six policemen, including a deputy superintendent of police, were killed and one other was injured in a militant attack on a police van in Kohat district of Pakistan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Tuesday.

attack and sought a detailed report from the Inspector General of Police.

Three of the injured officials later succumbed to injuries, raising the death toll to six.

Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sohail Afridi strongly condemned the

attack and sought a detailed report from the Inspector General of Police.

Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi also strongly condemned the attack on police saying that the law and order situation in KP's southern districts had deteriorated significantly.

Pak security personnel and police have been on the

## Ladakh's Pashmina set to become global luxury benchmark: Kavinder

**LEH, FEB 24:** Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta today said that the UT's Pashmina, renowned for its unparalleled quality, craftsmanship, and heritage, was poised to become a global benchmark of luxury.



form its iconic Pashmina into a globally recognised luxury brand.

self-help groups, cooperatives, industry representatives, financial institutions, researchers, and govern