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Total lunar eclipse on Mar 3

A total lunar eclipse will occur on March 3, coinciding with the full moon day of 12 Phalguna, 1947 Saka Era.

The celestial event would be visible from most parts of India, barring a few locations in the extreme western region of the country.

According to a release issued by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, the eclipse will begin at 3.20 pm IST and conclude at 6.48 pm IST. The total phase of the eclipse will commence at

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Teacher suspended over 'misconduct'

The office of CEO, Rajouri, has placed a grade-III teacher under suspension with immediate effect, following serious allegations of misconduct, indiscipline and dereliction of duty.

The teacher was presently posted at government primary school, Lanjhar, in Moughla zone of the district.

According to an official order, the action was taken after a report from ZEO,

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Deadline for filing APRs extended by 15 days

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The government today granted a final 15-day extension to the employees for filing Annual Property Returns (APRs) for the year 2025 through the Property Return System (PRS) portal.

A GAD notification issued in this regard said: Vide Circular No 26-JK(GAD) of December 17, 2025, all the employees working under Jammu & Kashmir government were advised to file property returns for the year 2025, with effect from January 1, 2026 to January 31, 2026 on PRS por

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Economy grew by 7.8 pc in 3rd quarter

NEW DELHI, FEB 27: India's economy grew by 7.8 per cent during the October-December quarter of 2025-26, up from 7.4 per cent a year ago, according to the new series of national accounts with 2022-23 as the base year.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Friday released the New Series of Annual and Quarterly National Accounts Estimates with the base year 2022-23. It replaces the previous series with a base year of 2011-12.

According to the new series, the gross domestic

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Industry must invest; take advantage of budget announcements: Modi

Lays out agenda for reforms

NEW DELHI, FEB 27: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asked the industry to come forward with investment and innovation, and exhorted financial institutions to help them with practical solutions and strengthen market confidence.

Addressing a post-Budget webinar on "Technology, Reforms and Finance for Viksit Bharat", Modi said when government, industry and knowledge partners come together, "reforms translate into results", and "announcements on paper turn into achievements on the ground".

In the last one decade, the government has laid emphasis on infrastructure, he said, adding that public capex has increased from Rs 2 lakh crore 11 years ago, to over Rs 12 lakh crore in the Union Budget 2026-27.

This high capex allocation is a signal to the private sec-



tor to come forward with new vigour, Modi said, adding that the industry should take advantage of all the 2026-27 Budget announcements.

"India Inc should come forward with fresh investment, innovation; financial institutions should help design practical solutions and improve market confidence," Modi said.

Over the past decade, India has demonstrated extraordinary resilience, the PM

said, adding that this has not happened by chance but due to conviction-driven reforms.

The government has also simplified processes and made ease of doing business much simpler.

"My suggestion is that we should develop a clear 'Reform Partnership Charter' which will have collaboration between government, industry, financial institutions and academia. This charter will become an important document in the goal to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047," he said.

Observing that the Budget is often evaluated on different parameters, Modi said "the national Budget is not a short-term trading document. It is a policy roadmap. Therefore, the effectiveness of the Budget should also be assessed on solid and substantive parameters".

Meanwhile, he also laid out an ambitious agenda for reforms and asked his cabinet colleagues to prepare detailed notes about the initiatives to be taken in their respective ministries in the coming years.

"The exercise is part of the Modi government's renewed thrust on simplifying processes, improve ease of doing business and expanding technology-led governance under its 'Reform Express' agenda," official sources said.

The ministers were told to prepare the note themselves

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Respect your past, connect with your roots: LG to youth



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Stating that youth hold boundless power to steer society and nation towards a bright future, LG Manoj Sinha today called upon them to respect their past and connect with their roots as it would generate self-awareness that no classroom could ever fully teach.

"Youth hold boundless power to steer society and nation toward future," he said in his address after in-

augurating Youth Festival 'Goonj 2026' at University of Jammu.

"Honour your traditions, respect your past and connect with your roots. This will deepen the profound sense of identity, confidence, and self-awareness that no classroom can ever fully teach," the LG added.

He emphasised on putting a dedicated focus on shaping balanced minds and bold innovators for sustainable development.

"Empowered youth engineers the future and I believe intellectual depth,

creative strength and innovative youth leadership is essential for national advancement," he said.

The two-day event will offer distinctive platform to youth from diverse disciplines to create one future. The festival would educate mind, energise body and ignite innovation.

"When young people kindle the flame of courage within themselves and step forward with unshakeable belief, new pathways open up for society and nation," Sinha said.

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West Bengal SIR

SC rejects TMC's challenge to EC's training of judges

NEW DELHI, FEB 27: The Supreme Court said on Friday that it knows its judicial officers and they will not be "influenced by anything", after the West Bengal government submitted that the Election Commission had issued a training module for judicial officers deployed in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for West Bengal, mentioned the matter before a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi.

"Something strange has happened. While your lord-

ships passed the order that all the modalities will be settled by the chief justice (of the Calcutta High Court) and the committee, what they have done is, behind the back, they have issued directions to the judicial officers and issued a training module saying this is what they should accept and this is what they should not accept," Sibal told the bench.

The CJ said the judicial officers deployed for the exercise in the state would take a call.

"We can't hear like this. There has to be an end to it. We know our judicial officers, and they are not to be

influenced by anything," the CJ said, adding that the court has made it very clear what documents are to be looked into.

"Our orders are as clear as daylight," Justice Bagchi said.

The bench said neither the poll panel nor the state government would go beyond the orders passed by the apex court in the matter.

Dismayed over the ongoing tussle between the West Bengal government and the Election Commission, the top court on February 20 issued an "extraordinary" direction to deploy serving

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SFs fire at Pak drone; ops launched

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, FEB 27

After detecting the movement of a Pak drone on this side of the LoC in Gulpur belt of Poonch district of Jammu today, security forces fired towards it but the bullets missed the target and it flew back to PoJK.

According to officials, the drone movement was picked up by alert forces in the border Gulpur area.

Soon thereafter, the troops fired several rounds towards the drone but no bullet hit it as a result of which it managed to retreat safely into

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Govt to enforce e-challan at crushers: Dy CM

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Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today directed for strict enforcement of e-challan at crusher units, mandatory GPS tracking of all vehicles transporting mining material and implementation of "One Parchi, One Load" rule to completely curb illegal mining across Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairing a high-level meeting of the mining department, he stressed the need for strengthening enforcement mecha

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Home Affairs dialogue

India flags security concerns of diplomats, anti-India activities in UK

NEW DELHI, FEB 27: India and the United Kingdom, during their 6th edition of Home Affairs Dialogue here, on Friday, highlighted pro-Khalistani extremism and the activities of anti-India groups operating in Britain as key areas for closer co-operation and coordination.

During the discussions, the Indian side raised concerns over recent security breaches affecting Indian dignitaries and diplomatic premises in the UK, underlining the need for stronger preventive measures and enhanced cooperation to address such incidents.

Both sides acknowledged

the importance of safeguarding diplomatic missions and maintaining public order, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in a statement said.

Since Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan has been travelling to Bihar along with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the Indian delegation at the meet was led by Secretary (Border Management) Rajendra Kumar, while the team from the UK's Home Office was led by Second Permanent Secretary Simon Ridley, it said.

The dialogue provided a platform for reviewing ongoing collaboration and

identifying new avenues for joint action on security-related challenges, the MHA noted in the statement.

"In addition to countering extremism, the two nations identified several other priority areas for proactive engagement. These included tackling drug trafficking networks, addressing migration-related issues, strengthening criminal justice partnerships, deepening law enforcement cooperation, and enhancing collaboration in cyber security," the MHA statement read, while adding that both sides agreed that emerging

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Exercise Vayu Shakti

IAF showcases combat prowess, gives peek into Op Sindoor

JAISALMER, FEB 27: The Indian Air Force demonstrated its combat prowess and firepower capabilities, and presented glimpses of missions undertaken during Operation Sindoor through simulated strikes at the Pokharan Field Firing Range under Exercise 'Vayu Shakti' in the presence of President Droupadi Murmu on Friday.

The day-dusk-night demonstration, held in the Thar desert of western Rajasthan near the India-Pakistan border, was also attended by Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh, Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade and Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, among other dignitaries.

IAF chief, Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, senior officials of the force and others were also present.

A presentation on Operation Sindoor was made at the beginning of the exercise, followed by a detailed display of day target layouts spread across a three-kilometre area.

The simulated targets included an enemy runway, a petroleum storage facility,

bunkers, radar sites, tank and armoured convoys, a communication centre, a terror camp, ammunition storage, a hangar and a command-and-control centre.

Fighter jets and attack helicopters carried out synchronised operations, displaying strategy formulation, target identification and calibrated destruction. The IAF showcased a calibrated response for controlled escalation and precision strikes as part of the simulated mission.

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Adopt result-oriented approach: LG Kavinder to officials

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Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta, who today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of key infrastructure projects being implemented under various central government schemes, including the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF), Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), and Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), asked officials to adopt a result-oriented approach in the execution of development works.



He also reviewed the status of recruitment drives for non-gazetted posts through District Subordinate Services Recruitment Boards (DSSRBs) and the Ladakh Subordinate Services Staff Selection Board (LSSSSB), as well as gazetted posts being filled

through Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). The LG stressed upon all administrative secretaries, HoDs and field officers to adopt a result-oriented approach in the execution of developmental works.

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