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Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.

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A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

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- Present vomiting
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- Disorientation
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- Redness

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## J&K people know their future lies with India, Pak their biggest enemy: LG Sinha

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 08 (KNO)

Asserting that people of Jammu and Kashmir have realized that their future is secure with India, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that it has become known to all that Pakistan is the biggest enemy of people of J&K and has only one agenda i.e. to destroy the Union Territory.

Addressing the 'Tourism Secretaries' Meet of Union Territories here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency said, "Ordinary citizens are taking a stand against terrorism. Street protests against Pakistan-backed terrorists is a good sign to establish permanent peace in the valley. Entire Jammu Kashmir must



rise and make sure terrorists have no place in this beautiful union territory."

"In J&K, Security forces have a huge role in ending terrorism but the role of society is also no less. Terrorists'

attempt to draw their sustenance from society should be foiled," he added.

"This conference is a befitting reply to terrorism and reflects J&K's march

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## LG reviews progress of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan in J&K

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 08 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the implementation and progress of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan in the UT of Jammu Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Manddeep

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## >>> 'Tourism Secretaries Meet'

## Pahalgam terror attack painful, need to forget it, move forward: Union Tourism Minister

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 09 (KNO)

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on Tuesday termed the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians dead, as an "Amavas ki kali raat" (a dark night of no moon), stating that while the tragedy was painful, the nation must look ahead and move forward with resilience and unity.

Addressing a Tourism Secretaries' Meet of Union Territories here, Shekhawat, according to the news agency said, "We must not let one dark night define the future. We have to forget the

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## Amarnath Yatra crosses 1.11 lakh mark in 6 days



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 08 (KNO)

The annual Amarnath Yatra continues to witness a massive rush of devotees as over 1.11 lakh pilgrims have performed the darshan at the holy cave shrine in the first six days of the pilgrimage, while more than four lakh people have registered so far.

Officials informed the news agency that a total of 93,342 pilgrims had visited the holy cave shrine till July 7. On the sixth day of the Yatra (today), an additional 18,633 pilgrims performed darshan, taking the cumulative total to 1,11,975.

Today's figure includes 13,010 males, 4,118 females, 256 children, 174 sadhus, 26 sadhvis, 2 transgender pilgrims, and 347 security personnel.

Officials said the Yatra is proceeding smoothly from both Pahalgam and Baltal routes amid tight security and favourable weather conditions. They said the 7th batch

of 7,541 pilgrims, including 5,516 men and 1,765 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu in 309 vehicles for the twin base camps in Kashmir amid tight security arrangements on Tuesday morning.

"A total of 4,05,817 pilgrims have registered for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra so far. The number of casualties recorded to date stands at four, mainly due to health-related issues such as cardiac arrest, which are often triggered by low oxygen concentration at higher altitudes," an official said.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that more than 1 lakh devotees have visited the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the first six days of the annual pilgrimage. "The journey of faith, holy Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra has surpassed 1 lakh pilgrims within the first six days of pilgrimage," Sinha said in a post on X.

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## UT framework restricts development funding across J&K projects: Deputy CM

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 08 (KNO)

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Tuesday said the elected government is committed to addressing the genuine concerns of contractors, but reminded them that the Union Territory framework restricts development funding across Jammu and Kashmir projects.

He said that while developmental responsibilities remain with the government, financial allocations are shaped by the current administrative framework and must be managed



accordingly.

Speaking to reporters here, Choudhary, as per the news agency said he was there as the in-charge minister to review ongoing work, meet with contractors, and understand the

issues they are facing. He said several contractors raised concerns related to payments and card renewals, and that he had directed officials to take appropriate steps to address them.

Choudhary said the elected government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah carries the responsibility of fulfilling the expectations of the people.

"While some shortcomings exist, many positive developments have taken place," he said.

The Deputy CM expressed hope that the pending

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## J&K tourism reviving, will match last year's figure soon: Yasha Mudgal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 08 (KNO)

Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, Yasha Mudgal on Tuesday said the tourist footfall is increasing across Kashmir and the region will match last year's figures of visitor arrivals soon.

Talking to reporters here at SKICC, on the sidelines of the two-day National Secretaries' Conference, Mudgal, according to the news agency, said tourist arrivals are gaining at almost all destinations, with visitors from different parts



of the country visiting Jammu and Kashmir's destinations like Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam. She said that as footfall increases,

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## CS reviews preparations for hosting SLSAs 8th North Zone Regional Conference

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JULY 8

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today had a comprehensive review of the preparations being made for hosting the 8th North Zone Regional Conference of State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs), scheduled on 26th and 27th of this month.

The conference will bring together esteemed dignitaries and legal professionals including the Chief Justice of India, Union Law Minister, Chief Justices of various High Courts, Executive Chairpersons of SLSAs and other



key legal and administrative officials to discuss key initiatives and strategies related to legal aid and awareness.

Preparations for the high profile event were reviewed by the Chief Secretary with arrangements finalized for accommoda-

tion, transportation, security and various conference activities to be held during the two days of the conference.

Some of the Conference highlights included an inaugural session at the SKICC followed

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## Jammu tourism website falls behind in digital age, needs urgent modernisation

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUL 08 (KNO)

In today's digital age, where travellers rely heavily on online platforms for planning their trips, the official Jammu tourism website (jammutourism.gov.in) is falling significantly short, highlighting an urgent need for modernisation to boost the region's tourism potential.

Managed by the Department of Tourism, Jammu & Kashmir, the website currently lacks updated information on key officials, tourist destinations, maps, contact details of travel desks, and government-run accommodations, including those operated by the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC). This outdated online presence hampers effective promotion and leaves prospective visitors without reliable resources to plan their visits.

According to the news agency, several critical issues have been identified. For instance, the 'Who's Who' section on the homepage still displays contact details of officers like the Joint Director and Deputy Director (Publicity), who were transferred months or even years ago, without any updates.

In the 'Where to Stay' section, the list of hotels includes 8 Class 'A' hotels, 42 Class 'B' hotels, and 227 Class 'C' hotels. However, many of these listings are outdated—new properties that have come up over the past decade are missing, while some closed hotels still appear. Notably, premium hotels such as Radisson, Vivanta, Anutham, Viraj Sarovar Portico, Zone by Park, and Lemon Tree are absent from the list, whereas a hotel like M/S Jehlum Resorts, now renamed Country Inn and

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## Schools in J&K reopen after summer break

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 8

Schools in Jammu and Kashmir reopened on Tuesday after two weeks of summer vacation as heavy rains on Monday ended the prolonged heatwave in the valley.

The schools opened amidst criticism of the government's decision to advance to the school timing to 7.30 am.

The Jammu and Kashmir government on

Monday decided against extending the summer vacations despite no signs of heatwave abating in the valley.

However, within couple of hours of the announcement, heavy rains lashed the valley and the temperature came down to normal levels across Kashmir.

Some parents were critical of the new schedule announced by Minister for Education Sakina Masood



Several videos were posted online in which parents showed the difficulties faced by kids to

wake up at 5.30 am in order to catch their school bus between 6.30 am and 7.00 am.

The education minister said on X that institutions within the municipal limits in the valley will function from 7.30 am to 11.30 am, while in other areas, the timings will be from 8 am to 12 noon.

"We are reopening schools from tomorrow (Tuesday) in Kashmir Division & Winter Zones of Jammu Division," Ittoo said.

The minister said the students will attend two online classes from home

after a one-hour break. "After a 1-hour break, 2 online classes will follow. Teachers to remain available till 2 PM. All Hols must ensure online classes are conducted without exception," she said.

It is not yet clear how long the hybrid model of education – invented to counter the heatwave – will remain in place.

Authorities in Kashmir had on June 21 announced a 15-day summer

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## Social Welfare Department and ALIMCO distribute Prosthetic Aids to PwDs and Senior Citizens in Gandoh Bhalessa

JINNEWS SERVICE  
GANDOH (DODA), JULY 8

The Social Welfare Department Doda in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, organized a prosthetic aid distribution camp today at R&B Dak Bungalow, Gandoh Bhalessa. The camp was held under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and the overall supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Doda, Tariq Parveez Qazi.

The programme chaired by Sub Divisional Magistrate Gandoh, Arun Kumar

Badyal aimed at supporting Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) under the Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) scheme and senior citizens under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY).

During the event, various aids and appliances were distributed to 126 beneficiaries identified during earlier assessment camps in Blocks Jhakyass, Changa and Bhalessa. The distributed items included crutches, walking sticks, rollators, callipers, artificial limbs, knee braces, lumbo-sacral belts, silicon foam cushions and more.



The initiative seeks to assist needy disabled persons and senior citizens by providing durable, modern, and scientifically designed aids and appliances. These devices are aimed at reducing the impact of disabilities, preventing secondary disabilities, improving independent functioning, and promoting social, psychological and economic rehabilitation of the beneficiaries.

The event was coordinated by Rajesh Sharma, TSWO Gandoh, and attended by Tushar Chowdhary, Audiologist, along with the technical team from ALIMCO, Mohali.

## DC Baramulla reviews progress under Capex Budget 2025-26

JINNEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, JULY 8

In a proactive initiative to accelerate developmental activities under the Capex Budget 2025-26, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, chaired two sector-wise review meetings at the DC Office Baramulla to assess physical and financial progress across departments.

The first meeting focused on key departments including Irrigation, Public Works Department (R&B), Education (Elementary and Secondary), Youth Services & Sports, Health, and Public Health Engineering (PHE). Departmental officers presented PowerPoint presentations highlighting the status of ongoing projects.



DC conducted a detailed review, stressing transparency, optimal fund utilization, and strict quality control in project execution.

In the second session, DC engaged with officials from the Rural Development Department (RDD) and Urban Local Bodies (ULB), reviewing the progress of PRI, BDC, DDC, and urban sector works. Emphasis was laid on clearing pending liabilities and ensuring progress

aligns with the fund allocated under these critical components.

Highlighting the importance of timely action, DC directed all departments to expedite project execution, regularly update the BEAMS portal, and mandatorily submit detailed plans for new works under the 2025-26 Capex Budget by July 10 to facilitate early administrative approvals.

Calling for inter-departmental coordination and a focus on high-impact

public works, DC reiterated the administration's commitment to accountable and citizen-centric governance through timely and transparent development planning.

Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Joint Director Planning, Superintending Engineer R&B, Assistant Commissioner Development, and other concerned officers and officials were present in the meeting.

## House Committee on JJM holds 4th meet at Srinagar



JINNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JULY 8

The House Committee on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) today held its fourth meeting at Legislative Assembly Complex, Srinagar.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi and attended by members Mohammad Yousuf Tariq, Ali Mohammad Dar, Altaf Ahmad Wani, Aijaz Ahmad Jan, Ranbir Singh Pathania, Tanvir Sadiq,

Javaid Riyaz (Bedar), Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Rafiq Ahmad Naik and Arjun Singh Raju.

Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti department, Shaleen Kabra; Mission Director JJM; Chief Engineer PHE Jammu/Kashmir and other senior officers of the department were present in the meeting.

Speaking during the meeting, the Chairman underscored that this Committee has been given an important assignment

to look in alleged irregularities in implementation of JJM, a flagship initiative aimed to provide adequate and safe drinking water to public.

The Chairman also called upon the members of Committee to conduct field visits of districts in order to gather on ground assessment of various works being executed under JJM.

The members of the Committee, during the meeting, also spoke on different aspects of the JJM.

## District level workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 held at Shopian

JINNEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, JULY 8

One day district level workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 (PAI) was held today at Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat Shopian in order to apprise the stakeholder departments about the Localised Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).

Diverse sessions on SDGs, their relevance to Panchayats, structure and utility of PAI and its linkage with the nine LSDG themes besides understanding new improvements in the new evaluation tools were conducted by theme experts.

The sessions were presided over by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr.Nasir Ahmad Lone, and were attended by ACP,



GM DIC, DTO, ExEn PDD, CAO and other officers and officials of various departments.

The focus of the workshop was on apprising the stakeholder officials about the new and improved version of Panchayat Evaluation and Assessment.

Panchayat Assessment Index (PAI), formerly Panchayat Development Index (PDI) is a comprehensive tool designed to assess the multi dimensional development status of a panchayat, where it evaluates the progress of panchayats in achieving the Localised Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).

Convergent Planning, pooling minimum resources with maximum output was emphasised. Nine themes to be targeted for saturation included advancements in sectors including Infrastructure, health, education, social development, governance, environment, etc.

## Rana felicitates officials of Wildlife Department at Dachigam

JINNEWS SERVICE  
DACHIGAM, JULY 8

Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana, today felicitated the officers and staff of the Wildlife Department for their outstanding achievement in conservation of protected areas in Jammu and Kashmir during an event organised at Dachigam National Park.

The Minister appreciated the officers and other stakeholders who contributed in making Dachigam National Park highest-scoring protected area in the country with a remarkable score of 92.97% in Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) exercise conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India under the aegis of Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

MLA Salman Ali Sagar, Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Sheetal Nanda; Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Suresh Kumar Gupta; Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K, Sarvesh Rai; Senior Officers/ HoDs; representatives of NGOs; staff and trainees attended the felicitation ceremony.

Rana said that Dachigam National Park's



achievement is a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of the forest department, wildlife experts and local communities towards conservation of protected areas.

Hailing the achievement, Javed Rana said that the park's excellence in biodiversity protection, ecological management, staff efficiency and community engagement has set a benchmark for other protected areas to follow. He said that there is a long way to go and hoped that the department will continue to work with renewed enthusiasm.

Highlighting the impacts of trespassing natural boundaries of ecology, Javed Rana said that today's climatic challenges being faced at national and international level are due

to the ecological imbalance attributed to unrestricted man activities. He said that JK is bestowed with numerous natural resources that put additional responsibilities on our shoulders to maintain that dignity.

The Minister highlighted the importance of community awareness, anti-poaching efforts and collaborative conservation initiatives in protecting the JK's natural heritage. He also noted the heartening increase in the Hangul population, with 323 individuals recorded in the latest survey of March 2025, considered a viable number.

To further enhance the conservation efforts, the Minister announced several initiatives including formal recognition of five Wildlife Rescue Centres by

the Central Zoo Authority, operationalization of 18 new trekking routes and improving the habitat of wild animals.

The Minister reiterated the Omar Abdullah-led Government's commitment to protect Jammu and Kashmir's natural heritage and promote eco-tourism, biodiversity monitoring and habitat restoration.

On the occasion, the Minister inaugurated the Wildlife Research & Training Centre and a one-day compulsory training course on Wildlife Laws for Officers.

Javed Rana also released a booklet titled "Insights to Wildlife Health" and a Scroll of Honour on celebration of the event.

MLA Salam Sagar highlighted the need to create awareness among the locals regarding management and conservation efforts. Commissioner Secretary, Sheetal Nanda, said that it is a proud moment for all of us that Dachigam National Park has gained national recognition in conservation and management efforts. She said that there is need to do more for maintaining the ecological balance in the coming years, amidst development pressures.

## DC Baramulla chairs DLIC meeting under Mission YUVA



JINNEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, JULY 8

In a significant move aimed at empowering the youth and fostering self-employment, a district level implementation committee (DLIC) meeting was held today under Mission YUVA at Baramulla.

The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, and witnessed the approval of 53 cases of aspiring young entrepreneurs from across the district.

The approved cases span a wide range of sectors, highlighting the diverse entrepreneurial interests of local youth and their potential to contribute to Baramulla's economic development. These youth will now receive financial assistance and capacity-building support under the Mission YUVA framework.

Mission YUVA is a flagship initiative of the Gov-

ernment of Jammu & Kashmir that aims to create a strong support ecosystem for youth-led enterprises. The mission provides end-to-end support including skill development, financial aid, mentorship, and market linkages to unemployed and aspiring entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, DC lauded the enthusiasm and participation of local youth. He emphasized the need for timely disbursement of funds and continuous mentoring to ensure sustainability of the approved ventures. He remarked that Mission YUVA is not just a scheme but a movement to instill innovation, enterprise, and self-reliance among the district's youth.

The meeting was attended by all members of the DLIC and SBDU, as well as officers from the District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Baramulla.

A comprehensive pre-

sentation on the applications received and the screening process conducted at the SBDU level was shared during the session. It was noted that intensive awareness campaigns and engagement activities across both rural and urban areas had generated a strong response from the youth.

The committee also discussed strategies for further mobilization, training, and digital onboarding of youth under the mission. DC directed officials to intensify outreach programmes, organize mobile registration camps, and conduct entrepreneurship awareness drives to ensure wider coverage.

He assured the beneficiaries of continuous monitoring and support from the administration and expressed hope that Mission YUVA would open new avenues of livelihood while reducing dependence on government jobs.

## DDC Pulwama finalizes District Capex Plan 2025-26

JINNEWS SERVICE  
PULWAMA, JULY 8

District Development Council (DDC) Pulwama today convened a comprehensive meeting here to finalize the District Capex Plan for the financial year 2025-26.

The meeting witnessed the presence of DDC members, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Pulwama, Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Pulwama, Superintending Engineer (SE) Pulwama, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Pulwama, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Pulwama, Executive Engineers from PHE Awantipora and R&B Pulwama/Awantipora, District Health Officer Pulwama, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Pulwama, Block Development Officers of various blocks, and other district and sectoral officers.

At the outset, the CPO Pulwama presented a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, detailing the sector-wise allocation of funds earmarked for various developmental works under the District Capex Plan.

During the meeting, DDC members actively highlighted key developmental concerns from their respective constituencies and put forth valuable suggestions aimed at improving the performance and delivery of various departments. A threadbare discussion was held on the Area Development Plan, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), and prioritization of critical infrastructure and welfare works.

After extensive deliberations, the DDC Council unanimously approved the Area Development Plan under the District Capex Budget 2025-26.

## Committee on Privileges holds meeting in Srinagar

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JULY 8

The Committee on Privileges of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to deliberate on matters pertaining to the privileges and entitlements of legislators.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Nizam-ud-Din Bhat and attended by Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), including Vikram Randhawa, Javid Riyaz (Bedar), Salman Sagar, Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Bharat Bhushan and Javid Iqbal.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of legislators asserting their constitutional rights and privileges across all appropriate platforms. He highlighted the need for a clear



framework to ensure that the dignity and functioning of elected representatives is preserved and respected.

The Committee resolved to hold a joint meeting with the heads of the Law, General Administration Department (GAD) and Protocol Department to address issues within the ambit of constitutional mandate and ensure better coordination among the concerned departments.

The members held a threadbare discussion on a range of issues including staff support (drivers), security arrangements, housing and office facilities

and other privileges for the legislators.

The Committee also underscored the need for enhanced hostel accommodations and club facilities for both the sitting and former legislators in Jammu and Srinagar.

The Chairman expressed confidence in the collective capabilities of the Committee members to contribute constructively and uphold the integrity of the institution. He reiterated that the Committee would work strictly within its defined mandate and would meet regularly to devise actionable plans for resolving the issues placed before it.

The members actively participated in the discussions, offering valuable suggestions and feedback on key concerns impacting the functioning of legislators.

## DLIC meeting under Mission YUVA held at Kishtwar

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, JULY 8

The 2nd meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) under Mission YUVA was convened today under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma in the VC Room of the DC Office Complex, Kishtwar.

The meeting aimed to review and approve applications received under Mission YUVA—a flagship initiative focused on promoting youth entrepreneurship and self-employment in the district.

A total of 77 applications, verified by the Skill and Business Development Unit (SBDU) were presented before the committee. After detailed



scrutiny based on eligibility, business viability, and the applicants' socio-economic background, all 77 proposals were approved for financial assistance and handholding support under the Mission YUVA framework.

While addressing the committee, the DDC emphasized the need to widen outreach efforts by conducting awareness camps and mobile registration drives, particularly in remote and underserved areas, to ensure that the

benefits of Mission YUVA reach every eligible youth in the district.

He also directed the District Nodal Officer (JKEDI) and Functional Manager (DIC) to expedite the formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and ensure their prompt verification at the SBDU level, so that pending applications can be processed without delay.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Pawan Kotwal; Assistant Director Employment, Shafaqat Keen; District Nodal Officer, JKEDI; Rep. Cluster Head, JK Bank; Employment Officer, Vinod Shant and representatives from the Agriculture and Social Welfare Departments among other concerned officials.

**Pre-Lok Adalat sessions for cases of serving Armed Personnel, Ex-Servicemen & Veer Naris on July 15 in Kulgam**

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KULGAM, JULY 8

As directed by J&K Legal Services Authority, special Pre-Lok Adalat sessions for cases related to serving Armed Personnel, Ex-Servicemen, and Veer Naris is scheduled to be held at District Court Complex Kulgam and in Taluka Courts of the district on 15 July, 2025.

During the proceedings, all such cases pre and post litigation pending before the courts shall be taken up for amicable settlement.

## DLSA organizes One-Day Capacity Building Programme on “Child protection and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education”

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 8

The District Legal Services Authority Jammu (DLSA), under the aegis of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) and in collaboration with UNICEF today organized a One Day Capacity Building Programme on “Child Protection and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)” at RMG International School, Jandial Akhnoor, Jammu in furtherance to the NALSA (Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024.

The programme was inaugurated by Y. P. Bourney, Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman District Legal Services Authority Jammu. The Training programme was organized under the overall supervision of Dr. Smriti Sharma, Secretary District Legal Services

Authority Jammu. The event began with a welcome address by Ms. Arushi Shukla, Munsiff/Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee Akhnoor who underscored the need for a united and informed approach to child welfare and safety.

“It is our collective responsibility to ensure that every child lives in a safe, nurturing, and just environment,” said the Chairman, TLSC Akhnoor. “Through this capacity building programme, we aim to strengthen the capabilities of frontline workers and stakeholders to identify risks, respond to child protection issues effectively and educate communities—particularly children—about the dangers of unexploded ordnance.”

In the inaugural address, Pr. and District Judge, Jammu Y. P. Bourney emphasized the



importance of strengthening child protection mechanisms and raising awareness about the risks posed by explosive ordnance, especially in sensitive and vulnerable regions. He also highlighted the need for all stakeholders to adopt a child-centric approach in delivering legal & social services and thanked UNICEF, J&K Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority Jammu for organizing this One Day Training Programme for all the stakeholders who are working in the field of child protection.

The programme

critical subject of Explosive Ordnance Risk Education.

The sessions were conducted by Three Expert Resource Persons:

Mr. Syed Mujtaba, Coordinator from UNICEF, who shared global best practices and community-based strategies to address Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) in affected regions.

Adv. Ms. Deepali Arora, Panel Lawyer of DLSA Jammu, who discussed the legal safeguards available for children and the importance of child-friendly procedures in the justice system.

Ms. Vidhi Dubey, Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee (CWC), who spoke on the operational aspects of child protection systems and the role of institutional support in ensuring safety and rehabilitation of children at risk.

Ms. Pooja Jamwal, Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel Jammu conducted the whole proceedings of the programme.

At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Smriti Sharma, Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Jammu extended a heartfelt vote of thanks to all dignitaries, guests and participants. In her address, she expressed deep gratitude to the Pr. District & Sessions Judge and Chairman of DLSA Jammu for his guidance and presence, which significantly enriched the program.

Later, the interactive programme between the participants and the Resource Persons received an overwhelming response and concluded with a commitment from all stakeholders to continue collaborative efforts in securing the rights, safety and well-being of every child in the district.

The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) has successfully concluded a series of Management Development Programs (MDPs) across four districts under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme.

The initiative is being funded by the Union Ministry of MSME and implemented in the Union Territory by the Industries and Commerce Department, J&K.

The training programs, which commenced on June 30, 2025, were held simultaneously in Budgam, Kupwara, Pulwama and Shopian. A total of 81 aspiring and existing entrepreneurs, including 48 women, participated in the six-day comprehensive training.

The MDPs focused on enhancing the managerial, financial and strategic skills of the participants, aiming to help them scale up operations, boost competitiveness and build sus-

## JKEDI concludes MDPs in 4 districts, trains 81 entrepreneurs under RAMP



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tainable enterprises. The curriculum, meticulously developed by the subject matter experts, featured modules on business planning, marketing strategies, digital tools, financial literacy, legal compliance, innovation and leadership.

To provide practical exposure, the programs also included field visits to successful business ventures, interactive sessions with sector specialists and mentorship opportunities. Experts from District Industries Centres (DICs) and the Labour and Employment Department shared insights with participants, helping them align their ventures with current industry practices.

The MDPs were monitored by designated Range/Reviewing Officers, who regularly engaged with the trainees and gathered feedback to ensure quality and relevance of the training.

This initiative aligns with the broader objectives of the RAMP scheme to strengthen the MSME ecosystem across the Union Territory.

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## One day district level workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index held at Udhampur



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, JULY 8

A one-day District level workshop on the Panchayat Advancement Index organized by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

The workshop was aimed at sensitizing concerned stakeholders about the Panchayat Advancement Index, a multi-dimensional assessment tool designed to evaluate the overall developmental status of Gram Panchayats.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai presided over the workshop. Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Chief Planning Officer Mohammad Iqbal, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, Assistant Commissioner

Panchayat Dr. Ashwani Hansa along with other concerned officers and field functionaries attended the workshop.

Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasized the importance of the Panchayat Advancement Index in achieving inclusive and targeted development at the grassroots level. She urged all stakeholders to actively mobilize field functionaries for effective implementation of PAI themes and directed the concerned departments to maintain utmost accuracy while uploading data on the PAI portal.

Nida Rafiq, Thematic Expert, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj briefed the participants on the objectives and significance of the Panchayat Advancement Index. She explained that PAI is a structured tool to monitor and measure the socio-economic

and infrastructural growth of Panchayats across key indicators of sustainable development goals.

A detailed presentation was given on various themes under PAI-2.0 viz. child-friendly panchayat, water-sufficient panchayat, clean and green panchayat and self-sufficient infrastructure in panchayats. The presentation also elaborated on socio-economic indicators and performance parameters essential for assessing the well-being of rural communities under the PAI framework.

Participants were also provided with hands-on training on the PAI portal to ensure efficient and accurate data entry and monitoring.

A video documentary highlighting the methodology and impact of the Panchayat Advancement Index was also screened during the session.

## Dy CM conducts surprise inspection of CE R&B, PMGSY offices in Srinagar



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JULY 8

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today conducted a surprise inspection of Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) and PMGSY offices in Rajbagh, Srinagar to assess the operational efficiency and employee punctuality.

The inspection was aimed at ensuring seamless functioning of the department, with a focus on timely execution of duties and projects.

During the inspection, the Dy CM reviewed the attendance registers to

verify the presence of staff across different branches. He emphasised the importance of punctuality, stating that timely arrival at the workplace was essential for maintaining discipline and ensuring smooth operations.

Surinder Choudhary, while interacting with the staff there, maintained that the government is committed to ensure speedy and hassle free delivery of public services to the people. He directed the employees to strictly adhere to office hours, underscoring that consistent punctuality reflects

a commitment to public service and enhanced department's credibility.

The Dy CM also instructed the officials to avoid any mismanagement in their work and prioritise timely completion of all ongoing projects. He highlighted that delay in project execution could weaken public trust. He stressed that disciplined work ethics are foundational towards achieving the departmental goals.

The Deputy Chief Minister also asked the senior officials to closely monitor the attendance and project progress, ensuring that any lapse in this regard is addressed promptly.

Emphasizing on the need for transparency, timely execution, improved citizen service and cleanliness, the Dy CM stressed for speedy disposal of pending bills for seamless execution of projects without any hindrance.

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No.- 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025-26-08-2025-26-PTK-DRM-JAT & 09-2025-26-DRM-JAT & 10-2025-26-KTHU-DRM-JAT (to be opened on 30.07.2025) acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below filled tenders and available on <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> with closing date-30.07.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.			
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	
Open	Works	Single Packet System	
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time	
08-07-2025	16-07-2025	30-07-2025	
S.No.: 1   Tender No. 08-2025-26-PTK-DRM-JAT			
Details of Tender : "Annual Zone work for ordinary repair and maintenance of staff quarters and services of buildings in Main Line in the section of SSE-WPTK under ADE/PTK"			
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
89,99,988.45	60 Days	12 Months	
S.No.: 2   Tender No. 09-2025-26-DRM-JAT			
Details of Tender : Provision of 03 no. 100 KL RCC OH water Tank in lieu of old abandoned steel overhead water storage tank with plumbing pipes with pump house, with bore at BDHY, KTHU & JWLS under ADE/PTK and ADE/PTK respectively.			
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
1,54,97,103.11	60 Days	12 Months	
S.No.: 3   Tender No. 10-2025-26-KTHU-DRM-JAT			
Details of Tender : Ordinary Repair and Maintenance of Staff Qtr And Service Building In Zone work From Madhopur station to Samba Station (excluding MDPB & SMBX STATION) On BHRL -JAT Section In The Section of SSE-WKTHU Jurisdiction Under ADE/PTK."			
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
79,98,712.52	60 Days	12 Months	
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**FROM THE FRONT PAGE...**

**J&K people know...**

towards peace, progress and prosperity. Under the leadership of PM Modi, J&K is an unstoppable force and it will continue to flourish," the Lieutenant Governor said.

**J&K HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF TOP TRAVEL DESTINATIONS IN COUNTRY**

Highlighting the unprecedented development Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed since the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, LG Sinha said, "The region has emerged as one of the top travel destinations in the country, surpassing the national average in tourist influx."

"In 2024 alone, more than 2.02 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir," he said. "This record-breaking figure reflects a transformational change in the UT's tourism sector. We are not only promoting traditional tourist destinations, but also focusing on adventure tourism, border tourism, and off-beat locations like Bangus and Lolab, which are now attracting lakhs of visitors annually."

Calling the successful hosting of the G20 summit in Kashmir a "landmark achievement," LG Sinha said it has elevated the global profile of the region and showcased its potential as a world-class travel and investment destination.

"This was followed by major international and national events which not only showcased our organizational capabilities but presented J&K as a destination for luxury, film, entertainment, and global engagement," he added.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir has made strides in inclusivity and grassroots empowerment through tourism. "More than 65% of homestays in J&K are being run by women, reflecting a new era of empowerment and economic participation," he said. He also said that the country's first Book Village was established in Kashmir in 2023, further enriching the cultural tourism landscape.

With a view to boost high-value tourism and create sustainable destinations, LG Sinha announced the development of a major tourism infrastructure project in Srinagar. "A 146-acre land parcel at Tadoo Ground, being developed by the Government of India will soon become a global tourist hub. I am confident that once this project is completed, Kashmir will attract more tourists than even Davos," he asserted.

He revealed that plans are in motion to construct a ropeway leading up to the holy Amarnath Cave Shrine to ease the journey for pilgrims and promote spiritual tourism.

"We are also exploring ways to develop two Phase Ropeway for to the holy cave shrine to facilitate the old-aged and divyangjan," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Highlighting the revival of Bollywood's interest in the region, which was dormant for over three decades, LG Sinha said, "Jammu and Kashmir is now a favourite destination not just for tourism, but also for weddings and film shoots, bringing in a new wave of economic opportunities."

In the past five years, over 5,000 hotels have been constructed across the Union Territory. "While I acknowledge that many of these structures may have bypassed certain regulations, it is important to note that nearly 90% of the investment in these hospitality units has come from the native residents of Kashmir," he said, calling it a testament to the people's confidence in the region's future.

He said, "Peace is the prerequisite for development, and the people of J&K have shown that they are ready to embrace progress. The government is committed to ensuring this peace remains enduring and inclusive."

Referring to J&K's natural beauty, LG Sinha said, "God has truly been generous to Jammu and Kashmir. This land, adorned with snow-capped peaks, shimmering lakes, apple-laden orchards, temples and rolling meadows, is a living canvas of natural beauty, spirituality and peace."

We have strengthened traditional tourism circuits and expanded tourism's horizon. We have ensured benefits of tourism reach every corner of J&K UT and transform lives. The people of J&K and their warm hospitality makes Jammu and Kashmir a truly fascinating tourist destination," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also reiterated the administration's commitment to promote sustainable tourism, under the SPREAD (Strategic Promotion and Revamping of Emerging Alternate Destinations in J&K). This strategy aims to mitigate environmental pressure by diversifying tourist activities to lesser-known and emerging destinations.

"Our aim is to bring 9 Emerging Destinations on the national-international tourism map and provide direct employment to at least 5 lakh people in the first year and these destinations will be able to attract high value tourists," he added.

The occasion was also graced by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Culture and Tourism. Others who were present included V. Vidyavathi, Union Secretary, Tourism; Suman Billa, Additional Secretary & Director General, Tourism; Gyan Bhushan, Senior Economic Advisor, Tourism; Praveen Kumar Rai, Joint Secretary, MHA; Tourism Secretaries, officials from Government of India and UT Administration, panellists and experts. KNO

**LG reviews progress...**

K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health and Medical Education; Shri Baseer UI Haq Chaudhary, Mission Director, NHM, J&K; Deputy Commissioners; Heads of Medical & Health institutions and senior officials.

The Lieutenant Governor reviewed the strategies and actionable plans aimed at accelerating TB case detection, improving treatment outcomes, identifying challenges, and ensuring inter-departmental coordination to achieve the national goal of TB elimination.

The Lieutenant Governor called for collaborative efforts towards eliminating tuberculosis. "TB Mukht Jammu Kashmir should be our common goal," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor desired the use of various forms of media for generating awareness about all the aspects of TB. He also exhorted the Health Department

to ensure that its field functionaries work tirelessly for the success of the programme. This must include close monitoring of all TB patients so that they regularly consume prescribed medicines and do not become drug resistant. Use of IEC in the form of daily SMS and phone calls to the patients for ensuring that they do not miss their daily dose of medicine, was also stressed upon.

The Lieutenant Governor asked the Health Department to make all efforts for ensuring the availability of diagnostic machines including CBNAAT and TrueNat across the length and breadth of the UT.

"This would go a long way in increasing the testing of patients and screening of the population with the aim of achieving TB Mukht J&K and TB Mukht Bharat at the earliest," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor asked Deputy Commissioners to broaden the IEC and awareness campaigns and take onboard the religious leaders, healthcare professionals, sportspersons, prominent citizens, Self-Help Groups and Social organisations to reduce stigma associated with tuberculosis.

He further directed for mapping of vulnerable populations through screening and testing on priority, enhancing Diagnostics, Treatment, and promoting Early Diagnosis. People should be encouraged to register themselves as Ni-Kshay Mitras, he added.

Meeting also discussed the performance of Jammu Kashmir on various Parameters under National TB Elimination Programme, achievements registered under TB Mukht Panchayat Initiative, Media workshops for TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, saturation of Ayushman Bharat Golden cards, procurements of treatment and testing equipment.

Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health and Medical Education gave a detailed presentation on District wise status of Treatment Outcome, Presumptive TB Testing and Strategic Plan activities being implemented across the UT—(KNO)

**Pahalgam terror attack...**

Pahalgam terror attack as 'Amavas ki kali raat' and focus on building a brighter tomorrow."

Referring to the ongoing tourism secretaries' Meet of Union Territories" he said, "It's for the first time, such an event is being held to collectively discuss and promote tourism in the UTs."

The Union Minister emphasized that Jammu and Kashmir has undergone a transformative journey since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. "J&K has witnessed unprecedented development in recent years," he said.

He said that the global outlook towards India is changing rapidly, with tourism playing a significant role in driving economic growth and improving India's international image. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always maintained that the Union Territories, must emerge as tourism powerhouses," Shekhawat said.

Highlighting the diversification of religious tourism in J&K, the Minister said that earlier the region was known only for select pilgrimage sites. "Now, multiple new locations have been integrated into the religious tourism circuit," he added.

He also stressed the potential of adventure, water, and nature-based tourism in the UT. "Lavender tourism, for instance, has drawn lakhs of tourists to Jammu and Kashmir and become an emerging attraction," he said.

Underscoring the importance of accessibility, Shekhawat noted that "the first prerequisite to develop any tourist destination is ease of access—via road, rail, or air."

He called for significant infrastructural efforts to transform lesser-known locations into global tourist hubs.

The Minister proposed a forward-looking, structured approach to tourism promotion. "To make any destination globally recognized, we need to put in sustained effort. Events and festivals should be calendarized and repeated annually to create a lasting identity," he said. "Monthly exhibitions, fixed-date festivals, and curated cultural experiences can become the foundation for off-season tourism." . KNO

**UT framework restricts...**

issues would be resolved before his next visit in ten days. He added that if the Chief Minister is actively monitoring the administration, the officers should be equally alert in carrying out their duties.

Choudhary said that with the Darbar move in Kashmir and several new project packages under schemes like PMGSY and PWD, the government is working on a fast track to implement projects.

"Although some work has been temporarily affected by rain, the government remains focused on meeting public expectations," he added.

On the issue of contractor protests over pending payments and implementation of legislative proposals, Choudhary said that while some individuals are inclined towards protest, the administration is ready to listen to and resolve genuine grievances through dialogue.

"The government is not afraid of protests but believes that peaceful discussion is the appropriate way to resolve issues," he said..

The Deputy CM urged contractors to consider the financial limitations of a Union Territory and to raise concerns with the administration instead of resorting to agitation. He said that if the work has been completed as per the tenders, the government must make payments.

Choudhary said Jammu and Kashmir belongs to all its residents, and both regions must move forward together. "Cooperation between contractors and the administration is essential to ensure development continues without disruption," he added. KNO

**J&K tourism reviving...**

they are expecting it to match last year's figures very soon, adding that the tourism sector is bouncing back in Jammu and Kashmir and is once again becoming the preferred and favourite destination for travellers.

Mudgal was responding to a query about the slump in tourism activities following the Pahalgam terror attack. She praised the efforts made by the Lieutenant Governor and government officials for the ongoing revival of the tourism sector.

Regarding the two-day event held at SKICC, the Sec-

retary described it as the biggest event of the year, saying it has set a tone for the season ahead. "In the event, secretaries from all states and Union Territories participated in a brainstorming session, which was held on the directions of the Ministry of Tourism (MoT), in which the Lieutenant Governor himself participated. Such an event indicates that J&K has been a priority destination for the government," she said.

Notably, the Union Ministry for Tourism organised a two-day Tourism Secretaries' Conference for all States and Union Territories at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar, on 7th and 8th July 2025, for the first time in Jammu & Kashmir. The national event brought together Tourism Secretaries and Heads from across the country for high-level deliberations on collaborative policy-making and strategic planning in the tourism sector.

The conference focused on key national policy areas such as tourism-related budget announcements for 2025-26, destination development and infrastructure initiatives, review of sanctioned projects, promotion and marketing strategies, investment opportunities, and film tourism promotion.

A special session dedicated exclusively to Union Territories was held on Tuesday. KNO

**CS reviews preparations...**

by a mega legal awareness camp for the tribals at Juvenile Home, Harwan, Srinagar, with stalls by twelve different departments.

The Chief Secretary emphasized upon making all the arrangements beforehand and designated the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, as an overall Nodal Officer to finalise the same in coordination with other line departments.

Overall coordination for the event will be managed by Registrar General, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, M K Sharma, who is also Principal Secretary to Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

It was informed that various sub-committees have been formed to ensure seamless execution, covering aspects like liaison with the government, finance, coordination with the Judges, reception, transport, accommodation, venue arrangements, catering, cultural events, stationery, mementos, correspondence, IT/communication and media coordination.

The Mega Legal Awareness Camp at Harwan will feature stalls from 12 departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Tribal Affairs, Handloom & Handicraft, Industries & Commerce, Social Welfare, Tourism & Cultural Academy, Health Services, Floriculture, J&K Bank, Legal Services Authority and Youth Services & Sports. The Directors of these departments will serve as Nodal Officers for their respective stalls.

It is pertinent to mention here that the conference serves as a crucial platform for legal luminaries and stakeholders from the North Zone to deliberate on advancements in legal aid, access to justice and effective implementation of legal services programs for the benefit of citizens across this region.

Those who were present in the meeting included Registrar General, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court; Member Secretary, J&K, SLSA; Principal Secretary, Home; Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, GAD and Information Departments; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Secretary, Tribal Affairs; Secretary, RDD; Director, Information; Director, Handicrafts along with officers from other concerned departments.

**Amarnath Yatra...**

He said the Yatra is continuing smoothly on both the Pahalgam and Baltal routes and is expected to draw more devotees in the coming days.

Moreover, Director General of Police (DGP), Jammu and Kashmir, Nalin Prabhat, conducted a comprehensive security review along the Baltal axis on Tuesday.

The DGP assessed the deployment and operational preparedness of forces guarding the Yatra route. "DGP J&K Shri Nalin Prabhat alongwith IGP Kashmir, DIG Central Kashmir Range & senior officers conducted #security review of ongoing #yatra along the Baltal axis today. The officers later reviewed the security and pilgrim facilities at #Shadipora, #Manigam and #Baltal Yatra camps," Kashmir Zone Police post on X.

The pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Lord Shiva in the south Kashmir Himalayas started on July 3 and will conclude on August 9. KNO

**Jammu tourism website...**

Suites by Radisson, remains listed. The lesser-known properties like Muskan Hotel (P) Ltd in Channi and Skyline Hotel in Narwal Chowk are misclassified as Class A hotels, creating confusion for visitors. Even more concerning is that a long-shuttered hotel, 17 Mills Hotel on Jammu Pathankot Highway, continues to be listed.

The role of the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, is crucial in promoting the region's diverse attractions—from religious pilgrimages like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra, Shri Amarnath ji Yatra, and Machail Mata Yatra to scenic monuments, trekking routes, and wellness tourism. Yet, essential information about these key destinations, especially the Machail Mata Yatra, which attracts lakhs of pilgrims annually, is either missing or incomplete. Similarly, details about Buddhist sites in Padder-Akhnoor, trekking routes, and wellness tourism options are largely absent, despite increasing interest.

The website lacks high-quality photographs, interactive maps, virtual tours, and direct booking links for JKTDC accommodations, leaving visitors with limited resources to plan their trips effectively. Private tourism platforms now offer comprehensive guides, visuals, and itineraries that the official site fails to match.

A local travel trader told KNO, "The tourism sector in Jammu cannot afford to lag in the digital age. With millions of travellers turning to online platforms, an outdated website is a missed opportunity to showcase Jammu's rich spiritual, cultural, and adventure offerings. This not only hampers promotion but also risks driving tourists elsewhere, impacting local businesses and the regional economy."

**Civil Defence Holds Disaster Preparedness Awareness Camp at NCC Nagrota**



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JAMMU, JULY 8

One day awareness programme was held at NCC camp Nagrota, which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of Dy.SP. Zia- Ul- Haq, Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu. The programme was organized in the premises of the NCC Camp, Nagrota where 250 NCC cadets of JK NCC Poonch have participated. Awareness about the basic knowledge of First Aid, Fire fighting, CPR and other life saving techniques especially preventive measures taken up during Air Raid was given to the NCC Cadets by the Civil Defence expert. During the programme demonstration was also presented by the Civil Defence team. The main aim of the programme was to aware the students/staff with regarding preventive measures to be taken during natural / man-made disasters. Sh. Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden CD Jammu, Sh. R. Vijay Magotra Dy. Chief Warden CD Jammu and other staff of NCC Nagrota also present on the occasion.

**Shree Amarnath ji Yatra 2025 triumphs over terror, showcases unity and devotion: BJP**



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JAMMU, JULY 8

Shree Amarnath ji Yatra 2025 triumphs over terror, showcases unity and devotion, stated Adv. Purnima Sharma in a press conference held at BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP Spokesperson Adv. Purnima Sharma, accompanied by BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra and senior BJP leader Bawa Sharma, addressed the media on the ongoing Amarnath Yatra 2025 and its significance for the socio-economic and spiritual landscape of Jammu & Kashmir.

Adv. Purnima Sharma paid heartfelt tribute to the unshakable spirit of the

devotees, stating, "Despite the unfortunate and barbaric terrorist attack near Pahalgam that jolted the entire country, the unwavering devotion of crores of pilgrims toward Baba Barfani remains unbrothered. Their steadfast faith has triumphed over the forces of fear. This year's Yatra is not only a religious journey but a testament to India's spiritual resilience and national unity."

She informed the media that over 1.85 lakh pilgrims had already completed the holy pilgrimage in the first week, and the administration expects more than 5 lakh pilgrims to visit this year. "This phenomenal participation proves one thing clearly, terrorism can never defeat devotion," she said.

Another travel agent said, "The Department of Tourism must undertake an immediate overhaul of the website, ensure updated contact information, detailed guides to attractions, high-resolution images, virtual tours, and seamless booking options for government-operated properties."

Such modernisation, he said, is essential to harness Jammu's full tourism potential and provide visitors with a user-friendly, informative online experience. KNO

**Schools in J&K reopen...**

break – from June 23 to July 7 – for all schools across the valley due to the soaring temperatures.

**Notice**

That I, intend to gift Flat No. 16-C Sector A in Housing Colony, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu to my Grandson Mr. Amber Sharma s/o sh. Rajeev Kumar Sharma R/O 16-C SFS Flats, Last Morh, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in favour of my grandson Amber Sharma, S/O Rajeev Kumar Sharma. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhinagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

**Name: Santosh Kumar**  
**W/O Late Sh. Yoginder Nath Dogra**  
**R/O House no. 34, ward no. 2, kathua (J&K)**

## Distt admin Bandipora organizes workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, JULY 8

District administration Bandipora on Tuesday organized a day-long training-cum-workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The programme was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri.

Among others, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Bandipora, District Treasury Officer, State Resource Persons from the Department of Panchayati Raj J&K, and officers from various line departments participated in the session.

The workshop was organised to raise awareness and build capacity among district officers regarding the recently launched PAI 2.0, an evolved version of the Panchayat Development Index (PDI).

Speaking on the occasion, the State Resource Person highlighted that PAI is a multi-sectoral tool developed to measure the progress of Localization of

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the Panchayat level. He informed that the index was initially introduced as PDI by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Government of India, in 2023.

On the occasion, it was informed that PAI 2.0, launched this year, has been modified to enhance outcome-based development tracking and to promote evidence-based planning at the grassroots level. The tool ranks Gram Panchayats based on their performance across various thematic areas, fostering healthy competition and supporting their journey toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

During the programme, resource person further informed that the index has been prepared with technical support from NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), aligning with the global 2030 SDG agenda adopted by 193 countries, including India. Progress under the 17 SDGs at the national level is monitored by NITI Aayog through the National Indicator Frame-

work (NIF) of MoSPI.

It was shared that the earlier version, PDI, included 577 indicators across 9 themes, covering 144 targets and 688 data points. The data for FY 2022-23 has been uploaded to the PDI portal (www.pdi.gov.in), where Panchayat-level report cards, along with Block and District-level reports, are now available. These reports will assist departments in evaluating development progress through a thematic and evidence-based approach.

It is pertinent to mention here that district Bandipora has secured 2nd rank in the North Zone under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Block Programme (ABP). Tulail Block, selected as the focal block, has achieved notable progress across key sectors and secured 2nd rank in J&K for the quarter ending March 2025 of FY 2024-25.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said, "We are working with a clear mission to bring Bandipora to the number one position, ensuring 100% saturation under every development indicator."

## Satish Sharma launches Kashmir Super League 2025

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JULY 8

Minister for FCS&CA, Youth Services and Sports, IT & Transport, Satish Sharma, today launched Kashmir Super Football League 2025 besides unveiling the tournament trophy and official jerseys.

The launch event, held with great enthusiasm, marks a significant milestone in the sporting calendar of Jammu and Kashmir.

Commissioner Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafiz; Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul; Chief Sports Officer Annisa Nabi; senior officers of Sports Council, Football veterans and legends of J&K, coaches, participating teams and sports enthusiasts were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Satish Sharma extended heartfelt congratulations to the Sports



Department, Sports Council and other stakeholders for their tireless efforts in promoting sporting activities and building infrastructure across the Union Territory.

The Minister highlighted the rich legacy of sports in Kashmir, stating, "Kashmir has always been home to unique sporting talent. It is heartening to see initiatives like the Kashmir Super League reviving and celebrating that culture in a structured and professional manner."

Satish Sharma empha-

sized that sports is a powerful tool to fight against drug abuse and other social evils. "Youth today are facing numerous challenges and sports offers a healthy and productive alternative that not only builds physical fitness but also strengthens character, discipline and teamwork. It is a frontline defence in our fight against substance abuse," he remarked.

Reaffirming the commitment of the Omar Abdullah-led Government, the Minister said that the administration is focused

on upgrading the sports infrastructure, expanding outreach to rural and border areas and creating sustainable platforms for youth engagement through leagues, tournaments and grassroots programs.

With six teams participating in the Kashmir Super League 2025, the tournament promises to be a celebration of talent, spirit and unity.

"We are committed towards building a sporting ecosystem that nurtures talent, fosters inclusion and creates oppor-

tunities for our youth to shine, both nationally and internationally," the Minister maintained.

Commissioner Secretary Youth Services and Sports highlighted the importance of conducting such types of sports activities that provide a platform to young and aspiring sports persons. He said that leagues provide requisite exposure to footballers besides polishing their talent.

Secretary Sports Council, while speaking on the occasion, gave an overview of the sports activities being undertaken by the council. She also gave a brief about the Super League.

The event drew wide public attention, with enthusiastic participation from football lovers, athletes and youth clubs, reflecting the growing popularity of football in the region.

## Awareness camp under BBBP held at Hermain Shopian

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, JULY 8

An awareness programme under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme was organised today by Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti, Shopian at Hermain Block, Shopian.

The programme began with an opening address by District Mission Coordinator, Sankalp Hub who sensitized the audience about the critical importance of educating the girl child and empowering her in every sphere of life. She explained the eligibility criteria, required documentation and shared important helpline numbers, ensuring the attendees were better equipped to access these entitlements and assist others in doing the same.

Adding further value to the programme, Gender Specialist, Sankalp Hub conducted an informative session where she



briefed participants about various government welfare schemes specifically meant for women and girls. She explained the eligibility criteria, required documentation and shared important helpline numbers, ensuring the attendees were better equipped to access these entitlements and assist others in doing the same.

The event witnessed enthusiastic involvement from ASHA workers,

Anganwadi workers, and community members, reflecting strong grassroots participation and a shared commitment to gender equity.

The programme concluded with a pledge ceremony, where the community reaffirmed its dedication to protect girls from all forms of injustice and to ensure they are given every opportunity to lead safe, dignified, and fulfilling lives.

## Training/ Capacity Building Program for ASHAs held at Shopian



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, JULY 8

A comprehensive training and capacity-building program was today conducted for ASHAs at Shopian focusing on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), proper filling of various formats, and related field

responsibilities. The sessions were effectively led by Master Trainers.

The training aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of ASHAs for better community health delivery and efficient reporting in line with national health objectives.

## DC Ramban reviews preparation of CAPEX 2025-26 Plan under Rural Development Sector



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JULY 8

In a bid to expedite ongoing developmental initiatives and ensure timely completion of public welfare projects, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a comprehensive meeting to assess the preparation of the District CAPEX Budget 2025-26 under the Rural Development Department (RDD).

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, Assistant Commissioner Development Shrinath Suman, Block Development Officers (BDOs), Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) and other concerned officials.

During the meeting, DC

reviewed the formulation of the CAPEX plan, setting a two-day deadline for finalization. He emphasized the timely uploading of the plan on the BEAMS portal for subsequent submission to the Finance Department for the release of funds.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all BDOs to revisit their respective plans to ensure the inclusion of works that are genuinely beneficial to the community. He strictly advised against the inclusion of ambiguous works or those that cater to individual benefits.

Stressing the importance of grassroots involvement, DC instructed that all developmental projects be taken up in consultation with the Gram Sabhas, with special focus on essential

public infrastructure such as schools, main markets, lanes, drains, water tanks, electric poles, transformers and other community utility assets.

The DC also directed the BDOs to expedite the enrollment under Mission YUVA within stipulated times and IEC campaigns in their respective blocks. He further stressed the importance of active community participation and transparency in developmental processes.

Reiterating the administration's commitment to transparent, accountable, and result-driven governance, DC Ramban directed all RDD officials to adopt a proactive and mission-oriented approach to ensure timely completion of all targets and effective utilization of resources.

## DC Baramulla convenes meeting to review Archeological excavation at Zehanpora



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BARAMULLA, JULY 8

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting at the DC office here to discuss and facilitate archaeological excavation at Zehanpora in Boniyar tehsil.

The meeting was attended by the Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums J&K, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha; Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Ghulam Rasool Mir; Additional Superintendent of the Police Baramulla, officers from the Rural development department, Revenue department, and other line departments.

During the meeting,

DC was apprised on the archaeological potential of Zehanpora and the need for timely excavation, and protection measures in line with heritage conservation norms.

Meeting was informed that the main objectives of the excavation is to search for the probable Mauryan Buddhist remains in Kashmir valley and to include the site in the archaeological/Buddhist map of Kashmir valley for heritage and pilgrimage purposes.

DC assured full administrative support to the Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums for carrying out the proposed excavation works. He emphasized the district administration's com-

mitment to safeguarding the cultural identity and ancient heritage of the region.

Meanwhile, Minga Sherpa directed the concerned tehsildar to promptly verify all relevant land and revenue records pertaining to the excavation site and extend all possible assistance in the demarcation of the land.

DC further instructed the Rural development department to take immediate steps to ensure proper fencing of the site and implement measures to prevent soil erosion, thereby securing the area from any environmental degradation during the course of excavations.

## DLIC approves 59 cases under Mission Yuva scheme in Ganderbal



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GANDERBAL, JULY 8

To examine and approve cases received under the Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) scheme for financial assistance and entrepreneurial support, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today chaired District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting here in the V.C room of DC office Ganderbal.

At the outset, a detailed discussion was held regarding the applications received under the scheme. The committee deliberated upon the cases submitted through the Skill and Business Development Unit (SBDU), and after thorough scrutiny and evaluation, approved 59 cases unanimously for financial and institutional support under the Mission YUVA initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, DC highlighted the significance of Mission YUVA in empowering the youth through skill development, entrepreneurship promotion, and self-employment opportunities. He stressed the need for robust post-approval support and follow-up to ensure the sustainable success of the approved units.

DC also directed the concerned departments to expedite the process of sanctioning, disbursing benefits, and extending all necessary handholding support to the beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; Assistant Director Employment Ganderbal, Lead District Manager; Nodal Officer JKEDI and other concerned.

## DLSA Pulwama team visits Central Jail Srinagar

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PULWAMA, JULY 8

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Pulwama under the chairmanship of Chairman DLSA, Malik Shabir Ahmad (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Pulwama, Secretary DLSA Pulwama Mudasar Farooq, along with LADCs Pulwama, Shopian today visited the Central Jail Srinagar and interacted with the under trial prisoners presently lodged in the Central Jail Srinagar.

During the visit, the team in presence of Superintendent Central Jail Srinagar comprehensively interacted with the



jail inmates and got feedback with regard to their facilities being provided by the Superintendent Central Jail Srinagar from time to time.

The said visit was conducted in the run up to UTRC campaign 2025 and to identify the eligi-

ble under trial prisoners which will be taken up in the next meeting.

The detainees were also asked to approach PLV at a legal aid clinic for their legal assistance and other related problems and will be brought to the notice of concerned courts.

## EDITORIAL

## Tectonic shift in Ladakh's political scene

In the windswept, high-altitude expanse of Ladakh, where silence often speaks louder than slogans, the resignation of Thupstan Chhewang from the Leh Apex Body Leh (LAB) has echoed with rare political thunder. A veteran leader, former MP, and widely regarded as the most credible Buddhist face of Ladakh's ongoing agitation for constitutional safeguards, Chhewang's sudden exit has not only raised eyebrows but also profound questions about the future direction, unity, and authenticity of the Ladakhi movement. His parting words—"individual agendas" and "competing interests"—are a telling indictment of the internal wrangling that seems to have crept into the very organization tasked with representing Ladakh's civil society in its struggle for Sixth Schedule status, statehood, public service commission, and equitable parliamentary representation. That Chhewang chose to step aside now, at a time when the Union Home Ministry has stonewalled all four demands of the LAB-KDA alliance, is being interpreted by many as a veiled warning: that the leadership may be veering off course, and that vested interests might be hijacking a people's movement. His resignation left a symbolic and strategic void—one that the LAB moved swiftly to fill with the induction of Sonam Wangchuk, the globally recognized environmentalist, education reformer, and a moderate voice of dissent who has, in recent years, grown into a moral figurehead of Ladakhi activism. Wangchuk's addition to the subcommittee representing ABL in the High-Powered Committee (HPC) is significant, not just because of his credibility and clean image, but also because of what it signals: a pivot from political heavyweight leadership to civil-society-rooted moral leadership. Wangchuk's past hunger strikes and his relentless campaigning for ecological protection and constitutional safeguards have already earned him respect among Ladakhi youth and civil society. But stepping into a political role—albeit within a non-electoral platform—brings new scrutiny. It also brings expectations that he will now provide clarity and direction to a movement threatened by factionalism and strategic drift. While Wangchuk's induction is a hopeful development, it does not erase the concerns voiced by people. The timing of Chhewang's resignation, just ahead of the crucial Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) elections, has prompted questions: Is the LAB truly representing Ladakh's collective will, or is it becoming a launch pad for individuals with electoral aspirations masked as activism? Are constitutional safeguards genuinely the agenda—or are they being used as emotional fodder to energize electoral bases? The confusion was further compounded by Congress leader Nawang Rigzin Jora's temporary withdrawal and subsequent re-engagement with the LAB and HPC. While Jora reiterated his support for the broader goals of the movement, such vacillations suggest an undercurrent of unease and mistrust among Ladakh's political elite. Despite the storm, the LAB has not given up on Chhewang. Its post-resignation outreach, urging him to reconsider, and its unequivocal statement recognizing him as the "sole leader capable of guiding this movement" underscores his irreplaceable stature. Whether Chhewang returns or not, his departure has exposed the fragile underbelly of Ladakh's civil society mobilization, which had so far projected a rare unity in a region often divided along district, religious, and ethnic lines. The real test now lies in how the LAB balances public expectations, political ambitions, and its engagement with the Centre. As the LAHDC elections approach, Ladakh stands at a political crossroads. It is a time for transparency, humility, and collective will—not power play. Ladakh's people deserve more than symbolic leadership. They need substance, strategy, and sincerity. Whether Wangchuk can rise to that challenge—and whether Chhewang's warning will be heeded—will decide the fate of the movement and the future of the region.

BY YASH PANDEY

High up in the northern reaches of India lies Ladakh, a land of surreal landscapes, ancient monasteries, and resilient communities. Once largely restricted due to its proximity to international borders with China and Pakistan, Ladakh is now gradually opening up to border area tourism, an emerging frontier in Indian travel. This development not only allows adventurous travelers to experience lesser-known parts of the Himalayas but also strengthens India's strategic, economic, and cultural presence in these sensitive zones.

This article delves into the significance, challenges, opportunities, and future potential of border area tourism in Ladakh, offering a holistic picture of a region that is as geopolitically important as it is visually captivating.

### Introduction

Traditionally, the term "border area" evoked images of fenced boundaries, military checkpoints, and restricted zones. However, in the case of Ladakh, India's northernmost union territory, these borders are home to centuries-old cultures, thriving nomadic communities, and landscapes that defy imagination. In recent years, policy reforms, improved infrastructure, and increased public interest have made parts of these regions accessible to Indian civilians—and to a limited extent, international tourists.

The idea is not merely to open new trekking routes or create scenic stopovers. Border tourism in Ladakh has national and local significance: it helps instill patriotism, brings economic upliftment to border villages, and reinforces India's presence in geopolitically sensitive regions.

### Geographical and Strategic Context

Ladakh shares long international boundaries with both China (via the Line of Actual Control - LAC) and Pakistan (via the Line of Control - LoC). The region has witnessed military stand-offs, including the Kargil War in 1999 and the more recent Galwan Valley clash in 2020. In such a context, the civilian presence through regulated tourism acts as a form of soft assertion of sovereignty.

## Border Area Tourism in Ladakh

### Key border areas in Ladakh include:

- Turtuk (near the Pakistan border)
- Chushul, Demchok, and Nyoma (near the LAC with China)
- Hanle and Umling La Pass (remote strategic points)
- Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO) and Dapsang Plains (military-sensitive areas with limited civilian movement)

### Major Border Tourism Destinations in Ladakh

#### 1. Turtuk

Once under Pakistani control till 1971, Turtuk is the last Indian outpost in the Baltistan region. Situated in the Nubra Valley, this village was opened to tourists only in 2010. Its narrow alleys, stone houses, apricot cultivation, cuisines and cheerful Balti-speaking locals tell stories of shifting borders and cultural resilience.

#### Tourists are drawn to:

- Apricot orchards and organic produce
- Traditional Balti culture and cuisine
- Views of the Shyok River and proximity to the LoC

More than just a scenic retreat, Turtuk is an emotional reminder of India's military sacrifices and victories.

#### 2. Pangong Tso

Pangong Lake, made famous by films like 3 Idiots, is a saltwater lake that stretches from India into China. Tourists can now travel up to Merak and Spangmik, villages on the lake's edge.

The lake is a symbol of both natural beauty and territorial tension, often at the center of Indo-China stand-offs. Responsible tourism here becomes a subtle assertion of peaceful Indian presence in contested regions.

#### 3. Hanle

Hanle is home to the Indian Astronomical Observatory, one of the world's highest observatories. Located in Changthang near the LAC, Hanle offers unmatched stargazing experiences and cultural interactions with the Changpa nomads.

#### Border tourism here serves a dual role:

- Promoting science and eco-tourism
- Establishing a civilian footprint in a strategically crucial region

#### 4. Umling La Pass

At over 19,000 feet, Umling La in the Demchok region is the world's highest motorable road. Constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), it is both an engineering marvel and a tourist magnet.

This pass connects remote villages like Demchok and Chisumle, allowing tourists and bikers to experience life at Himalayan extremes while showcasing India's infrastructural reach in high-altitude zones.

Located near the LAC, Chushul was the site of the 1962 Battle of Rezang La, where 114 Indian soldiers from the 13 Kumaon Regiment laid down their lives bravely defending the post. A war memorial and access to nearby lakes make this a spiritually and historically moving site for Indian travelers.

Though highly restricted, Chushul is increasingly part of regulated border tours and heritage circuits.

#### Cultural Insights and Local Life

#### The opening of these remote areas brings travelers face-to-face with unique cultures:

- The Balti people in Turtuk share ancestry with Central Asian and Tibetan cultures.
- Changpa nomads, living in tents called Rebos, herd yaks and pashmina goats.
- Tibetan Buddhism thrives in these border areas, with monasteries like Tso Moriri, Loma, and Hanle playing a cultural preservation role.

#### Travelers get a chance to experience:

- Traditional dances (like the Yak dance)
- Butter tea and barley beer
- Pashmina weaving and wool-making

#### National Significance of Border Tourism

##### 1. Strengthening Sovereignty

The Indian Army can't be the only presence in these areas. A civilian footprint—homestays, roads, solar energy projects, schools—reinforces India's long-term presence and legitimacy in contested zones.

##### 2. Emotional Nationalism

Border tourism fosters a connection between citizens and soldiers. Watching the Tricolor fly in the wind at Rezang La or

Turtuk evokes a pride that textbooks cannot instill.

#### 3. Local Development

Homestay income, guide services, and local markets have begun transforming fragile, isolated economies into self-reliant communities. Tourism also helps reduce migration to urban centers.

#### Challenges in Promoting Border Tourism

Despite its promise, several issues hinder the smooth functioning of border tourism:

##### 1. Security Concerns

##### Sudden geopolitical flare-ups can lead to:

- Cancellation of permits
- Road blockages due to troop movement
- Tourist detentions or restrictions

##### 2. Permit Complexity

Tourists need Inner Line Permits (ILPs) or Protected Area Permits (PAPs), especially near the LAC. While efforts are on to digitize and streamline this, confusion persists among travelers.

##### 3. Fragile Ecology

Ladakh's high-altitude deserts are environmentally delicate:

- Tourist littering
- Scarcity of water
- Improper waste management in remote areas

##### 4. Lack of Medical and Communication Facilities

Tourists can suffer from Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS). Limited healthcare in these zones makes it risky. Mobile networks often don't work near the borders.

##### Efforts and Policy Support

The Indian government and UT administration have taken several steps to promote border tourism:

- BRO's road network expansion connecting Leh to border villages
- Homestay schemes and solar power grants for locals
- Public-private partnerships in infrastructure and emergency services
- Cultural festivals like Ladakh Nomadic Festival, held near border areas to attract visitors

The Ministry of Tourism has also proposed Border Tourism Circuits as part of its "Dekho Apna Desh" initiative.

##### Case Study: Turtuk Transformation

Before tourism, Turtuk relied on subsistence farming.

Post-2010, the arrival of tourists changed its landscape:

- Homestay income now supports over 60% of families
- Youngsters trained as guides or porters
- Apricot and handicraft sales reached all-India markets
- Women's self-help groups empowered through tourism-linked livelihoods

#### The Role of the Army

The Indian Army in Ladakh plays a dual role:

1. Guardians of national borders
2. Facilitators of local and tourist safety

#### In many cases, the army:

- Offers first aid and rescue to tourists
- Guides permit clearances
- Hosts Republic Day or Independence Day functions in border villages
- Supports cultural exchanges with civilians

#### Future Plannings

For border tourism in Ladakh to thrive, it must be sustainable, inclusive, and secure.

#### Recommendations:

- Eco-tourism codes of conduct should be made mandatory
- Permit procedures must be digitized and unified
- Healthcare posts and emergency response teams must be deployed in remote regions
- Cultural training for tourists on local traditions and military sensitivity
- Involve locals as stakeholders, not just as service providers

#### Conclusion

In Ladakh's borderlands, the mountains don't just whisper tales of glaciers and rivers; they echo the footsteps of sentries, the prayers of monks, and the hopes of local children waiting for tourists who bring both curiosity and compassion.

Border area tourism in Ladakh is not merely a journey to the edges of maps—it's a journey to the core of Indian identity. By fostering sustainable travel, preserving local culture, and supporting national interests, this initiative holds the promise of transforming both the traveler and the terrain.

## MSMEs in Jammu & Kashmir: Harnessing Local Potential for Economic Growth

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The MSME sector in Jammu & Kashmir is showing positive growth, particularly in employment generation and registrations. According to IBEF, Jammu & Kashmir leads in employment generation under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). In every developing economy Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play a significant role. A growing economy has to be backed by strong MSMEs which not only helps in generating employment and exports but also act as nursery of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Indian economy thrives through the means of enterprise creation as one of the prime movers of the economy. In this direction, "Make in India and Made in India" movement is integral to entrepreneurship development across the country. Therefore, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play a vital role for strengthening the Indian economy.

In order to recognize the vital role that MSME businesses play in economic growth, development, and job creation worldwide. The vital role of MSMEs is in fostering global collaboration, encouraging innovation, and supporting entrepreneurs across sectors. It highlights the need to build stronger networks that empower small businesses to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. MSME's



are the backbone of India's economic landscape, pivotal in employment generation, entrepreneurship promotion, and economic development. MSME is the growth engine for the UT of J&K as well as national economy, contributing significantly to the GDP, employment creation and wealth. There is no doubt that the industry-centric policies, provisions of financial assistance, handholding to new and existing enterprises have encouraged MSMEs and other industries in J&K.

The MSME sector in Jammu and Kashmir plays a vital role in

the state's economic landscape. It encompasses a wide range of enterprises, from traditional handicrafts and agriculture-related businesses to modern manufacturing and technology-driven startups. The government's support through various initiatives, including financial incentives, skill development programs, and access to credit, fosters entrepreneurship and economic development in the region. This sector contributes significantly to job creation and industrial growth, making it a cornerstone of Jammu and Kashmir's economy.

MSMEs are of great importance in India's economic development, serving as engines of growth and drivers of socio-economic progress. These enterprises are integral to job creation, particularly in rural and backward areas, contributing significantly to the reduction of unemployment and poverty. MSMEs are a vital component of the global economy, representing approximately 90% of businesses, contributing to over 70% of employment, and accounting for about 50% of the world's GDP. In emerging economies, formal MSMEs contribute up to

40% of national income (GDP). By understanding the importance of MSMEs and the positive impact their support can have, people are empowered to contribute directly to the growth and sustainability of these businesses, fostering economic diversity, local entrepreneurship, and community development. The MSME sector in India makes a contribution of around 30% to the nation's GDP. Moreover, it contributes about 40% to the total exports of India and provides more than 110 million job opportunities in the country. The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in India, formally established by the MSME Act of 2006, encompasses businesses engaged in manufacturing, processing, or preservation of goods. MSMEs in J & K has served as significant sources of employment, particularly in economically disadvantaged regions. They provide opportunities for both skilled and unskilled labour, thereby contributing to job creation and reducing unemployment rates.

It is to be appreciated that UT of Jammu & Kashmir has taken many such initiatives in form of policy and schemes which are aimed at reducing the cost of doing business, enhance ease of doing business and help MSMEs achieve scale and improve competitiveness. The exploring MSMEs in J & K serve as an opportunity to highlight their significant role in sustainable development and economic progress, thereby raising public awareness of their contributions.

## Deadly blood cancer can now be detected early with blood test: Study

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NEW DELHI

A team of Israeli and US researchers have developed a simple blood test that can detect a person's risk of developing leukaemia -- a deadly blood cancer.

In the study, published in the journal *Nature Medicine*, the researchers suggested that this test may replace the current more invasive method of bone marrow sampling used to diagnose certain blood cancers, Xinhua news agency reported.

The team led by researchers from Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel focused on myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) -- an age-related condition in which blood-forming stem cells do not develop properly.

MDS can lead to severe anaemia and may progress to acute myeloid leukaemia, one of the most common types of blood



cancer in adults.

Currently, diagnosing MDS requires the bone marrow sampling procedure that involves local anaesthesia and can cause significant discomfort and pain.

The team discovered that rare stem cells, which occasionally leave the

bone marrow and enter the bloodstream, carry crucial information about early signs of MDS.

Using advanced single-cell genetic sequencing, they were able to analyse these cells from a standard blood sample and detect warning signs of disease. The researchers also

found that these circulating stem cells can act like a biological "clock," offering insights into a person's chronological age.

In men, these cells change earlier than in women, which may help explain why blood cancers are more common in males.

"The researchers also discovered that the migrating stem cells can serve as a clock for our chronological age, and that in males, their population changes earlier than in women in a way that increases the risk of cancer. This finding may explain the higher prevalence of blood cancers among men," said Dr. Nili Furer, from Weizmann.

The researchers believe this blood test may also help identify other age-related blood disorders in the future.

They noted that the findings are being tested in a large-scale clinical trial at multiple medical centres worldwide.

## Your morning cup of coffee key to slow down ageing, boost longevity: Study

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NEW DELHI

Love your morning cup of coffee? A new study has shown that it may not only energise you but also help slow down ageing and boost longevity.

Caffeine has long been linked to potential health benefits, including reduced risk of age-related diseases.

However, the study led by researchers from Queen Mary University of London in the UK revealed how caffeine works inside human cells, and what exactly its connections are with nutrient and stress-responsive gene and protein networks.

The researchers found that caffeine affects ageing by tapping into an ancient cellular energy system.

They showed that caffeine works by activating an important system called AMPK -- a cellular fuel gauge that is evolutionarily conserved in yeast and humans.



"When your cells are low on energy, AMPK kicks in to help them cope," said Dr Charalampos (Babis) Rallis, Reader in Genet-

ics, Genomics, and Fundamental Cell Biology at Queen Mary's University of London's Centre for Molecular Cell Biology.

"And our results show that caffeine helps flip that switch," Rallis added, in the paper published in the journal *Microbial Cell*.

Interestingly, AMPK is also the target of metformin -- a common diabetes drug that's being studied for its potential to extend the human lifespan together with rapamycin.

Using a yeast model, the researchers showed that caffeine's effect on AMPK influences how cells grow, repair their DNA, and respond to stress -- all of which are tied to ageing and disease.

"These findings help explain why caffeine help explain why caffeine is beneficial for health and longevity," said Dr John-Patrick Alao, the postdoctoral research scientist leading this study.

"And they open up exciting possibilities for future research into how we might trigger these effects more directly -- with diet, lifestyle, or new medicines," Alao added.

## Portable DNA sequencing device key to hunt down drug-resistant hotspots

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NEW DELHI

A portable DNA sequencing device may be a key genomic surveillance tool for detecting hotspots of antibiotic resistance in animals, and the environment, according to a new study.

In the pilot project, researchers from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture, and Arizona State University (ASU) in the US tested the handheld DNA sequencing device to check antibiotic resistance across six chicken slaughterhouses.

The global team collected samples from both wastewater and surrounding rivers in Indonesia's Greater Jakarta area.

The study found signs that drug-resistant *E. coli* bacteria -- a key indicator of antibiotic resistance -- from slaughterhouse wastewater may be reach-



ing nearby rivers.

In many cases, downstream sites had higher levels of resistant *E. coli* than upstream, pointing to a possible route for resistance to spread from animal waste into the environment.

The researchers found that portable DNA sequencing can strengthen national surveillance efforts by making it easier to detect antibiotic resistance hotspots.

This will pave the way for more targeted, cost-effective solutions to reduce the spread of resistant *E. coli* strains, which can cause a range of illnesses, including diarrhoea, especially in children, older adults, and immunocompromised individuals, the researchers said.

"In certain settings, diarrhoea isn't just uncomfortable -- it's life-threatening," said Lee Voth-Gaed-

ert, a researcher with the ASU Biodesign Center for Health Through Microbiomes.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a critical global health issue, posing significant risks to human and animal health.

In 2021, AMR was associated with 4.71 million deaths, including 1.14 million directly attributable to AMR. By 2050, AMR is projected to cause 8.22 million deaths annually, with 1.91 million directly attributable.

Fast, affordable, and locally accessible tools like the portable DNA sequencing device may significantly advance efforts to track and control a broad range of microbial threats.

The mobile sequencing approach could also be expanded to farms and wet markets, or adapted to track other pathogens such as bird flu, noted the team in the research appearing in the journal *Antibiotics*.

## A bowl of spinach, kale and broccoli may boost heart health in elderly women

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NEW DELHI

Eating a bowl of leafy green and cruciferous vegetables like spinach, kale, and broccoli may be good to ward off the risk of heart attack and stroke, particularly in elderly women.

A team of researchers from the Edith Cowan University (ECU), the University of Western Australia, and the Danish Cancer Institute found that leafy green vegetables -- rich in Vitamin K1 -- may help prevent atherosclerotic vascular diseases (ASVDs).

ASVD is a subgroup of cardiovascular diseases -- the leading cause of death worldwide, primarily due to heart attacks and strokes. It causes plaque to build up inside the arteries, potentially leading to cardiovascular problems.

The research conducted in 1,436 elderly women showed that a higher



dietary intake of Vitamin K1 could reduce the risk of ASVD.

In addition, Vitamin K may also be beneficial for musculoskeletal health, through its impact on bone strength.

Notably, a higher Vita-

min K1 intake also leads to less thickening of blood vessels in the neck -- a marker of atherosclerosis.

"Leafy green and cruciferous vegetables, like spinach, kale, and broccoli, contain Vitamin K1 which may assist in pre-

venting vascular calcification processes that characterise cardiovascular disease. The great news is that these vegetables can be easily incorporated into your daily meals" said Montana Dupuy from ECU. ECU Senior Research Fellow Dr Marc Sim noted that a cup and a half of such vegetables is an easy way to increase our daily vitamin K intake and may lower our risk for cardiovascular disease".

"This research found women who consumed approximately 30 per cent higher intakes of Vitamin K1 had lower long-term risk of ASVD," he said.

As the research provided key evidence to support future studies, the team is now creating new foods that pack more leafy greens that are rich in Vitamin K1, to be used in communities with special nutritional and dietary requirements, such as aged care residents.

## Implantable electronic device restores movement after spinal cord injury

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NEW DELHI

A team of Australian researchers has developed and implantable electronic device has restored movement following spinal cord injury in an animal study, raising hopes for an effective treatment for humans and even their pets.

Spinal cord injuries are currently incurable with devastating effects on people's lives, but now a trial at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland offers hope for an effective treatment.

"Unlike a cut on the skin, which typically heals on its own, the spinal cord does not regenerate effectively, making these injuries devastating and currently incurable," said lead researcher Dr Bruce Harland, a senior research fellow in the School of Pharmacy at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

"We developed an ultra-thin implant designed to



sit directly on the spinal cord, precisely positioned over the injury site in rats," Dr Harland added in a paper published in *Nature Communications* journal.

The device delivers a carefully controlled electrical current across the injury site.

"The aim is to stimulate healing so people can recover functions lost through spinal-cord injury," said Professor

Darren Svirskis, director of the CatWalk Cure Programme at the University's School of Pharmacy.

Unlike humans, rats have a greater capacity for spontaneous recovery after spinal cord injury, which allowed researchers to compare natural healing with healing supported by electrical stimulation.

After four weeks, animals that received daily electric field treatment showed improved movement compared with

those who did not.

Throughout the 12-week study, they responded more quickly to gentle touch.

"This indicates that the treatment supported recovery of both movement and sensation," Harland said. "Just as importantly, our analysis confirmed that the treatment did not cause inflammation or other damage to the spinal cord, demonstrating that it was not only effective but also safe."

The goal is to transform this technology into a medical device that could benefit people living with these life-changing spinal-cord injuries," added Professor Maria Asplund of Chalmers University of Technology. The next step is to explore how different doses, including the strength, frequency, and duration of the treatment, affect recovery, to discover the most effective recipe for spinal-cord repair.

## This new AI tool can detect 9 types of dementia from single brain scan

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NEW DELHI

In a significant achievement for identifying neurodegenerative diseases early, a team of US researchers has developed a new artificial intelligence (AI) tool that helps clinicians detect brain activity patterns linked to nine types of dementia using a single and widely available scan.

The tool, StateViewer, not only helped in early detection but also provided accurate diagnosis -- it identified the dementia type in 88 per cent of cases, including Alzheimer's disease.

It also enabled clinicians to interpret brain scans nearly twice as fast and with up to three times greater accuracy than standard workflows, according to the research, published online in the journal *Neurology*.

Researchers from the Mayo Clinic trained and tested the AI on more



than 3,600 scans, including images from patients with dementia and people without cognitive impairment.

Currently, diagnosing dementia requires cognitive tests, blood draws, imaging, and clinical interviews, and yet, distinguishing conditions such as Alzheimer's, Lewy body dementia and frontotemporal dementia remains a challenge.

"Every patient who walks into my clinic carries a unique story shaped by the brain's complexity,"

said David Jones, a Mayo Clinic neurologist.

"StateViewer reflects that commitment -- a step toward earlier understanding, more precise treatment, and, one day, changing the course of these diseases," added Jones, director of the Mayo Clinic Neurology Artificial Intelligence Programme.

The tool analyses a fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography (FDG-PET) scan, which shows how the brain uses glucose for energy. It then compares the scan to a

large database of scans from people with confirmed dementia diagnoses and identifies patterns that match specific types, or combinations, of dementia.

While Alzheimer's affects memory and processing regions, Lewy body dementia involves areas tied to attention and movement. Frontotemporal dementia alters regions responsible for language and behaviour.

StateViewer displays these patterns through colour-coded brain maps that highlight key areas of brain activity, giving all clinicians, even those without neurology training, a visual explanation of what the AI sees and how it supports the diagnosis.

Dementia affects more than 55 million people worldwide, with nearly 10 million new cases each year.

Alzheimer's disease, the most common form, is now the fifth-leading cause of death globally.

## Clean Jammu Green Jammu Campaign: Plantation Drive organized in Upper Roopnagar

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As part of the ongoing Clean Jammu Green Jammu campaign, a large-scale plantation drive was conducted today in Sector 4 Nagar Vatika Upper Roopnagar. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the girl students of Women College Parade, who actively planted a variety of saplings, contributing to the city's green cover.

Local residents of Roopnagar, officials from Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Urban Forestry Division Jammu, and Swachhata Volunteers also joined the drive, demonstrating strong community support for environmental conservation.

The campaign, spearheaded by Jammu Municipal Corporation and Urban Forestry Division Jammu, aims to make

Jammu greener by involving citizens from all walks of life. A unique feature of the campaign is the adoption of saplings, where a QR code is affixed in the name of the individual who adopts and cares for the plant.

Running till 15th August, the campaign has set an ambitious target of planting 60,000 saplings across the city. The departments are making sustained efforts to involve political parties, social service organizations, schools, colleges, universities, students, and Swachhata Champions in this noble

cause. Prominent dignitaries present at today's event included Dr. Kumar M.K., IFS, CCF Jammu, O.P. Sharma, IFS (Retd.), CCF, Pradeep Chandra Wahli, IFS, Ashwani Kumar Mittal, Divisional Forest Officer Urban Jammu, Rabia Khan, AFO, JMC, Dr. Divya Sharma, IEC Incharge JMC, R.K. Sethi, Dr. Jagdish Raj Thapa, Ambedkar Gupta, among others. The campaign continues to inspire citizens to take ownership of the environment and work collectively towards a greener, cleaner Jammu.

## Dr. Rameshwar Singh initiates first-ever Hari Prayag Khumb Mela at Bani

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BANI, JULY 6



In a historic and spiritually significant development, MLA Bani Dr. Rameshwar Singh formally inaugurated the first-ever Hari Prayag Khumb Mela at Sarthali, a sacred confluence point in Bani where the Khad and Seva rivers meet. The event, rooted in ancient tradition and mentioned in both the Panchang and the Vedas, marks a new chapter in the religious and cultural landscape of the region.

The auspicious day, falling on 6th July, aligns with a rare Yog known as the Mams of Hari Prayag Khumb, recognized by spiritual scholars and seers. Thousands of devotees from across Jammu and Kashmir and neighboring states gathered to take part in this divine occasion. Morning and evening

Aartis were performed with great devotion at the Sangam, and a mass holy dip (Shahi Snan) was observed as per ritualistic tradition, believed to wash away sins and bring spiritual upliftment.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rameshwar Singh expressed pride in bringing this ancient tradition to life and emphasized the need to preserve and promote the spiritual heritage of Bani. "This sacred land, mentioned in our scriptures, is now being recognized for its religious

significance. It is my vision to make Bani a prominent destination for pilgrimage and spiritual tourism," he said.

The initiative has been welcomed by local residents and religious bodies, who see it as a step toward reviving forgotten traditions and boosting the cultural identity of the region.

The event concluded with community prayers and offerings at the riverbank, with arrangements in place for the safety and comfort of pilgrims by the local administration.

## The Chatter Box to host Insane Comic on July 13, in Jammu

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JAMMU, JULY 8



The Chatter Box, Jammu's most vibrant and beloved venue for live performances, is all set to tickle funny bones with a special stand-up comedy night featuring the fast-rising comedy star Vishal Sharma, popularly known as Insane Comic. The event is scheduled for Sunday, 13th July 2025, and promises to be a laughter-packed evening for all age groups.

The announcement was made by Shivam Singh, Founder of Chatter Box, along with Meenakshi Bhagat, Co-Founder. Speaking about the upcoming show, they said, "After the tremendous response we received for Manpreet Singh aka Comic Singh's performance, we are thrilled to bring another unique voice in Indian comedy to Jammu. We are hopeful that Jammuites will shower the same love and support this Sunday too."

Vishal Sharma has quickly emerged as one of the most promising names in the Indian comedy

scene. With a social media following of over 170,000, Vishal's content delivered primarily in the Kangri dialect resonates deeply with audiences for its authenticity, wit, and clean, family-friendly humor.

In just two years, he has performed at more than 75 shows across India, earning praise for his ability to blend regional language with universally relatable themes. His dedication to promoting stand-up comedy in Himachal Pradesh was recently recognized with an honor from the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.

This show will mark Vishal's debut performance in Jammu, and expectations are high. Audiences can look forward to a refreshing mix of sharp observations, cultural references, and feel-good comedy that respects tradition while keeping things light and modern.

The event will be held at The Chatter Box, conveniently located in the heart of Jammu. Tickets are exclusively available on BookMyShow, and given the growing buzz, organisers strongly recommend early bookings to avoid disappointment.

## GOVT ITI, RAMBAN Provisional Selection Selection List 2025 (Round 1st)

Computer Operator and Programming Assistant ( NCVT , Normal , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	3	ADM2516426	ABIDA BANO	MOHD AMIN	04-12-04	Female	GEN	N	N	80.8	1
2	4	ADM2563836	MUBASHAR HUSSAIN	ALI MOHD	07-04-07	Male	GEN	N	N	79.6	1
3	5	ADM2571487	KARAN SINGH	RAJ SINGH	01-01-07	Male	GEN	N	N	78.2	1
4	9	ADM2599270	DHEERAJ SINGH	JASWANT SINGH	30-11-04	Male	GEN	N	N	75	1
5	10	ADM2529351	MAHEEN ABASS	MOHD ABASS GANIE	05-06-08	Female	GEN	N	N	74.6	1
6	11	ADM2524788	MEHROOB ABASS	MOHD ABASS GANIE	11-05-07	Female	GEN	N	N	73.8	1
7	12	ADM2594405	ASREEN KATOCH	RAFIQ AHMED KATOCH	07-02-09	Female	GEN	N	N	73	1
8	14	ADM2560197	MOHD SAMI	MOHD ASHRAF	06-11-05	Male	GEN	N	N	71.4	1
9	16	ADM2587989	SUNIL SINGH	JAGDEV SINGH	20-02-05	Male	GEN	N	N	70.8	1
10	18	ADM2517273	MOHD ABID PASWAL	MAQSOOD AHMED PASWAL	19-05-03	Male	ST1	N	N	70	1
11	20	ADM2520878	MOHD ARIF	FATEH ALI	03-04-01	Male	ST1	N	N	68.6	1
12	22	ADM2576134	SUMMIYA BANO	MAHYA DIN	05-03-07	Female	GEN	N	N	68.6	1
13	26	ADM2520254	SAIRA BANO	SHAMAS DIN	03-05-07	Female	GEN	N	N	67.8	1
14	29	ADM2531818	NIKHIL KUMAR KUNDAL	SUBASH CHANDER	27-05-02	Male	SC	N	N	66.6	1
15	31	ADM2570777	RADHIKA DEVI	BITTU SINGH	05-12-05	Female	GEN	N	N	66	1
16	106	ADM2517398	MEHNAZ AKHTER	MOHD RAFIEQ	20-03-04	Female	OBC	N	N	54.2	1
17	107	ADM2532849	ALTAF HUSSAIN	MOHD HANIEF	17-02-06	Male	ST1	N	N	54.2	1
18	110	ADM2517932	DILSHAD BANO	GULAM MAI UD DIN	07-03-05	Female	OBC	N	N	54	1
19	113	ADM2591410	ANJANA DEVI	MOHAN LAL	06-11-07	Female	SC	N	N	53.6	1
20	129	ADM2588810	MOHD IRSHAD	ABDUL GANI GUJJAR	04-12-06	Male	ST1	N	N	50	1
21	151	ADM2582473	MAHNAZ AKHTER	MOHD HANIF	16-11-00	Female	EWS	N	N	46	1
Mason (Building Constructor) ( NCVT , Normal , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	1	ADM2595253	OMAIR FAROOQ SHEIKH	MOHD FAROOQ SHEIKH	06-09-01	Male	GEN	N	N	83.8	1
2	2	ADM2547453	MASOOD AHMED	BASHIR AHMED	12-08-97	Male	GEN	N	N	77.2	1
3	8	ADM2515837	MAQSOOMA BANO	MOHD HADI	20-12-09	Female	ST1	N	N	61.4	1
4	18	ADM2580851	MALIK ZAKIR MAJEED	MALIK AB MAJEED	03-08-87	Male	GEN	N	N	53.333	1
5	24	ADM2515155	SHAZIB RAMZAN KATOCH	MOHD RAMZAN KATOCH	02-04-07	Male	GEN	N	N	48.286	1
6	31	ADM2564004	JAMSHIED AHMED LOHAR	MUSHTAQ AHMED LOHAR	15-03-01	Male	OBC	N	N	41.2	1
7	34	ADM2518451	AMIT SINGH	KULDEEP SINGH	05-11-03	Male	GEN	N	N	38.4	1
8	35	ADM2536909	ISHTIK AHMED	ABDUL LATIEF WANI	03-05-03	Male	GEN	N	N	37.6	1
Stenographer & Secretarial Assistant (English) ( NCVT , Normal , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	1	ADM2547287	HAROON RAFIQ	MOHD RAFIQ	02-01-05	Male	GEN	N	N	90	1
2	2	ADM2539330	ZAHID GAZANFAR	GAZANFAR ALI KATOCH	07-03-06	Male	GEN	N	N	86	1
3	6	ADM2554846	SADIA KHAN	NAZIR AHMED KHAN	05-02-07	Female	GEN	N	N	77.8	1
4	7	ADM2540530	NADEEM IQBAL	MOHD IQBAL	09-07-03	Male	GEN	N	N	77.4	1
5	8	ADM2546655	MOHD RASHIB NAIK	ABDUL MAJEED NAIK	05-03-05	Male	GEN	N	N	76.6	1
6	13	ADM2544083	RAHUL SINGH SONKHLA	JAI SINGH	19-12-04	Male	GEN	N	N	71.8	1
7	15	ADM2521996	SUNNY SINGH KATOCH	JEWAN SINGH	13-09-07	Male	GEN	N	N	71	1
8	17	ADM2568463	TOWSEEF AHMED	MOHD SHAFI	11-03-03	Male	GEN	N	N	70	1
9	24	ADM2548656	NASRINA BANO	MUSHTAQ AHMED	28-02-04	Female	GEN	N	N	68.2	1
10	44	ADM2550350	POOJA THAKUR	DALEEP SINGH	29-03-03	Female	GEN	N	N	62.4	1
11	47	ADM2533720	ANIL KUMAR	RANGEEL SINGH	20-01-06	Male	SC	N	N	62.4	1
12	51	ADM2561962	AFIA BANO	MOHD ARSHAD	27-12-06	Female	GEN	N	N	62	1
13	56	ADM2510881	SALEEMA BANO	AZAD AHMED KATOCH	25-10-07	Female	GEN	N	N	61	1
14	58	ADM2519065	SHAISTA IQBAL	MOHD IQBAL KUMAR	23-11-07	Female	GEN	N	N	60.6	1
15	62	ADM2537371	BULBUL DEVI	MOHAN SINGH	15-06-07	Female	GEN	N	N	59.8	1
16	63	ADM2569366	SAQUIB MUSHTAQ	MUSHTAQ AHMED	01-03-08	Male	ST1	N	N	59.4	1
17	101	ADM2559620	HARISH KUMAR	RAM NATH	15-01-05	Male	SC	N	N	54.4	1
18	132	ADM2545957	AKMAL FIRDOSI	BASHIR AHMED	25-03-02	Male	ST1	N	N	49.6	1
Sewing Technology ( NCVT , Normal , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	4	ADM2586588	MOHD AZAM	KHUSHI MOHD	06-03-04	Male	GEN	N	N	75.2	1
2	5	ADM2561260	SNEHA DEVI	KARTAR SINGH	30-03-07	Female	ST1	N	N	65.5	1
3	7	ADM2525478	SAFFIYA TANVEER	TANVEER AHMED KATOCH	15-02-09	Female	GEN	Y	N	63.5	1
4	12	ADM2588601	AFFIA TANVEER	TANVEER AHMED	10-09-10	Female	GEN	N	N	58.4	1
Welder ( NCVT , Normal , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	16	ADM2521624	SANDEEP KUMAR	PIYAR CHAND	04-06-99	Male	SC	N	N	56.4	1
2	22	ADM2595224	SANJEET SINGH	MOHAN SINGH	03-03-02	Male	GEN	N	N	51.2	1
3	30	ADM2581013	MOHD HAFIZ KATOCH	MOHD HANIEF KATOCH	17-03-99	Male	GEN	N	N	43.2	1
4	32	ADM2585649	PARVINDER SINGH	SURAM SINGH	15-04-04	Male	GEN	N	N	40.286	1
Plumber ( NCVT , PPP , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	6	ADM2568195	SURJEET SINGH	KUSHAL SINGH	28-09-03	Male	GEN	N	N	65.2	1
2	9	ADM2556196	PANKAJ SINGH	JEEVAN SINGH	12-12-06	Male	GEN	N	N	60.5	1
3	10	ADM2562837	RAJINDER SINGH	KARTAR SINGH	15-03-05	Male	ST1	N	N	60	1
4	11	ADM2577750	ARUN KATOCH	RANJEET SINGH KATOCH	18-01-02	Male	GEN	N	N	58.8	1
5	13	ADM2531003	ROHIT SHARMA	SURJEET KUMAR	21-08-04	Male	GEN	N	N	57.429	1
6	14	ADM2575292	NEERAJ SINGH	OM RAJ	16-12-07	Male	GEN	N	N	57	1
7	15	ADM2534616	RANDEEP SINGH	HARI LAL	05-12-06	Male	GEN	N	N	56.857	1
8	19	ADM2545609	TILAK RAJ	MANGAT RAM	05-04-06	Male	ST1	N	N	53.143	1
9	23	ADM2536124	ZAHID SHARIEF KATOCH	MOHD SHARIEF KATOCH	02-01-00	Male	GEN	N	N	50.8	1
10	29	ADM2574709	RANJEET SINGH	SHER SINGH	24-12-02	Male	ST1	N	N	43.6	1
11	33	ADM2534123	NARINDER KUMAR	KAMAL DASS	20-08-99	Male	SC	N	N	40	1
Computer Operator and Programming Assistant ( SCVT , SelfFinance , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	19	ADM2571804	ADIL WAHEED	ABDUL WAHEED	07-01-08	Male	GEN	N	N	69.4	1
2	21	ADM2573923	SHOWKAT AHMED SOHIL	ABDUL HAMID SOHIL	03-03-06	Male	GEN	N	N	68.6	1
3	27	ADM2573809	RAHIL FAROOQ	FAROOQ AHMED SOHIL	02-11-04	Male	GEN	N	N	67.6	1
4	32	ADM2599891	SHABIR AHMED	MOHD YOUSAF	10-06-05	Male	GEN	N	N	65.4	1
5	34	ADM2543220	SIDARTH SINGH	RANGEEL SINGH DRORA	26-03-03	Male	GEN	N	N	64	1
6	35	ADM2527536	AQUIB YOUSUF SOHIL	MOHD YOUSUF SOHIL	18-05-07	Male	GEN	N	N	63.8	1
7	37	ADM2569125	SHEENUM BANO	GHULAM NABI	05-02-05	Female	GEN	N	N	62.8	1
8	38	ADM2545325	YASSAR AHMED	MUSHTAQ HUSSAIN	07-03-05	Male	GEN	N	N	62.8	1
9	61	ADM2568397	KASHISH MIR	MOHD HANIEF MIR	15-04-04	Female	GEN	N	N	59.8	1
10	64	ADM2553605	MANSI DEVI	DLEEP SINGH	27-10-04	Female	GEN	N	N	59.2	1
11	65	ADM2514284	MONIKA DEVI	DILAR SINGH KATOCH	28-03-06	Female	GEN	N	N	58.8	1
12	70	ADM2518855	PRIYA DEVI	RANJEET SINGH	28-02-08	Female	GEN	N	N	57.8	1
13	72	ADM2528580	REENU DEVI	NAIK RAM	01-09-03	Female	GEN	N	N	57.6	1
14	79	ADM2593348	NAHIDA BANO	ASGAR ALI	09-06-07	Female	GEN	N	N	56.8	1
15	123	ADM2563846	SUDIKA DEVI	KULDEEP SINGH	01-01-07	Female	SC	N	N	50.6	1
16	131	ADM2598595	MOHD MASHQOOR	MOHD YOUNUS	25-12-06	Male	ST1	N	N	49.8	1
17	138	ADM2546767	BUNTY BHAGAT	BUDHI RAM	12-02-01	Male	SC	N	N	47.8	1
18	185	ADM2536246	SHAHNAZ BANO	GULAM MAI UD DIN	11-09-01	Female	OBC	N	N	41.4	1
Electrician ( SCVT , SelfFinance , GenderApplicable: ALL )											
S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	ExMen	%age	Round
1	23	ADM2558621	ARUN SHARMA	KAKA RAM	08-04-07	Male	GEN	N	N	68.4	1
2	39	ADM2558486	SUDESH SINGH	ANCHAL SINGH	10-05-05	Male	GEN				

## ABVP Jammu Mahanagar organized "Madhavi Chattr Samman Samaharo" on National Students Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 8

ABVP Jammu Mahanagar on the occasion of National Youth Day, organized a grand felicitation program at the esteemed Jammu Club today, to honor the brilliant toppers of the 10th and 12th standard board examinations. The event aimed to acknowledge and encourage the academic achievements of the youth, reinforcing the spirit of learning and dedication.

The program was graced by the presence of Prof. Sanjeev Jain Ji, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu, who presided as the Chief Guest. His inspiring words motivated the young achievers to pursue their goals with unwavering commitment. Shri Ashish Chouhan Ji,



National Organizing Secretary of ABVP, attended as the Guest of Honour, emphasizing the crucial role of youth in nation-building. Other dignitaries present included Shri Harish Sharma Ji, Jammu Mahanagar Mantri, and Shri Rajesh Bhardwaj Ji, Mahanagar President, who extended their congratulations and best wishes to the students.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain (Vice Chancellor CUJ), emphasize the crucial

role of technology and AI in shaping our nation's future. Our youth have immense potential and must be equipped with skills to harness these emerging fields. They will drive innovation, entrepreneurship, and social change. Let's foster a culture of creativity and experimentation, and provide them with the support they need to succeed. I congratulate our academic toppers and urge them to continue striving for excel-

lence. Together, let's create a future where our youth thrive, innovate, and lead the way."

Shri Ashish Chouhan Ji National Organizing Secretary of ABVP, stated: "National Youth Day is a reminder of the immense potential and energy that resides within our youth. These toppers are not just academic achievers; they are the future leaders, innovators, and nation-builders. ABVP is committed to fostering an environ-

ment where every student can realize their full potential, not just in academics but in all spheres of life. We believe in nurturing a generation that is not only intellectually strong but also deeply rooted in national values and dedicated to societal welfare. This felicitation is a small gesture of our appreciation for their hard work and an encouragement for them to continue striving for excellence and contribute positively to our nation's progress."

The program saw a large gathering of students, parents, and community members, who applauded the efforts of the toppers. ABVP Jammu Mahanagar reiterated its commitment to promoting education, character building, and nationalistic values among the student community.

## ABRSM demands immediate revocation of recent School timing order for Winter Zones

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 8

The Jammu and Kashmir unit of Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) has strongly objected to the recent directive issued by the Department of School Education regarding the change in school timings for schools in Kashmir and the winter zones of Jammu division.

In a statement released to the press, Sh. Gulshan Raina, General Secretary, ABRSM JKUT, termed the order as "irrelevant and inconsiderate," and has urged the administration to immediately revoke it in the interest of students, parents, and teachers alike.

Mr. Raina emphasized that the revised school timing—from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—defeats the very purpose of safeguarding children from the prevailing harsh weather conditions. "Instead of providing relief, this order adds to the hardship of students, especially those in rural areas who have to walk 3 to 4 kilometers and even cross streams (nalahas) to reach their

schools by 8 a.m.," he said.

He further pointed out that releasing children at 12 noon, when the heat wave is at its peak, poses serious health risks and could be considered a gross violation of human rights.

Mr. Raina suggested that a more suitable alternative would have been to either fix the school timing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or extend the summer vacations until weather conditions become more favorable.

Additionally, Mr. Raina expressed concern over the decision to reopen summer zone schools on July 17, despite weather forecasts predicting heavy rains and high humidity. He warned that such decisions could endanger the lives of young students and staff, and called on the UT Education Minister to reconsider the matter urgently.

He strongly advocated for the formulation of a uniform academic calendar across the Union Territory, ensuring equality in winter and summer breaks, while also considering the region-specific climatic conditions.

## Vijay Anand Gill attends BJP Valmiki Samaj national meet

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 8

Jammu and Kashmir BJP SC Morcha Vice President Vijay Anand Gill, attended a meeting of BJP Valmiki Samaj All India Mandal, at party headquarters, New Delhi.

The All India Mandal team, led by its national leader Vikas Valmiki, also called on senior BJP leader and National Secretary Om Prakash Dhankad and submitted a memorandum seeking adequate representation of Valmiki Samaj activists in the party's organizational structure and governments, both at the Centre and in the states.

During the meeting, Vijay Anand Gill, apprised Dhankad of the aspirations and concerns of the Valmiki community, emphasizing their steadfast support for the Bharatiya Janata Party over the years. He urged the party leadership to acknowledge the contributions of Valmiki Samaj karyakartas by ensuring they are given fair opportunities and representation in decision-making roles at various levels—from local bodies to state and national positions.

## CU Jammu signs MoU with GMC Jammu to promote Collaborative Research and Academic Excellence

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 8

In a landmark step toward strengthening academic and research collaboration, the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu. The partnership is aimed at enhancing research output, fostering academic exchange, and promoting translational outcomes in the fields of molecular biology, diagnostics, and clinical medicine.

The Central University of Jammu has emerged as a premier institute of higher education and research, committed to academic



excellence and innovation. Notably, the Centre for Molecular Biology (CMB) at CUJammu is at the forefront of cutting-edge research focused on understanding, preventing, and curing human diseases through molecular approaches. The Centre aims to develop and provide advanced molecular diagnostics services, facilitating accurate disease diagnosis and personalized treatment strategies for public health benefit.

GMC Jammu, a leading ter-

tiary healthcare institution in the region, is home to two premier research facilities—the Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) and the Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU), supported by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Department of Health Research (DHR), Government of India. These units are equipped with state-of-the-art technology and possess deep expertise in viral diagnostics, molecular oncology, and disease sur-

veillance, significantly contributing to regional healthcare delivery.

The MoU aims to catalyze collaborative research initiatives that involve clinical study designs, data acquisition and analysis, and the implementation of molecular strategies for precision medicine. The agreement will foster joint academic programs, encourage cross-institutional faculty and student engagement, and drive interdisciplinary innovation for the betterment of healthcare and society.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, emphasized the strategic importance of collaborative and

high-throughput research, stating that such partnerships are essential to translating research into societal benefit.

## TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 07-07-2025, 1600 hrs. to 08-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 02 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMVs operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- HVMs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HVMs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary halage between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

### TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 09-07-2025:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions SANJY Convoy /LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. However, HVMs shall be allowed on alternate days. TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

### SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

### CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS: -

To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
- Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

### HVMs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HVMs shall be allowed from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund side) towards Jammu after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and no HVM shall be allowed after 1900 hrs. TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HVMs.

Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44. UT administration has decided, all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG Cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle loaded/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu, as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025

### Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-244:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice-versa on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HVM other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

### SSG ROAD

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, (after getting green signal from the BRO) traffic movement shall be allowed on regulated manner in Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. LMVs followed by HVMs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HVMs shall be allowed from Sonamarg towards Kargil at 1130 hrs to 1730 hrs. No vehicle shall be allowed after cut off timing.

SFs Convoy, plying from Srinagar to Kargil and vice versa shall plan their movement in such a manner so that Yatra convoys (both UP and DOWN) don't get disturbed.

### Mughal Road:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREF). LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. However, HVMs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffliaz) and Herpora (Shopian) at 0700 hrs. upto 1800 hrs. as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025.

### ADVISORY :-

People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191- 2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

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### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

#### E-TENDERING

#### Tender Notice : e-NIT No.- 18/WLW/JZ of 2025-26 dated: 07-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Jammu & Kashmir UT, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

Name of work	Adv. Cost (₹. in lacs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Receiving /Opening Authority
Maintenance of lawns, gardens and pathways of Jambu Zoo.	29.53	59,100	Registered firms	600	1 year	Tender opening committee

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- <http://jktenders.gov.in>

#### Position of funds: CAPEX 2025-26

Position of AA : Accorded.

Position of TS : Accorded.

Publishing Date	07-07-2025
Download Start Date	07-07-2025
Bid Submission Start Date	07-07-2025
Pre bid meeting	10-07-2025
Bid submission End Date	14-07-2025 up to 04:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid	15-07-2025 at 12:00 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Manda Hills, Jammu)
Date of opening of Financial (online)	16-07-2025 at 03:00 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Manda Hills, Jammu)

Bid documents can be seen at and download from the website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>. Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.

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## PM Modi arrives in Brasilia, receives warm reception at airport

AGENCIES  
BRASILIA/NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Brasilia today, marking the beginning of his official state visit to Brazil after concluding the BRICS summit.

The Prime Minister was warmly welcomed at the airport by Brazil's Defence Minister José Múcio Monteiro Filho.

PM Modi's visit is the first bilateral visit to the country by an Indian prime minister in nearly six decades.

The PM received a warm welcome from the Batala Mundo band, which performed a spirited Samba Reggae composition displaying the rich cultural heritage of Brazil.

"At Brasilia airport, the band Batala Mundo played some wonderful compositions. Their work is a global effort to promote Afro-Brazilian percussion, particularly samba-reggae, which originates from Salvador da Bahia, Brazil," PM Modi posted on X.

"I landed in Brasilia a short while ago. The



Indian community welcomed me in a memorable way, once again highlighting the passion of our diaspora and how much they remain connected to their roots," PM Modi posted on X.

The performance was a prelude to his visit, following his participation in the BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro on July 6-7.

The PM's visit to Brazil follows an invitation from Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal also took to X to highlight the significance of the visit. "Taking new strides in the steadfast India-Brazil partnership. PM @narendramodi has landed in

Brasilia for his state visit. He was warmly received by José Múcio Monteiro Filho, Brazil's Minister of Defence, at the airport. The traditional Samba Reggae performance added a musical touch to this gracious welcome."

The warm reception in Brasilia underscores the strengthening of ties between India and Brazil, with both nations looking forward to enhancing their cooperation in various sectors.

The prime minister was accorded a ceremonial welcome upon his arrival at the Galeao International Airport. This is the fourth leg of his five-nation visit.

"Landed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where I will take part in the BRICS Summit

and later go to their capital, Brasilia, for a state visit on the invitation of President Lula. Hoping for a productive round of meetings and interactions during this visit", PM Modi said in a post on X.

The Prime Minister arrived in Brazil from Argentina, where he held wide-ranging talks with President Javier Milei and agreed to diversify two-way trade and ramp up cooperation in defence, critical minerals, pharmaceuticals, energy, and mining sectors.

BRICS -- Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa -- has been expanded with five additional members: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.

Leaders of the BRICS nations issued a strong condemnation of the April 22 terrorist attack in J&K's Pahalgam, which left 26 people dead.

In a joint declaration following the summit in Rio de Janeiro, the leaders labelled the attack "criminal and unjustifiable" and called for united global action to root out terrorism in all its forms.

## India abstains from voting on Afghanistan at UN, cautions against business-as-usual approach

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JULY 8

India abstained from voting at the UN on a Resolution on Afghanistan saying a "business as usual" approach without new and targeted initiatives is unlikely to deliver the outcomes the international community envisions for Afghan people.

The UNGA resolution on the 'Situation in Afghanistan' last night was moved by Germany. The vote was 116 in favour and two against. Twelve countries including India, Russia, China and Iran abstained.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador P Harish, said in his speech that any coherent policy to address a post-conflict situation must combine a mix of policy instruments – incentivising positive behaviour and disincentivising harmful actions.

"An approach focused only on punitive measures is unlikely to succeed," Ambassador Harish cautioned. He said the United Nations and the broader international community had adopted more balanced and nuanced approaches in other post-conflict contexts. However, no new policy instruments had been introduced to address the worsening humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan since August 2021.

"A business-as-usual approach, without new and targeted initiatives, is unlikely to deliver the outcomes the international community envisions for



the Afghan people," he said.

The international community must direct its coordinated efforts towards ensuring that entities and individuals designated by the UN Security Council, Al Qaeda and their affiliates, ISIL and their affiliates, including Lashkar-i-Tayyiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, along with their regional sponsors who facilitate their operations, no longer exploit the Afghan territory for terrorist activities.

India is closely monitoring the security situation in Afghanistan, he asserted.

Welcoming Afghanistan's strong condemnation of the terrorist killings at Pahalgam in Kashmir on April 22, he said External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar had recently spoken with the Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan. The conversation followed a meeting between India's Foreign Secretary and the Acting Foreign Minister where both sides discussed various bilateral issues and regional developments.

Ambassador Harish said India's approach to Afghanistan, as its contiguous neighbour with deep

historical and cultural ties, has always been guided by longstanding friendship and special relationship with the Afghan people. As a long-standing partner, India has direct stakes in ensuring peace and stability in Afghanistan.

He said that since the UNGA last considered this issue in November 2022, India has been actively engaging with regional and international stakeholders to promote peace, stability and development in Afghanistan.

"We believe that international and regional consensus and cooperation on key issues concerning Afghanistan are essential. Our participation in UN meetings in Doha and other regional forums reflects our ongoing efforts, including our recent participation in the meetings held in Doha last week," he said.

The Ambassador said India's immediate priorities in Afghanistan include the provision of humanitarian assistance and the implementation of capacity-building initiatives for the Afghan people.

India has been working closely with UN agencies to support the Afghan people in critical areas

such as health, food security, education and sports. Also, India's commitment to Afghanistan's reconstruction is demonstrated through more than 500 development partnership projects across all provinces.

Since August 2021, India has supplied around 50,000 MTs of wheat, over 330 MTs of medicines and vaccines, 40,000 litres of the pesticide Malathion, and 58.6 MTs of other essential items, supporting millions of Afghans in dire need of humanitarian assistance.

In partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), India provided 84 MTs of assistance and medicines and 32 MTs of social support items for drug rehabilitation programmes in Afghanistan, particularly those focused on women.

India also continues to offer scholarships and fellowships to Afghan students. Since 2023, we have provided scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate courses to 2,000 Afghan students, including nearly 600 girls and women.

Reiterating India's historic ties with the people of Afghanistan and enduring commitment to meeting their humanitarian and developmental needs, Mr Harish said India remains committed to continued engagement with all relevant stakeholders and broadly supports the international community's efforts towards a stable, peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan.

## Double-engine alliance has made Bihar a crime capital, alleges Kharge

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge today accused the NDA government in Bihar, of reducing the state to a "crime capital" and pushing it into a deep crisis of law and order, economic justice, and governance.

In a post on X, Kharge said, "In the past six months alone, 8 businessmen have been murdered



in Bihar, and the police have come under attack at least five times. Just yesterday, a horrifying incident occurred where

five members of a single family were brutally killed due to superstition and even innocent children were not spared."

He termed the JD(U)-BJP partnership as a "fraudulent alliance" and held it responsible for the deteriorating law and order situation in the state.

Kharge claimed the Modi government's own data, shows that poverty levels in Bihar remain

alarmingly high. "Social and economic justice has gone from bad to worse, and due to the collapsed administrative system, investment in Bihar is only visible on paper".

Asserting that the people of Bihar have had enough, Kharge said, "This time, Bihar has decided that it will no longer remain sick. Change is certain in Bihar, and the INDI Alliance will bring that change."

## Rajnath Singh approves Rs 303 cr for development in Secunderabad Cantonment

AGENCIES  
HYDERABAD, JULY 8

In a significant boost to infrastructure in the Secunderabad Cantonment area, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the utilisation of Rs 303.62 crore for various development works, following the efforts of Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy.

This funding is linked to the proposed transfer of cantonment lands to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) to facilitate the construction of elevated corridors in the region.

In an important departure from the usual procedure, the land transfer compensation—provided



by the Telangana state government—will not go into the Consolidated Fund of India. Instead, it will be deposited into a newly established escrow account attached to the Secunderabad Cantonment Board. This ensures that the funds will be used exclusively for local devel-

opment works within the cantonment area.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy had written twice to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, requesting that the compensation be used specifically for local infrastructure. Responding positively, the Ministry of Defence has now directed

the Cantonment Board to set up the escrow account and focus the expenditure on civic improvements.

Once the state government deposits the compensation amount, the Cantonment Board will begin key infrastructure projects. These include the construction of an underground sewage network, a fresh water supply system, retaining walls along canals, and the development of internal roads.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy expressed his gratitude to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for approving the use of Rs 303 crore for the welfare and development of the Secunderabad Cantonment area, an official statement said today.

## Bihar to set up youth commission: Nitish

AGENCIES  
PATNA, JULY 8

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today announced formation of Bihar Youth Commission for providing employment opportunities and skill development for the youth of the state.

The Chief Minister said on his social media

account (X) the government has approved the formation of the Bihar Youth Commission, which will recommend and provide inputs to the government on key issues concerning the development and welfare of the youth.

The commission will also coordinate with various government departments

to ensure better education and employment prospects for the youth.

Kumar said the commission will consist of one chairperson, two vice-chairpersons, and seven members, with an upper age limit of 45 years. The commission will monitor private sector employment opportunities within Bihar

and protect the interests of students studying outside the state. Special programmes will also be prepared to keep the youth away from social evils.

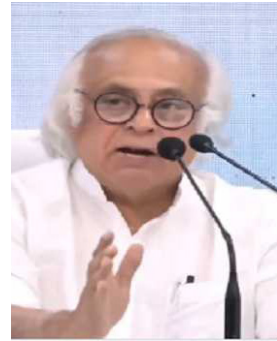
He emphasised that the primary goal of the youth commission is to make Bihar's youth skilled, employment-ready, and self-reliant.

## Jairam questions PM's 'silence' on Trump's claim of averting India-Pak war

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh has once again questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's continued "silence" over US President Donald Trump's repeated claims that he played an important role in "preventing a war between India and Pakistan".

"In the last 59 days, President Trump has claimed, for at least the 21st time,



that he personally intervened to halt a four-day-long war between India and

Pakistan in May," Ramesh said on X.

He further noted that according to Trump, the conflict between the two countries was on the verge of escalating into a nuclear war. India and Pakistan were ready for a ceasefire because he used the "carrot-and-stick policy", combining incentives and pressure through trade with the US. In simple terms, his message was: "Stop the war immediately, or you

will lose access to the US market and investments".

Ramesh pointed out that these statements come even as Trump has been announcing the possibility of a new trade agreement involving the US, India, and Pakistan.

"@narendramodi – who was once called the 'Trump card' of the BJP by his own senior colleague Ghanashyam Tiwari – when will he break his silence on this issue?" Ramesh asked.

## Netanyahu nominates Trump for Nobel Peace Prize

AGENCIES  
WASHINGTON, JULY 8

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his meeting with US President Donald Trump in Washington thanked him for his intervention in Tel Aviv's war against Iran, and said that he had sent a letter to the Nobel Prize Committee to nominate the US leader for the Peace Prize.

Before the high-profile dinner of the two leaders, the Israeli PM said "I want to express the appreciation and admiration not only of all Israelis, but of the Jewish people," and then presented him the letter.

"I want to present to you, Mr. President, the letter I sent to the Nobel Prize Committee. It is nominating you for the Peace Prize, which is well deserved. You should get it," Netanyahu told Trump



during the meeting.

A visibly moved Trump responded "Thank you very much. This I didn't know. Wow. Coming from you, in particular, this is very meaningful. Thank you very much, Bibi."

Trump has long maintained that he deserves the award as he has managed to end several global tensions, and resolved wars.

While Trump has been quite clear about his stance on Iran, stating that while Washington does not want to attack the country any further and reach a conclusive peace-agreement,

no attempts at restarting its nuclear program will be tolerated.

Trump was also expected to press Netanyahu on the issue of resolving the 21-month crisis in the Gaza Strip during their meeting in the Blue Room at the White House. Till now, over 60,000 people have been killed in the war-torn area amid the IDF's fighting with Hamas terrorists.

Regarding the issue, the POTUS said that a lasting resolution to the deadly conflict will depend, in part, on Netanyahu's willingness to accept a deal

that stops the fighting entirely.

The Israeli PM further said that any deal must involve the release of all hostages. While some progress was made during the talks in Qatar between the Israeli and Hamas delegations, they proved inconclusive as Tel Aviv deemed the outfit's demands "unacceptable."

The prime minister said as he was departing Israel to come to Washington his meeting with Trump "can certainly help advance these results," and it was clear Trump was hoping the meeting would result in progress.

"I think there's a good chance we have a deal with Hamas during the week, during the coming week, pertaining to quite a few of the hostages," Trump told reporters in New Jersey on July 5 as he was preparing to return to Washington.

## Ecclestone and Bouchier return as England name 15-member squad for ODIs against India

AGENCIES  
LONDON, JULY 8

England Women have announced a 15-member squad for the upcoming three-match ODI series against India, set to take place from July 16.

The squad sees a couple of notable returns as Sophie Ecclestone and Maia Bouchier are back in the mix, while most of the core group from the recent West Indies series remains intact.

Left-arm spinner Ecclestone is back in the ODI setup after missing the West Indies series, providing a significant boost to England's bowling attack. Bouchier, who has been in fine form domestically, has also earned a recall to add depth to the batting line-up.

Captain Nat Sciver-Brunt, who ruled out of the last three T20Is against India due to a groin injury, is expected to return to full fitness in time for the



ODIs. Fast bowler Lauren Filer, who made a strong impression with her pace in the T20I at The Oval, has also been included as she continues her comeback from a knee injury. Head coach Charlotte Edwards acknowledged the intensity of the recent T20I battles against India and emphasised that

her side is continuing to evolve. "India have really pushed us during the Vitality IT20 series. We knew they would, and we've learned a lot about the team in the three games so far. There have been some good moments, but we're a team in transition and we need to keep working hard," she said.

Reflecting on the victory at The Oval, Edwards added, "Friday night was high drama and we were delighted to keep ourselves in the series. I'm very proud of the character and the fight the players showed."

"This series is perfect preparation for the ICC Women's World Cup in India this autumn, but it's also a series we're determined to win."

India women lead the ongoing T20I series 2-1, with the next match set to be played on Wednesday in Manchester, with the final T20I scheduled for July 12 in Birmingham.

England women's squad for the ODI series: Em Arlott, Tammy Beaumont, Lauren Bell, Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, Kate Cross, Alice Davidson-Richards, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Lauren Filer, Amy Jones, Emma Lamb, Nat Sciver-Brunt (captain), Linsey Smith.

## Zimbabwe pacer Kundai Matigimu fined for code of conduct breach

AGENCIES  
BULAWAYO, JULY 8

Zimbabwe fast bowler Kundai Matigimu has been fined 15 per cent of his match fees for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct during the ongoing second Test against South Africa at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo.

The incident took place on Day 1, during the 72nd over of South Africa's innings when Matigimu fielded a ball in his follow-through and threw it at batter Lhuan-de Pretorius, hitting him on the wrist at close range.

Following the incident, Matigimu was found to have violated Article 2.9 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which deals with "throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment) at or near a player in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during an International Match."



The charge was laid by the on-field umpires, along with the third and fourth officials. Matigimu admitted to the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Ranjan Madugalle,

a member of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees, thereby avoiding the need for a formal disciplinary hearing.

"Matigimu admitted to the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by Ranjan Madugalle of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees, thereby avoiding the need for a formal hearing," the ICC said in a statement.

In addition to the fine, Matigimu has also been handed one demerit point, which will be added to his disciplinary record. This is his first offence in a 24-month period, meaning the consequences are limited for now. However, further violations could lead to stiffer penalties under ICC regulations.

South Africa, meanwhile, declared their innings at a commanding 626/5, with Wiaan Mulder unbeaten on a record 367 and bowling out Zimbabwe on 170 in the first innings, followed by 51/1.

## Shadab Khan, Haris Rauf to miss Bangladesh T20Is due to injuries

AGENCIES  
LAHORE, JULY 8

Pakistan all-rounder Shadab Khan and pacer Haris Rauf have been left out of the 15-member squad due to injuries for the upcoming Bangladesh T20I tour.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Tuesday unveiled the squad with Salman Ali Agha continuing to lead the side in the T20Is. The three-match T20I series between Pakistan and Bangladesh will be played from July 20 to 24 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka.

Vice-captain Shadab recently underwent successful surgery on his right shoulder in the UK, addressing an issue that had been bothering him for some time.

Meanwhile, Rauf has been ruled out after suffering a Grade 1 hamstring injury during the San Francisco Unicorns' recent victory over the Texas



set to arrive in Bangladesh on July 16, with the T20I series beginning on July 20. The second and third matches will be played on July 22 and 24, respectively.

The two sides last faced off in May this year, when Pakistan secured a 3-0 series sweep at home.

After the series against Bangladesh, Pakistan will tour West Indies for white-ball series comprising three T20Is and as many ODIs, starting from August 1.

The squad for the white-ball series against West Indies will be announced in due course, PCB said.

Pakistan squad: Salman Ali Agha (captain), Abrar Ahmed, Ahmed Daniyal, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Hassan Nawaz, Hussain Talat, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Haris (wk), Mohammad Nawaz, Sahibzada Farhan (wk), Saim Ayub, Salman Mirza and Sufyan Moqim.

Super Kings in the ongoing 2025 Major League Cricket (MLC) season.

In Rauf's absence, pacer Salman Mirza has been called up to the national squad. Mirza impressed

during PSL Season 9 with Lahore Qalandars, taking nine wickets in four matches at an average of 15.00 and an economy rate of 9.64.

The Pakistan team is

## Tim David has 'no plans' to ODI return despite Maxwell, Stoinis retirements

AGENCIES  
PERTH, JULY 8

Australia all-rounder Tim David has ruled out the possibility of making his return to the ODI format after the shock retirements of Glenn Maxwell and Marcus Stoinis from the 50-over cricket.

With Australia revamping their squad for the 2027 ODI World Cup, Australia selectors feel David, who is known for his T20 assault, has a chance to find his spot back in the side.

David has extended his stint with the Hobart Hurricanes in the BBL for another two seasons but remains without a domestic contract in Australia. He featured in just one match of the domestic One-Day Cup for Tasmania in November 2021 and hasn't held a domestic deal since his rookie contract with Western Australia in 2017-18, before representing Singapore. Since his



last ODI in 2023, he has not played any 50-over List A matches.

The 29-year-old has played just four ODIs for Australia but has been a mainstay of Australia's T20I team since 2022 with over 50 appearances in the shortest format.

"Definitely having conversations in the background with my coaches,

and people that I want to talk to about my game at the moment," David said on Tuesday.

"I'm not too sure, to be honest. It's not the immediate plan. We've got such a busy year, to be honest, leading up to this T20 World Cup. The winter actually looks quite different for me this year. Previously, I would have

been away for four or five months in a row over the winter playing competitions. And now we've got so many T20 series that there's not much time to think about much else. So we'll see how that develops. But, at the moment, no plans."

David is currently undergoing hamstring rehabilitation in Perth while preparing for Australia's upcoming T20I tour of the Caribbean, which begins on July 20 in Jamaica. He has enjoyed a rare month at home following the injury he sustained during the IPL, where he played a key role in Royal Challengers Bengaluru's maiden title run, despite missing the playoffs due to the setback.

He was originally set to return to action in the Global Super League for the Hurricanes, starting on Thursday, but his recovery has taken slightly longer than anticipated.

## Paolini announces split with coach Marc Lopez after Wimbledon exit

AGENCIES  
LONDON, JULY 8

World number four Italian tennis player Jasmine Paolini has announced a split with her coach Marc Lopez days after her second-round exit from Wimbledon.

Paolini, who last year became the first Italian woman in the Open era to reach the Wimbledon final, suffered a second-round 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 loss to Russian Kamilla Rakhimova last week.

"I want to say thank you to Marc Lopez for his help and support this season. We had some great results together. Especially in Rome and Paris. I appreciate all the hard work and energy Marc gave every day," Paolini wrote on her Instagram story.

"Now that this part of the season is over, I've decided to make a change. I've learned a lot and made good progress. And now I'm taking the time to reflect on what the next



step will be. Thank you again, Marc, for everything," she added.

Paolini's partnership with Lopez, who was once part of Rafael Nadal coaching team, began this April after the Italian parted ways with coach Renzo Furlan after a 10-year stint.

She won her second WTA 1000-level crown at the Italian Open and also

lifted the women's doubles title at the French Open under Lopez's guidance.

She became the first Italian woman to win the Rome title on home soil in the Open Era in May. She had defeated Coco Gauff in straight sets to become the first Italian woman to win her country's biggest tournament since Raffaella Reggi in 1985.

The Italian enjoyed a remarkable season last year, reaching consecutive finals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon and capturing her first WTA 1000 title in Dubai.

She also won Olympic women's doubles gold, led Italy to the Billie Jean King Cup title and qualified for her first WTA Finals.

## BCCI extends warm greetings as Sourav Ganguly turns 53

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JULY 8

As former India captain Sourav Ganguly turned 53 on Tuesday, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) extended a warm greeting to its ex-president, highlighting his stats from his stellar career.

After making his international debut in an ODI match against the West Indies in the 1992 Benson and Hedges World Series, Ganguly served the country for 16 glorious years.

The left-hander batter went on to be recognised as one of the greatest batters to have come out of India, particularly in ODIs. He scored 7212 runs in 113 Tests at an average of 42.17 with 16 centuries. In ODI cricket, Ganguly played 311 matches, scoring 11,363 runs at an average of 41.02 with 22 centuries.

"424 intl. matches, 18575 intl. runs, 38 intl. centuries. Here's wishing former #TeamIndia Captain and former BCCI



President Sourav Ganguly a very Happy Birthday,' BCCI shared in X.

Replying to the post, Ganguly, wrote: "Thank you BCCI...the best sporting organisation in the world."

Sourav Ganguly is widely regarded as one of India's most successful and influential cricket captains. He assumed captaincy in 2000 and led the national side in 49 Tests and 146 One-Day Internationals, securing 21 and 76 victories, respectively. Under his captaincy, India began to achieve significant success overseas in Test cricket and mounted an impressive campaign that culminated in reaching the ICC Cricket World

Cup final in 2003. Most importantly, Ganguly under his captaincy, gave opportunity and backed a large pool of talented players, who became big match-winners for India.

Ganguly holds several notable achievements; He became only the eighth Indian player with over 7,000 runs in Tests and also the ninth-highest centurion in the format for India with 16 tons under his belt.

He is one of only eight Indian players to have scored over 7,000 runs in Test cricket and ranks as the ninth-highest century-maker for India in the format, with 16 centuries to his name. In One-Day

Internationals, he stands as the eighth-highest run-scorer globally and is among a 14 players to have crossed the 10,000-run milestone.

Renowned for rising to the occasion in major ICC tournaments, Ganguly holds the record for the highest individual score by an Indian in a World Cup match (183 in 1999 against Sri Lanka). He also became the first player to score three centuries in a single World Cup edition (2003) and achieved three overall in the ICC Champions Trophy (2000 and 2002).

Following his retirement from international cricket, Ganguly transitioned seamlessly into cricket administration. After serving as the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal from 2015 to 2019, he was unanimously elected as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and took very key decisions during his tenure from 2019 to 2022

## DC Doda chairs DLIC meeting to approve 66 cases under Mission YUVA

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, JULY 8

The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) convened an important meeting today under the flagship Mission YUVA, chaired by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Mr. Harvinder Singh. The meeting aimed to review progress under the scheme and to scrutinize and approve applications submitted through the dedicated DLIC portal.

The deliberations were attended by ADC/ADDC Doda, Anil Kumar Thakur, Deputy Director Employment Doda Mohd Rafiq, In-charge General Manager DIC, District Social Welfare Officer Doda, District Nodal Officer JKEDI, Lead District Manager and other



key stakeholders. A total of 66 entrepreneurial cases, verified by the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) Doda, were presented before the committee. After thorough examination of eligibility, viability, and socio-economic relevance, all 66 applications were approved for financial assistance and handholding support under Mission YUVA.

While addressing the officers, the Deputy Commissioner underscored

the importance of creating self-employment opportunities for the local youth, with special focus on marginalized and underprivileged sections. He directed line departments to ensure timely disbursement of funds, effective monitoring, and strong mentoring mechanisms to help the new ventures flourish sustainably.

The DC also urged stakeholders to intensify outreach and awareness campaigns to encourage wider participation in Mission YUVA, making it a beacon of hope for aspiring entrepreneurs in the district. The meeting concluded with a call to all departments to work with dedication and urgency so that today's entrepreneurial seeds grow into successful enterprises of tomorrow.

## Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan concludes in Panchayat Krimachi

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The ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan culminated today in Panchayat Krimachi under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai with a series of impactful events and public outreach activities aimed at empowering the tribal population through access to government welfare schemes.

GM DIC Udhampur Kishore Singh Katoch

was the chief guest on the occasion.

On the concluding day, a vibrant awareness campaign was held to sensitize members of the tribal community about various flagship schemes of the Government, designed to uplift socio-economic standards and ensure inclusive development.

Officials from multiple departments participated actively, sharing information, resolving queries and extending on-the-spot assistance to the beneficiaries.

A health camp was also organized during the event to provide quality medical care to the tribal populace. The Department of Ayush played a key role in the initiative by distributing free medicines and offering consultations on preventive health and traditional wellness practices.

In addition to these services, a special grievance redressal camp was set up where scores of public issues were addressed and resolved promptly by the officials concerned.



## MLA Udhampur West & DC hand over ambulance to Govt Medical College Udhampur under J&K Bank CSR initiative



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UDHAMPUR, JULY 8

As part of efforts to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the district, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta, along with Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, formally handed over a newly donated ambulance to the Principal of Government Medical College, Udhampur. The donation was made under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA and Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the addition of the ambulance will greatly enhance emergency healthcare services in the district and serve as a vital asset for the benefit of the general public.

The ambulance, donated by Jammu and Kashmir Bank as part of its CSR program, is aimed at providing critical support for the transportation of patients and trauma cases, thereby boosting emergency medical response capabilities in the region.

## DDC Poonch presides over public outreach program at Aspirational Block Mankote

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POONCH, JULY 8

In a major step towards responsive and inclusive governance, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Poonch, Shri Vikas Kundal today conducted a comprehensive Public Outreach Program at the Aspirational Block Mankote, Subdivision Mendhar. The event, held at the Tehsil Office Complex Mankote, witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals of Mankote and adjoining villages.

The outreach initiative aimed to directly engage with the public, understand grassroots-level issues, and ensure prompt redressal. Officers present at the program included ADC/ADDC Poonch, PO ICDS, SDM Mendhar, ACP, ACD, Deputy Director Employment, Tehsildar Mankote, BDO Mankote and other senior officers from various line departments.

During the interactive session, residents projected a wide array of issues and demands pertaining to drinking water supply, banking services, road connectivity, construction of bunkers, education, health-



care, electricity and other essential public utilities.

Addressing the gathering, the DDC congratulated the officials, field staff and the community for the remarkable performance of Block Mankote, which recently secured 1st rank in Jammu Division and 9th position at the national level under the Aspirational Block Programme (ABP). He lauded the collective efforts that led to this remarkable feat and emphasized the need to continue striving for better outcomes.

"Our focus is on addressing existing gaps in critical indicators like banking, health, water supply and other infrastructure.

This outreach is an effort to listen directly from the people and take actionable steps to further improve our performance," the DDC stated.

DDC Vikas Kundal assured the residents that their grievances would be addressed on priority and reiterated the administration's commitment to improving service delivery and overall quality of life in the block.

The outreach program served as a meaningful platform for community engagement, policy feedback and collaborative development planning in one of the most dynamic blocks of the district.

## DC Poonch visits Ayushman Arogya Mandir Sub Centre Chhajla, Mendhar; reviews healthcare facilities

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POONCH, JULY 8

To assess the status of healthcare infrastructure and services, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal today conducted an inspection of the Ayushman Arogya Mandir Sub Centre at Chhajla in Sub Division Mendhar.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed round of the healthcare facility and reviewed the availability of essential services, manpower equipment and medicines. He interacted with the staff to under-



stand the challenges being faced and the steps being taken to provide timely medical care to the public.

The DC emphasized the importance of maintaining adequate stocks of essential medicines and ensuring the functionality of all critical equipment. He further directed the concerned officials to

provide round-the-clock healthcare services and to uphold high standards of cleanliness and hygiene throughout the hospital premises.

Deputy Commissioner reiterated the commitment of the district administration towards strengthening healthcare delivery at the grassroots level.

## ARTO Rajouri conducts road checking drive; 15 E-Challans issued, 5 E-Auto impounded

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, JULY 8

Acting on the directions of the Transport Commissioner, J&K, Vishesh-paul Mahajan and Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishhek Sharma, the ARTO Office Rajouri led by Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Rajesh

Gupta carried out an extensive road checking drive in Rajouri town and surrounding areas today. The drive was primarily focused on ensuring traffic regulations compliance among e-Auto vehicles operating in the region.

During the enforcement drive, a total of 105

vehicles were thoroughly inspected. As a result of the inspection, 15 e-challans were issued for various violations under the Motor Vehicles Act and other relevant traffic norms. Furthermore, 5 e-Auto vehicles were impounded and brought to the ARTO office due to serious violations.

## District-Level NCORD meeting held at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, JULY 8

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai chaired a meeting of the District-Level Narcotics Coordination Centre to assess the implementation of drug control measures and their on ground impact.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Amod Ashok Nagpure, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan and other officers from line departments.

The meeting held detailed deliberations on



progress achieved in identification of individuals involved in illicit drug trade and investigations into the NDPS Act cases.

DC directs for freezing and attachment of financial assets of drug traffickers, action taken against pharmacies selling scheduled drugs without valid prescriptions, measures to curb illicit cultivation of

narcotic crops, rehabilitation initiatives for victims of substance abuse, surveillance in educational institutions and implementation of Nasha Mukta Panchayat campaign.

The DC instructed stakeholder departments to scale up counseling services and IEC activities to raise public awareness, especially at the grassroots level.

## DC Jammu distributes sanction letters under Mission YUVA

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JAMMU, JULY 8

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, today handed over sanction letters to seven youth entrepreneurs under the Mission YUVA scheme at the DC Office.

The beneficiaries will establish small businesses including transport services, general stores and cosmetics outlets, with financial support provided under the government's flagship initiative.

Highlighting the scheme's impact, the Deputy Commissioner said, "Mission YUVA is a major initiative of the government to support

youth in starting their own businesses."

He also noted that 34 cases have been approved so far in the district and awareness and implementation activities are in full swing under his chairmanship of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC).

Later, a DLIC meeting chaired by the Deputy

Commissioner approved 86 additional cases under the scheme.

The meeting was also attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh, Deputy Director Employment Sunaina Saini, Assistant Director Employment Mukhlis Ali and representatives from NABARD, JKEDI, DIC and J&K Bank.

## DC Srinagar visits UPHCs of Nishat & Harwan, inspects upgradation works

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JULY 8

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, today conducted an on-site review of the infrastructural works at Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) located in Nishat and Harwan areas of the district to take appraisal of the overall health infra available at these two centres.

The visit was also aimed to review the progress of ongoing infrastructure upgradation works to further strengthen and improve the patient care facilities ensuring that better medical facilities are provided to the local population.

At Urban Primary Health Centre, Harwan, DC inspected diagnostic labs, and other sections of the Health Centre. He also inspected

the newly installed Digital Computed Radiography machine recently installed under District Capex to provide Digital X-Ray facility to the patients.

Later, DC visited the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) at Nishat and took stock of the functioning of the facility. He also inspected the 2nd floor of the UPHC Nishat which is nearing completion to strengthen the healthcare services at the facility.

While interacting with the senior health functionaries and staff of the Health Centre, DC laid emphasis on providing better medical facilities to the patients, besides treating them in a compassionate manner. He stressed the importance of accessible and quality healthcare services to urban, rural and tribal populations of the area.