

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

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.

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

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

- Severe and continuous headache
- Joint and muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Present vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool, urine or vomit
- Redness on the face

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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LG Sinha cautions divisive elements mirroring TRF propaganda, asks them to stop peddling fake narratives

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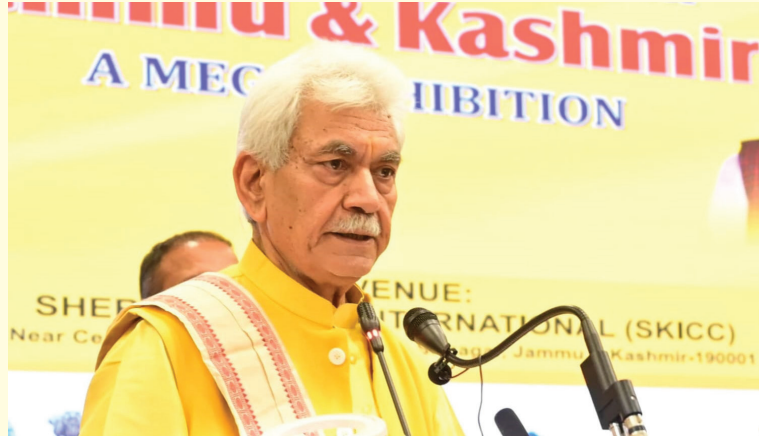
Asking divisive elements to refrain from spreading fake and dangerous narratives, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday cautioned that such rhetoric mirrors the propaganda of terror outfit TRF and has, in the past, led to the tragic loss of many innocent lives.

LG Sinha, while addressing a gathering after inaugurating 'Bharat Sanrachna J&K 2025' exhibition here, as per the news agency, issued a stern warning to divisive elements in the society and asked them to stop issuing statements that threaten peace and harmony.

"Some people are giving irresponsible statements by saying that guests are spoiling the culture of J&K. They are stating there is a demographic invasion and alcoholism is spreading. This is the similar narrative as of terror outfit TRF. I appeal to those making such statements to stop peddling such narrative. We have already lost many innocent lives due to similar statements in the past" the Lieutenant Governor said.

He reiterated his resolve to ensure justice for terror victim families and warned that those responsible for their sufferings will be held accountable.

"We are honoring and delivering justice to real terror victims



of Kashmir valley. I recently met terror victim families in Anantnag. SRO-43 was compromised in the past. Instead of those who are entitled for jobs, the killers were granted jobs under SRO-43. Whoever misused the SRO-43, will face the action" the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said, "Terror victim families will be provided jobs at the doorsteps. I will be handing over job letters to them in few days."

He shared the remarkable growth story of the country and Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir in the past few years. "Since 2014, our great nation is rapidly moving towards becoming a global superpower with new resolve, new thinking and a new roadmap.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that in the last 5-6 years, J&K's economy has doubled. The UT of J&K has become a favourite investment destination and more BPOs are also coming up in the

UT. J&K Bank which was earlier at the loss of Rs 1300 cr is now at the profit of Rs 1700 cr, he added.

"J&K is writing stories of its golden era by ensuring equal opportunities to the aspirations of the deprived classes, farmers, women and the youth. What was previously impossible in J&K has been made possible," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the next 22 years can prove to be golden years for Jammu and Kashmir in the journey of Amrit Kaal, provided we give the new generation an opportunity to play a big role in this development journey of the nation.

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PDP-BJP still in nexus: Dy CM

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Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Wednesday said that Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) is responsible for the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir, alleging that the PDP and BJP are still operating in collusion behind the scenes.

Speaking to reporters at Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) in Pampore, Choudhary as

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ACB arrests Patwari in bribery case in Ramban

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Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested a revenue official in a bribery case in Pogal Paristan area of

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No Rajya Sabha representation for J&K since 2021

All 4 seats vacant

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Jammu & Kashmir has been without representation in the Rajya Sabha for over four and a half years, with all four of its seats currently lying vacant.

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CM Omar Abdullah inaugurates Travel & Tourism Fair Kolkata-2025

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KOLKATA, JUL 10 (KNO)

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Thursday inaugurated the Travel & Tourism Fair, TTF Kolkata-2025, India's oldest and most trusted B2B travel trade show, at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata.

Addressing a distinguished gathering of travel professionals, industry stakeholders, and dignitaries, the Chief Minister described TTF Kolkata as a vital platform to explore avenues for collaboration between Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal to promote mutual growth in the tourism sector.

He emphasized that the fair would encourage all stakeholders to contribute meaningfully towards strengthening the cultural and economic ties between the two regions.

The inaugural ceremony



was also attended by several dignitaries, including Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, Additional Chief Secretary to CM Dheeraj Gupta, Deputy Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Committee Rajkumari Thapa, MLA

(Soreng-Chakung) Aditya Gole, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board Neelu Sharma, Counsel General of Thailand Siriporn Tantipanyathep, and Convener of Association for Conservation & Tourism (ACT) Raj Basu.

The event also witnessed enthusiastic participation from various tour and travel operators, tourism officers, and media representatives, highlighting the growing significance of the eastern Indian market in national and global tourism circuits.

In his address, the Chief Minister, who was the chief guest at the event, highlighted Jammu & Kashmir's transformation into a year-round, all-segment tourist destination, with significant strides made in infrastructure, accessibility, and investor-friendly policies.

He spoke of the deep cultural and emotional connect between J&K and West Bengal, inviting travellers from the state to rediscover the timeless charm, natural beauty, and evolving experiences of Jammu & Kashmir. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

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Omar meets Mamta Banerjee, invites her to Kashmir

JI NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUL 10 (KNO)

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday met his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata to extend a formal invitation to her to visit the picturesque valley.

According to the news agency, Omar called on Banerjee during his visit to Kolkata. The two leaders discussed matters of mutual interest and explored opportunities for inter-state cooperation, as stated in a post by the Office of the Chief Minister, Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, sources said, CM Omar extended a formal invitation to Mamata Banerjee to visit Kashmir, which she later accepted.

Speaking to the media after meeting Abdullah, the West Bengal CM said she has accepted the invitation extended by him to visit Kashmir. "I will try to visit Kashmir once the

Durga Puja is over," she said. Banerjee said Kashmir is a beautiful place and the people want to visit there. However, there should be adequate security for the people so that they can visit the picturesque place without any fear, she said.

"We are ready to help Kashmir anyway, but the Government of India, having control over law and order, must ensure the safety of every single person visiting Kashmir," Mamata added.

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Security forces bust terror hideout in Poonch, seize arms, explosives

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POONCH, JUL 10 (KNO)

A joint operation by the Indian Army's Romeo Force and the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operations Group (SOG) on Thursday successfully dismantled a terrorist hideout in the Khanetar Top area of Poonch district.

Officials informed the news agency that, acting on specific

intelligence inputs regarding the possible presence of a terror consignment, security forces launched a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) in the Khanetar Top area.

"The meticulous search operation resulted in the seizure of a significant cache, including two pistols with two magazines and 24 rounds of 9mm cartridges, six hand

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Post-Operation Sindoor, demand for 'Make in India' weapons has seen sharp rise: LG Sinha

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUL 10 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the demand for indigenous defence equipment has seen a sharp rise following the successful 'Operation Sindoor.'

Addressing 'Bharat Sanrachna J&K 2025' exhibition here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency, emphasized the importance of innovation,



self-reliance, and grassroots empowerment in building a "New India."

Pointing to the exhibits at the event, LG Sinha lauded the participation of DRDO and praised the effectiveness of indigenous weapon systems showcased in the science exhibition. "Our homegrown weapons have hit the enemy hard. Operation Sindoor stands as proof of our

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CS reviews progress, future plans of Mining Deptt

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SRINAGAR, JUL 10 (KNO)

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, held a comprehensive review of the operations and future strategies of the Department of Geology and Mining in a meeting here Thursday.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Mining; Director, Mining; MD, JK Minerals besides other concerned officers.

During the deliberations, the Chief Secretary laid strong emphasis on leveraging technology to curb the illegal mining across the Union Territory. He directed the department to adopt tools such as GPS tracking, RFID tagging and geo-fencing, along with



development of real-time monitoring systems to generate actionable triggers against the violators. He underscored the importance of creating sufficient deterrent, especially against habitual offenders, to ensure strict compliance and transparency in mining operations.

Dulloo further called for expediting the issuance of Letters of Intent (LoIs) in favour of all inoperational mineral blocks. He asked the department to actively liaise with the Union Ministry of Mines, for early assessment and auctioning of newly identified mineral blocks.

He asked the department to study and emulate the best practices adopted by other progressive States and Union Territories that are generating significant revenue from the mining sector.

The Chief Secretary observed that there is a

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Amarnath Yatra: Over 1.45 lakh perform darshan so far

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Undeterred by intermittent downpours in the valley, thousands of devotees continue their pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath, with the total number of yatri who have performed darshan so far crossing the 1.45 lakh mark.

According to official data accessed by the news agency, 17,022 pilgrims performed darshan at the cave shrine on Thursday, the eighth day of the Yatra on July 3. They

visited via twin routes—Baltal in Ganderbal and Nunwan-Pahalgam in Anantnag.

Of the total, 12,471 were male devotees, 4,000 were female pilgrims and 182 were children. The batch also included 108 sadhus, 5 sadhvis and 3 transgender devotees. Additionally, 253 personnel from security forces availed darshan on the day.

With this, the cumulative figure of pilgrims who have paid obeisance at the holy cave till date stands at 1,45,716.

Meanwhile, a fresh batch of

7,307 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu on Thursday morning amid tight security arrangements. The convoy, comprising 284 vehicles, was escorted in two separate groups—one for the Baltal axis and another for the Pahalgam route.

Officials told KNO that the batch included 5,534 men, 1,586 women, 25 children, and 162 sadhus and sadhvis. Of these, 3,081 pilgrims took the 14-km Baltal route in 137 vehicles, while 4,226 pilgrims embarked on the 48-km

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2-Day Faculty Development Programme under “SCERT on Wheels” initiative concludes at DIET Jammu

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JAMMU, JULY 10

A two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for DIET faculty along with ZNO's of District Jammu in collaboration with SCERT Jammu was successfully conducted from July 9 to 10, 2025, under the innovative outreach initiative “SCERT on Wheels,” aimed at strengthening institutional capacity and fostering academic collaboration between JKSCERT and DIETs across Jammu Division. The programme was jointly organised by DIET Jammu and the JK SCERT Divisional Office Jammu, under the guidance of Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, JK SCERT Jammu Division. A total of 45 trainees including 22 DIET Faculty (including HOD's) and

23 ZNOs were sensitized during this two day FDP.

The programme was formally inaugurated by Sh. R. G. Dogra, Principal, DIET Jammu, who highlighted the importance of capacity building and inter-institutional synergy in realising the goals outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The core objectives of the FDP were to develop a comprehensive understanding of the mandate, vision and structure of SCERT and DIETs as per NEP 2020, clarify specific roles and responsibilities, familiarise faculty with departmental functioning and promote mechanisms for improved coordination and academic support at the grassroots level.

A team of seasoned officers from JKSCERT Jammu



and SCERT Central served as resource persons and conducted sessions on a variety of crucial academic themes. Mr. Paawan Vivek, Sr. Academic Officer, conducted the orientation session on the programme, initiatives undertaken and achievements of SCERT along with essentials of the training design and modules and NEP 2020. Ms. Manu Vasudeva AO delivered sessions on NEP 2020 and SARTHQA tasks implications and road map for SCERT and DIET's. Dr. Harpreet Kour

covered topics related to the role, responsibilities and functioning of DIET's and SCERT, planning and monitoring for effective implementations of various objectives of SCERT and challenges in Educational research. Dr. Sunita Sharma guided participants on developing content and training program based on NCF-SE competencies. Mr. Rajesh Hali from SCERT Central spoke on the vision for DIETs of Excellence, and Dr. Balgar Singh provided insights into national Digital ini-

tiatives and institutional alignment.

Participants gained enhanced conceptual clarity on DIET & SCERT's mandate, deeper insights into departmental roles, and practical strategies for collaboration and institutional improvement. In his valedictory address, R.G Dogra lauded the collaborative efforts and emphasised that the realisation of NEP 2020 depends on how effectively SCERTs and DIETs bring policy into practice. He urged DIET faculty

to act as changemakers, document best practices and lead with innovation and commitment. He described the FDP not just as a training programme, but as a call for strategic academic leadership at the grassroots.

The programme was coordinated under the supervision of Dr. Romesh Kumar, Head of Department, DIET Jammu. The vote of thanks was delivered by, Kanwal Preet Kour HOD and the sessions were anchored by Ms. Tripta Charak, Lecturer, DIET Jammu. The success of this initiative marks another step in reaffirming SCERT's commitment to institutional excellence, grassroots empowerment and the transformation of school education in line with the vision of NEP 2020.

32 Day long Community Resource Person- Enterprise Promotion training programme kick started at SBI RSETI Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR, JULY 10

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Kaiser Ahmed Bhawani today inaugurated new batch of the 32 days long Community Resource Person-Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EP) programme here at SBI RSETI Kishtwar.

The training programme was organised by SBI RSETI Kishtwar in collaboration with the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Kishtwar.

On this occasion, faculty member presented an overview of the functioning and achievements of SBI RSETI Kishtwar.

ACD Kishtwar who was the Chief Guest on the occasion commended the

dedicated efforts of the RSETI team, describing the initiative as a commendable step toward empowering rural youth—especially women—through entrepreneurship.

He encouraged the participants to confidently embark on their entrepreneurial journeys and assured them of his full support.

He also emphasized that his office is always open to assist the participants at any stage of their enterprise development.

The event was also graced by Harshal Rawal, Lead District Manager/Director, SBI RSETI; Ishaq Ahmed Dar, District Programme Manager, NRLM Kishtwar; along with the staff of SBI RSETI Kishtwar.

Chairman, DLSA Ganderbal holds review meeting with Judicial Officers

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JULY 10

Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA) Ganderbal, Abdul Nasir, convened a crucial meeting of all judicial officers of district Ganderbal today in his office chamber, here.

The meeting focused on the Mediation ‘For the Nation’ campaign, a 90-day mediation drive aimed at settling pending cases in all Taluka Courts, District Courts, and High Courts of India through mediation.

This initiative seeks to reduce the burden on courts and promote amicable settlements, preparation for a special Lok-Adalat scheduled for July 26, 2025, focusing on Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) and matrimonial cases.

The objective is to resolve these cases through alterna-

tive dispute resolution mechanisms, ensuring speedy justice and reducing pendency, and review of cases pertaining to serving armed personnel, ex-servicemen, and Veer Naris, a review of the status of cases involving serving armed personnel, ex-servicemen, and Veer Naris, with an emphasis on their amicable settlement through the Lok-Adalat process. This initiative demonstrates the commitment to providing support and justice to these individuals and their families.

The meeting deliberated on strategies to identify cases suitable for mediation and Lok-Adalat, emphasizing the importance of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in reducing pending cases. Judicial officers exchanged valuable insights, and an action plan was formulated to execute these initiatives

effectively.

The key objectives of the meeting was to encourage the use of mediation and Lok-Adalat to settle disputes, reducing the burden on courts and promoting speedy justice, focus on resolving pending cases, particularly those involving serving armed personnel, ex-servicemen, and Veer Naris, through amicable settlements and Ensure that all parties, especially vulnerable groups, have access to justice through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

During the session, Chairman DLSA stressed on the judicial officers to identify and prioritize cases related to serving armed personnel, ex-servicemen, and Veer Naris. He added that these sections of society have made immense contributions and sacrifices for

the nation and must receive expedited and respectful access to justice, and it is our duty to ensure that the families of armed forces personnel, including Veer Naris, do not face unnecessary legal delays. Their cases must be identified and resolved with utmost sensitivity and urgency.

The meeting was attended by all judicial officers of district Ganderbal, including Rafia Hassan, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ganderbal; Tabasum, Sub Judge/CJM, Ganderbal; Mufti Nahida, Munsiff/JMIC, Kangan; Mahoor, Munsiff/JMIC, Ganderbal, and Moonis Wahid, ASMM, Ganderbal.

By promoting alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and focusing on specific cases, DLSA Ganderbal aims to provide speedy justice and support to all parties involved.

Deptt of Fisheries Kupwara observes National Fish Farmers Day with Biofloc workshop, book launch



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KUPWARA, JULY 10

Department of Fisheries Kupwara celebrated National Fish Farmers Day by organizing a one-day workshop on Biofloc Fish Farming in collaboration with GDC Baramulla and GDC Handwara.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 50 students and progressive fish farmers across the district.

Assistant Director Fisheries, Dr. Salman Raufoof Chalkoo delivered an insightful technical ses-

sion on Biofloc technology and its potential in boosting fish productivity and self-employment.

A key highlight was the launch of Dr. Chalkoo's book ‘Agri Economy,’ aimed at supporting rural development and agri-entrepreneurship.

Participants also visited operational Biofloc units in Kupwara for hands-on learning. The event concluded with a commitment to strengthening the fisheries sector through innovation, education, and government schemes like PMMSY and HADP.

3-day Training Programme under NAKSHA commenced at Revenue Training Institute Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 10

A 3-day long training programme started today for Revenue and Urban Local Bodies (ULB) officials at Revenue Training Institute Jammu under the ambitious NAKSHA (National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of urban Habitants) Project. The initiative is part of the government's broader effort to modernize land records and enhance transparency through digital mapping.

The training programme was conducted under the visionary guidance of Shaheen Kabra, Financial Commissioner Revenue, J&K and Commissioner Survey and Land Records, Inderjeet Bhagat, who have been instrumental in steering the NAKSHA project across the Union Territory.

Kanta Devi, Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (Jammu), and Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Principal, Revenue Training Institute were present during the session to over-

see the proceedings and interact with the participating officers.

At the outset, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Principal, Revenue Training Institute Jammu welcomed the Regional Director and participants in the training programme. She highlighted the importance of this training programme for successful implementation of NAKSHA project which will subsequently help in modernisation of land records, better urban planning as well as property tax management. She impressed upon importance of precision, accountability, and timely execution in the successful rollout of the project, which will make the life of common man a lot easier.

Addressing the gathering, Kanta Devi, Regional Director stressed the significance of accurate land mapping for effective governance, citizen-centric service delivery, and minimizing land disputes. She urged the officials to make full use of the tools pro-

vided and ensure seamless coordination between the Revenue and ULB departments.

The technical sessions included detailed presentations and hands-on training on the use of geo-referencing tools, mobile data collection applications, map verification techniques, and integration of cadastral maps with digitized records. Experts from the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and the Revenue Department served as resource persons for the training.

The NAKSHA Project, being implemented under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), aims to create a unified and tamper-proof digital land records system using GIS technologies and satellite imagery.

The Day-1 training concluded with an interactive Q&A session and distribution of training manuals and standard operating procedures (SOPs).

Preserving our ecosystem, a collective responsibility: Committee on Environment

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SRINAGAR, JULY 10

The Legislative Committee on Environment of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today expressed serious concern over the environmental degradation and called for coordinated efforts to address the escalating crisis.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman of the Committee, Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami and attended by MLAs Peerzada Mohammad Syed, Yudhvir Sethi, Choudhary Zafar Ali Khatana, Peerzada Feroze Ahmad, Mush-taq Ahmad Guroo, Irshad Rasool Kar and members of the Committee.

Group of Concerned Citizens (GCC) led by its Chairman Khurshid Ahmad Ganie also attended the meeting and put forth their views and suggestions.

While speaking on the occasion, Tarigami said that there is a need to identify issues where we can intervene together for improving the environmental health of Jammu and Kashmir.

“Environment plays a vital role in people's physical, mental and social well-being. We have to move ahead in the direc-



tion of protecting our environment to do justice with the job entrusted by the House,” he said. He added that protection of our ecology is a question of our present and future generations and we have to work collectively in this direction.

“The environmental health is our survival and denial of this fact will prove to be disastrous if immediate measures are not taken to ensure its preservation. It is high time that each one of us in JK realize that the environment is our collective responsibility and everyone has a role to play in preserving and protecting it in every possible way with a sensible approach,” he added.

“Whatever the limitations in the present circumstances but there should

be no excuses in asserting ourselves towards protection of our natural resources,” he continued.

The members also condemned the reckless felling of trees from time to time and warned that the elements of nature are all inter-related and has an impact on our very possibility to exist on this planet.

During the meeting, Khurshid Ahmad Ganie and his other members emphasized that the government should think seriously on climate action plan in order to address the environmental issues confronting us. They also highlighted the increase in vehicular pollution due to increasing number of households possessing vehicles and stressed the need for strengthening of

public transport.

It was also highlighted during the meeting that Environmental Impact Assessment should be done on all projects in JK before their implementation.

They also raised concern over the fast conversion of agricultural land into non-agricultural purposes and said that once it is lost it becomes irretrievable. They also raised the encroachments and debris dumping in water bodies as another pressing issue that needs immediate attention.

“People should be sensitized about the health of environment for the survival of human being. Community driven efforts are much needed to stem the degradation of our natural resources,” they observed.

Delegation of PHDCCI Kashmir calls on Javid Dar

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 10

A delegation of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) Kashmir, led by its Chairman A P Vikey Shaw, today met Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, at the Civil Secretariat here.

The delegation discussed issues and pro-

posals for development of Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors in Jammu & Kashmir.

Also present were Co-Chairman, Javid Anim, EC Members of PHDCCI Bilal Kawoosa, Fayaz Ahamd and Nasir Rather.

The delegations extended gratitude to the Minister for his unwavering support towards the department of agricultural, horticulture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

Power Shutdown

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SRINAGAR, JULY 10

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC, in order to carry out the works related to evacuation of power from GIS Harwan, shutdown of 33KV Burzhama Tap line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Burzhama shall remain off while power supply to Danihama, Khimber, Chatterhama, Teilbal, Burzhama, Gassu, Shopperbagh, Gulab Bagh, Batapora and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 12 & 14 July, 2025.

To facilitate Branch cutting of trees and insertion of ST Poles at STC Sheeri, shutdown of 33KV Baramulla-1st line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Baramulla-I, Kanlibagh, GMC Baramulla shall remain off while power supply to Baramulla, Kanlibagh, GMC Baramulla and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 12 & 17 July, 2025.

Also to carry out installation of Isolator by PHE, shutdown of 33KV PHE Watlab Tap line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Watlab shall remain off while power supply to Quinsoo, Watlab, Warpora and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 15 July, 2025.

DC Udhampur reviews progress of Mission YUVA implementation

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, JULY 10

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting of officers from various line departments to review the progress of Mission YUVA implementation in the district. The meeting focused on the sensitization of YUVA Doots, BHDs and SBDUs regarding the formulation and timely submission of DPRs under the Mission YUVA scheme.

At the outset, Deputy Director Employment Udhampur Mohinder Kumar Sharma, gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting the structure, roles and responsibilities of YUVA Doots, BHDs and SBDUs.

During the meeting, detailed information was presented regarding the current status of Mission YUVA in the district, including



the number of applications received, processed, sanctioned and disbursed under various components of the scheme.

The DC took a thorough review of the performance of YUVA Doots, BHDs and SBDUs and emphasized the need to accelerate the implementation process. She directed the concerned officers to activate YUVA Doots at the grassroots level, set clear targets for application submissions, and ensure timely preparation and submission of DPRs.

Stressing the importance of community-level engagement, the DC instructed

departments to conduct extensive awareness and sensitization programmes across all Panchayats to ensure maximum outreach and participation. She also urged all stakeholders to adopt a mission-oriented approach and work in close coordination to enhance youth enrollment under the scheme.

The DC further directed that daily monitoring of progress be undertaken at all levels, with special focus on timely case processing and DPR preparation at the BHD level to avoid delays in benefit disbursement to the youth.

DLSA Budgam holds awareness program on female foeticide, POCSO Act 2012

JI NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, JULY 10

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam, in collaboration with Legal Literacy Club Government Higher Secondary School Khan Sahib, Budgam conducted an impactful awareness program at Legal Literacy Club Khan Sahib, which focused on key issues including female foeticide, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

The event was successfully conducted under the leadership of O.P. Bhagat, Chairman DLSA Budgam and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam.

Abdul Qayoom Shah HOD Botany Legal Literacy Club Khan Sahib Budgam, Dr. Khan Muneer Aslam,



Teacher incharge and Mehraj-ud-din Shah PLV DLSA Budgam were the resource persons. They emphasized the importance of the initiative and discussed the grave impact of female foeticide and also apprised the students regarding various provisions of POCSO Act, providing valuable information

on child sexual abuse and students' rights to report such incidents, ensuring they are aware of the legal protections available.

They said that the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act is a comprehensive piece of legislation in India enacted

in 2012 to protect children from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and pornography. It aims to provide a safe environment for children and punish offenders, while also offering support and rehabilitation for victims. The Act was amended in 2019 to make punishments more stringent.

The initiative aimed to empower students with crucial knowledge and encourage them to become proactive in promoting gender equality and safeguarding children from harm.

The session saw active participation from the school principal, in-charge teacher of the Legal Literacy Club, staff members of Government Girls Higher Secondary School Khan Sahib, and para-legal volunteers from DLSA Budgam

Department of Handicrafts & Handloom kick starts 6 New Skill Development Training Centres under R&R Plan of HEPPs in Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JULY 10

The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kishtwar under the guidance of District Administration Kishtwar and in collaboration with Hyrdo Electric Power Project (HEPP) Authorities, kick started six (06) new Skill Development Training Centres across various project-affected areas under the Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plan of various HEPPs in district Kishtwar.

These training centres have been strategically established at six different locations which includes Bagna, Galharbhata, Padyarna, Agral, Kandni and Trigam of Kishtwar district to provide vocational training and employment-oriented skill to the local youth and affected families.

The initiative aligns with the government's vision of inclusive development and aims to empower the local population with sustainable livelihood opportunities, especially those directly impacted by infrastructure and development projects in the region.

"This initiative marks a significant milestone in ongoing efforts of Department of Handicrafts and Handloom to ensure that the benefits of developmental projects are extended equitably to the affected communities and ensure a sustainable resettlement and rehabilitation of Project affected people in district Kishtwar.

It is pertinent to mention here that, each training centre is equipped with modern facilities and trained instructors to conduct certified courses in various crafts which include Cutting and Tailoring, Crewal Embroidery, Crochet and Wheat Straw craft.

This step under the R&R framework reflects the district administration's commitment to ensuring rehabilitation with dignity and development with equity.

DLRC/DCC meeting reviews bank performance in Samba



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SAMBA, JULY 10

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Rajesh Sharma today chaired the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) and District Consultative Committee (DCC) meeting for the quarter ending March 2025 at the DC Office, Samba. The meeting was convened to review the performance of banks operating in the district with respect to Deposits, Advances, Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio, and the progress made under the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) for the financial year 2024-25.

Presenting the financial status, the Lead District Manager (LDM) informed the house that as on 31st March 2025, banks in Samba district had recorded total deposits of Rs 8243.19 crore and advances of Rs 4883.50 crore, resulting in a CD Ratio of 59.24%. Under the ACP 2024-25, banks col-

lectively achieved Rs 3464 crore against a target of Rs 2350 crore, registering an impressive 147% performance.

In sectoral achievements, banks disbursed Rs 1756 crore under the Priority Sector against a target of Rs 1987 crore (88%), while under the Non-Priority Sector, disbursement stood at Rs 1708 crore against the target of Rs 362 crore, marking a remarkable 471% achievement.

DC Sharma conducted a comprehensive review of various Government Sponsored Schemes (GSS), with particular focus on PMEGP, JKREGP, KCC, HADP, PMAY, NRLM, NULM and others. He underscored the imperative of achieving 100% digitalization of bank accounts and urged all banks and sponsoring agencies to intensify outreach efforts and raise public awareness regarding self-employment and financial inclusion schemes.

He further directed the

banking institutions to expedite the disposal of all pending cases sponsored by government departments and agencies. Special emphasis was laid on increasing credit flow under key sectors such as Agriculture & Allied Activities, MSMEs, Housing and Education, in order to enhance the district's overall CD Ratio. He also impressed upon all stakeholders to ensure saturation under flagship Social Security Schemes such as PMSBY, PMJJBY and APY.

The meeting was convened by Subash Chander, Lead District Manager, Samba and witnessed participation from Additional Deputy Commissioner Samba, Gurpreet Singh, LDO RBI, DDM NABARD, officials from civil administration, District Coordinators of J&K Bank, SBI, PNB, JKGB, representatives from other banks and officers of various sponsoring government departments and agencies.

Div Com Jammu reviews preparations for Annual Basohli Utsav

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today visited Basohli to hold a comprehensive interaction with stakeholders and review the roadmap for the Annual Basohli Festival to be organised in coming months for celebrating and reviving the region's rich cultural and artistic heritage.

While interacting with the participants, the Divisional Commissioner underscored the importance of reviving Basohli's pristine glory through the Basohli Utsav.

He said that Basohli holds immense cultural and historical significance with its world-famous paintings, fine Pashmina, traditional food, and iconic heritage sites like Atal Setu, Basohli Fort and Chanchlo Mata Mandir.

The Divisional Commissioner emphasized that coordinated efforts are required to put and promote Basohli on the tourism map of the country. He added that the need of the hour is enhanced local involvement and up scaled production of indigenous



crafts like Basohli paintings and pashmina shawls to enhance their reach and market value.

To enhance the vibrancy of the festival, the Divisional Commissioner suggested community-led beautification of homes and surroundings, bringing in renowned artists and experts to curate and guide the festival's aesthetics and programming, and roping in students and professionals from institutions like IITs and IIMs for innovative ideas to help the festival grow every year.

He also stressed the promotion of homestays and encouragement of local vendors to boost tourist interaction and economic activity.

The Divisional Commissioner assured full administrative support to make Basohli Utsav a grand annual event that reso-

nates with showcasing rich ancient culture, traditions, art & crafts, community spirit and tourism promotion. He said that through combined efforts, Basohli can emerge as a vibrant destination reflecting its traditional richness and artistic excellence.

Earlier, Director ACB (DIG), Shakti Pathak informed that fifteen committees have been constituted to manage different aspects of the festival. He described Basohli Utsav as a meaningful initiative to reconnect people with their roots and instill pride in local traditions. He added that this year's events will be spread across multiple locations including the traditional Ramleela Ground, TRC, Basohli Fort, Janjghar and Purthu.

Regional Director IGNCA Jammu Shruti Avasthi

informed that contests based on local folklore will be a highlight of this year's festival. Besides, academic and technical sessions will be held to bring educational value and deeper understanding of Basohli's rich heritage to visitors and participants.

Prominent citizens and stakeholders shared their valuable suggestions to make the Basohli festival successful and vibrant.

The meeting was held at the Office of the Ramleela Club, Basohli, and was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas, Director ACB (DIG), Shakti Pathak, Additional Deputy Commissioner Basohli Pankaj Bhagotra, Regional Director IGNCA Jammu Shruti Avasthi, along with representatives from NGOs, social organizations and a large number of locals.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch hands over sanction letter to beneficiaries under Mission Yuva

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Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal chaired a 3rd District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting under Mission YUVA to review and approve self-employment cases under the NANO Enterprises component and evaluate the mission's progress in the district.

The meeting was attended by key officials, including Pankaj Magotra, Additional District Development Commissioner and Mission YUVA Nodal Officer; Mr. Khalid Wafa, General Manager, District Industries Centre; Mr. Abdul Majid Tantray, Deputy Director, District Employment and Counseling Centre Poonch along with representatives from agriculture, horticulture, handicrafts, JKEDI, NRLM and the Lead District Manager.



a review of Mission YUVA's progress, highlighting its focus on promoting NANO Enterprises to create livelihood opportunities for local youth. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the initiative's role in empowering unemployed youth through financial and institutional support for micro-enterprises.

A total of 51 cases were presented for approval under the NANO Enterprises category, each thoroughly evaluated for feasibility, sustainability and employment potential. After detailed discussions, all 51 cases were

approved, reflecting the district's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship. Among the beneficiaries was Qasid Naveed, a 19-year-old aspiring entrepreneur whose innovative proposal was approved, showcasing the program's support for young talent. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner personally handed over sanction letters to beneficiaries, including Qasid, encouraging them to leverage the opportunity to build sustainable ventures.

The Deputy Commissioner praised the col-

laborative efforts of all departments and stressed the need for continued inter-departmental coordination to ensure seamless implementation. The committee expressed satisfaction with the growing enthusiasm among youth for such initiatives and reaffirmed its commitment to transparency, efficiency and inclusivity in executing government schemes.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair and participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions.

Fruit and Vegetable Mandi at Batote made fully functional, boosting Agri-Economy in area

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In a major boost to the agricultural marketing infrastructure of Ramban district, the Fruit and Vegetable Mandi at Batote became fully functional. The facility, developed by the Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing, J&K, will now serve as a vibrant hub for trading fruits, vegetables, processed food items and other agri-produce.

The operationalization of the mandi is a direct outcome of proactive intervention by Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, who had issued clear directives to concerned departments after his first visit to the site. His action was closely supported by Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing, Ghulam Geelani Zarger with continuous coordination from Deputy Director



Ayaz Ahmed Natnoo with all stakeholders.

Equipped with modern infrastructure including auction platforms, toilet blocks, safe drinking water, proper lighting, designated loading/unloading zones and parking areas, the mandi ensures transparent, efficient, and hygienic trading practices. It aims to eliminate intermediaries, facilitate fair pricing, and provide direct market access to farmers, entrepreneurs and SHGs.

The mandi is envisioned

as a regional trade hub to aggregate produce for dispatch to urban markets, retail chains and institutional buyers. It also offers a platform for processed food producers and agri-entrepreneurs to formalize and scale their operations.

Field-level execution was effectively handled by Area Marketing Officer Ramban, Tehsin Iqbal Chib and Assistant Grading & Marketing Officer Ramban, Raju Zutshi in collaboration with Tehsildar Batote, ensuring timely functional-

ity of the facility. Local growers and traders have warmly welcomed the initiative, expressing gratitude to the district administration and Horticulture Department for fulfilling a long-pending demand. The mandi is expected to generate employment, promote crop diversification and contribute significantly to Ramban's rural economy, aligning with the UT Government's vision for agri-led development.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

LG Sinha cautions...

“Under the leadership of PM Modi, Central Schemes and Innovations will shape our youth's dream into reality. I am looking forward to the day when youth from J&K will join the space sector, become an astronaut to explore new frontiers of space,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, commended the 'Bharat Sanrachna J&K 2025' initiative aimed at creating awareness about government schemes, welfare programmes and highlighting innovation and technology driven development across multiple sectors.

He said the two-day mega exhibition will educate and engage youth, students, farmers, entrepreneurs and every section of society with real-time exposure of government services and build the bridge between government and the people.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the presence of the Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of MSME, Ministry of Space, Bureau of Indian Standards, Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Tourism and Indian Council of Agricultural Research in today's exhibition is a significant step towards inclusive development.

He emphasized that the schools and colleges should visit the exhibition in large numbers to inspire youth and encourage their contribution to Jammu & Kashmir's development journey.

The 3-day long event will feature interactive Exhibitions from central ministries, PSUs, institutions, and national boards; Live Demonstrations & Hands-on Experiences for students and visitors; Workshops, Seminars & Expert Talks on topics like innovation, sustainability, and government support; Skill Zones, career guidance sessions, and youth empowerment modules and showcase of local success stories and integration of local artisans and entrepreneurs.

Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Tarun Jain, Director, Tarmeh Events; officials from Central government departments and UT Administration, prominent citizens, innovators, entrepreneurs and youth in large number were present. KNO

CM Omar Abdullah...

expressed his privilege in being part of the country's premier travel trade platform. “It is indeed a privilege to be here at TTF Kolkata 2025,” he said. “I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the organizers for creating this vital platform that promotes tourism across the country. Jammu & Kashmir is proud to participate as a key stakeholder in India's tourism growth story.”

The Chief Minister elaborated on the remarkable transformation witnessed in Jammu & Kashmir's tourism sector. “J&K has evolved into a year-round, all-segment tourism destination,” he noted. “We are not only focusing on traditional sites but have also identified and developed off-beat locations such as Gurez, Bangus, Bhaderwah, Sanasar, Doodhpathri, and Basohli. These destinations have seen significant growth and offer unique experiences to travellers.”

Highlighting the J&K's thrust on border tourism, the Chief Minister stated, “We are promoting tourism in areas like Uri, Keran, Teetwal, and Suchetgarh. Our aim is to ensure that local communities benefit directly from tourism-led development. These border destinations are not only picturesque but also rich culturally.”

The Chief Minister placed special emphasis on community involvement in the tourism landscape. “Homestays across Jammu & Kashmir reflect the growing grassroots participation in tourism,” he said. “We are particularly supporting women-led homestays in rural areas such as Kupwara and Ganderbal. This approach is helping us promote inclusive growth while empowering women economically.”

He also underlined the growing popularity of niche tourism in the region. “J&K has emerged as a prime hub for adventure tourism—be it skiing, trekking, alpine lake exploration, or mountaineering,” he said. “Our world-class golf courses in Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Srinagar, and Jammu are attracting global enthusiasts, including international cricketers. Wedding tourism, too, is gaining momentum in Srinagar and Gulmarg, with several high-end celebrations taking place in these iconic locations.”

Referring to the revival of film tourism, the Chief Minister stated, “Jammu & Kashmir is once again reclaiming its position as the cinematic crown of India, ideal for filmmaking. The return of Bollywood to the Valley is not only enhancing the region's visibility but is also creating livelihood opportunities across sectors.”

Sharing recent recognitions, he added, “J&K's tourism initiatives have earned national acclaim. We received the SKOCH Silver Award for our Homestay Initiative and multiple accolades under the Ministry of Tourism's Best Rural Homestay Awards for locations like Keran, Jharokabagh, and Yusmarg. We were also recognized under the ‘Travel for LIFE’ program for our sustainable tourism efforts. Moreover, Aru in Pahalgam was awarded Best Tourism Village in the Adventure Category.”

Discussing future prospects, the Chief Minister spoke about J&K's emergence as a hub for MICE tourism. “We are positioning Jammu & Kashmir as a leading destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE), backed by our natural beauty, cultural richness, and improved infrastructure,” he said.

Looking ahead, he stressed the importance of sustainable and inclusive development. “Our tourism strategy is anchored in sustainability, community participation, and heritage conservation,” he said. “We are focusing on expanding experiential and niche tourism—ranging from homestays and cultural trails to wellness and rural tourism. Our vision is to make Jammu & Kashmir not just a preferred destination, but a global benchmark for responsible, inclusive, and transformative tourism.”

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah extended a warm invitation to delegates, investors, and travel stakeholders. “I urge all of you to visit Jammu & Kashmir and witness its tourism potential first-hand. TTF Kolkata offers us a unique platform to explore collaboration and foster deeper cultural and economic ties with West Bengal. J&K has always held a special place in the hearts of travellers from Eastern India, and we look forward to welcoming them once again with renewed experiences and opportunities.”

The Travel & Tourism Fair Kolkata 2025, being held from July 10-12, features over 500 exhibitors from 25+ Indian states and 14+ countries, along with 5,500+ verified travel trade professionals, making it the largest tourism networking event in Eastern India ahead of the festive travel season. KNO

Omar meets Mamta...

explore avenues for collaboration between Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal and promote mutual growth in the tourism sector. KNO

Security forces bust...

grenades, one Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL), two Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) with an electronic detonation set and a large quantity of additional ammunition and explosives,” an official said.

He said the recovered IEDs and an electronic device suggest that terrorists were planning a targeted attack, potentially aimed at disrupting peace in the region.

“The seizure is believed to be part of a broader network of weapons smuggling intended to revive terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir,” he said, adding that this operation marks another success in the ongoing efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

On July 6, a similar joint operation in the Marha area near Behram Gala in Poonch led to the recovery of three hand grenades, live ammunition, wire cutters, power cables, a knife, and other incriminating materials from another terrorist hideout. KNO

Post-Operation Sindoor...

strategic and technological might,” he said. “For a long time, Bharat used to run on bhagya (destiny),” LG Sinha said. “But since 2014, the country has adopted a clear roadmap under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and is now moving towards becoming a global superpower.”

Highlighting the massive transformation Bharat has witnessed in the past 11 years, LG Sinha noted that every citizen today is actively engaged in discussions on governance and development, particularly the delivery of schemes that have impacted lives across all sections of society. “PM Modi has not only strengthened grassroots democracy in Jammu and Kashmir but also ensured that Kashmir is now connected to Kanyakumari through an integrated railway network,” he said.

LG Sinha said that the separatist-issued protest calendars that once disrupted life in J&K are a thing of the past. “In Naya Jammu and Kashmir, it is our universities and JKBOSE that issue academic calendars, and young innovators are now leading from the front,” he said, “People who can't see what has changed in Naya Jammu and Kashmir need to open their eyes and wake up from deep slumber.”

“Within 6 years, PM Modi has written a new history of J&K. It is new J&K where children have pens in their hands and not stones, schools and colleges remain open throughout the year, where calendars of international programmes are published instead of bandhs and strikes,” he added.

“It's a new J&K where our youth is achieving new heights in innovation and research. It's a new J&K where our youth is now focusing on startups and starting their own business ventures. Now in the new J&K, instead of slogans of separatism, the noise of factories, tourists and people's laughter is being heard,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The LG also hailed the rise of women-led entrepreneurship in the region. “In J&K, 37% of startups are run by women. This is a testament to the talent and capability of our youth,” he said, adding that J&K will play a pivotal role in the realization of Viksit Bharat.

Citing historical context, LG Sinha reminded the audience that in the 11th century, India contributed 33% to the world GDP. “Due to foreign invasions and colonization, this

dropped to just 4% after independence in 1947,” he said. “But today, due to the visionary leadership of PM Modi, India has become the 4th largest economy in the world, contributing 16% to the global GDP.”

He expressed hope and confidence that by 2047, when India celebrates 100 years of independence, the country will be at par with economic giants like the United States and Europe.

Looking to the future, LG Sinha voiced optimism that J&K will not just contribute to but also lead in key sectors. “I hope J&K will one day produce astronauts. India has already made its mark in space, and there's no reason why our youth can't be part of that journey,” he said.

LG Sinha urged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to rise as job creators and innovators. “You are as talented as any youth in the country. The future of Viksit Bharat runs through your dreams and determination.” KNO

CS reviews progress...

need to revive the mining sector through comprehensive reforms. He maintained that for early framing of District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) rules in line with national mining reforms.

Expressing concern over the overcharging of minor minerals, Dulloo directed the department to ensure fair pricing and abundant availability of construction material to the general public. He stressed the need for a more transparent, citizen-friendly, and technology-driven ecosystem to make the sector efficient, accountable and responsive to the needs of both the economy and the people.

Principal Secretary, Mining, Anil Kumar Singh, while speaking in this meeting made out that a total of 233 mineral blocks auctioned/reserved across J&K, 106 are currently operational while 127 are non-operational. Efforts are underway to make 60 of these non-operational blocks functional by October 31, 2025, he added.

He added that the department has set an ambitious revenue target of Rs 500 crore for the current financial year, a significant increase from Rs 150 crore in FY 2024-25. This target included Rs 260 crore from major minerals and Rs 220 crore from minor minerals, with an additional Rs 100 crore from other sources.

Regarding the major minerals, it was informed that 48 blocks of Limestone had been identified, including 23 non-operational mining leases, 7 prospected 10A2(B) cases and 3 newly identified blocks in Anantnag, along with blocks in Pulwama, Poonch and Rajouri. Five limestone blocks with a reserve of 75.597 Million Tonnes have been proposed for e-auction by October 31, 2025, with an expected revenue of Rs 260.00 crore, the meeting was informed.

About Minor Minerals (RBM), it was revealed that the department aims to make 60 non-operational blocks operational by October 31, 2025, contributing Rs 53 crore. Additionally, 8 Letters of Intent (LOI) are to be issued within one month and 19 blocks have been identified for e-auction with a reserve bid finalized, expected to be completed within three months.

Furthermore, 73 blocks identified for e-auction under the Single Window System are awaiting NOCs from the concerned Deputy Commissioners which are expected by August 18, 2025, with an estimated revenue of Rs100 crore, as was apprised in the meeting.

As far as Lithium reserves in Reasi are concerned, it was divulged that the Geological investigations by GSI indicate a resource of 5.9 million tons of Lithium stretched over 3 sq km. Additionally, detailed geological studies are underway with an expected completion date of December 31, 2025.

The other mineral resources that were discussed in the meeting included Sapphire (Kishtwar), Lignite (Kupwara), Limestone (Anantnag), Granite (Doda&Ganderbal), Quartzite (Kishtwar), Dolomite (Rajouri) and Graphite (Kupwara) with timeline for exploration of each detailed out in the meeting.

Moreover, it was given out that the department is actively implementing the technology to curb illegal mining and monitor activities. The first phase of an integrated Mining Surveillance System (MSS) portal and mobile application for detecting illegal mining using satellite imagery is operational, with the second phase in progress.

This system will include real-time vehicle tracking, GPS-enabled monitoring, integration with Vahan Portal and weighbridges besides e-Challan generation. On-spot imposition of penalties through Point of Sale (PoS) machines has begun in Jammu and Samba districts and will be implemented across J&K by July 15, 2025. The implementation of the Mine Surveillance System with BISAG is also on track.

As part of steps towards curbing the illegal mining, constitution of a “Multi Departmental District Level Task Force Cell,” construction of 22 Mineral Check Posts and the launch of an Online Web-portal for mineral sale and purchase is also being done.

With respect to the working of J&K Minerals Limited (JKML), the meeting was apprised that it currently operates the Gypsum Mine in Parlanka, Ramban and Coal Mines in Kalakot, Rajouri/Reasi. Efforts are underway to operationalize additional minor mineral blocks and

Movement Kalki organizes satsang-Yoga Guru Vijay Krishna Parashar Ji explains true meaning of a Guru

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On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, Movement Kalki, under its spiritual mission, organized a special Satsang ceremony at Bhagwat Yog Dham Ashram, Roop Nagar, Jammu. The program was presided over by the revered advisor of Movement Kalki, Yoga Guru Shri Shri 1008 Vijay Krishna Parashar Ji Maharaj.

Addressing the gathering with his nectar-like spiritual wisdom, Gurujee stated:

“There was a time when disciples accepted their Guru's word as divine command. Today, people hear their Guru, but are unwilling to follow and live by those teachings.”

He shared an inspiring anecdote where a disciple, upon being instructed by his Guru to enter the water, did so without hesitation and lay there silently. When asked why, the disciple replied:

“Your words are divine to me, Gurujee. I cannot disobey them – I was drawing strength through your command.”

Through this example, Gurujee emphasized the essence of the Guru-disciple



tradition, which is rooted in faith, surrender, and disciplined action – values that are rapidly fading in the modern age. He appealed to society to once again center life around the guidance of the Guru.

Distinguished Movement Kalki Members Present: Pritam Sharma (Advisor) Karnail Chand (Organizing Secretary)

Anil Arora (Environment Head)

Anuradha Yogi Ji Pawan Sharma (Head – Drug-Free India Mission)

Sapna Hindu Ji (Hindu Board Member) and

Deepak Singh, Founder of Movement Kalki

Deepak Singh, founder of Movement Kalki and senior journalist, also addressed the gathering and said:

“Movement Kalki is committed to Dharma Sthapana (restoring righteousness), reviving the Vedic education system, and uplifting the spiritual foundation of society. Dharma is not just about worship, it is about sanctifying one's way of life. Today, society is getting trapped in delusion, sin, and attachments – this needs urgent correction.”

He further added that the re-establishment of Gurukuls, integration of Vedic values, and restoration of Sanatan Dharma are core objectives of Movement Kalki.

This powerful event not only served as a moment of spiritual awakening but also echoed a call for cultural and moral renaissance in the society.

limestone quarries. It also took note of certain financial liabilities of JKML pending with other departments to improve its position here. KNO

Amarnath Yatra: Over...

traditional Pahalgam route in 147 vehicles. With Thursday's batch, the total number of pilgrims who have departed from the Jammu base camp since the Yatra was flagged off by J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has touched 62,788 in the past nine days.

Authorities said elaborate security, medical and logistical arrangements have been put in place across both routes to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra. Civil administration, police and health teams remain deployed at base camps and along the trekking routes.

The revered ‘Chhari Mubarak’—the holy mace of Lord Shiva—reached Pahalgam on Thursday, marking the start of key traditional rituals associated with the Amarnath Yatra.

The sacred procession, led by Mahant Deependra Giri, began from the Dashnami Akhara in Srinagar and reached Chhari Vishram Sthal in Pahalgam.

As part of the day's religious observances, Bhoomi Pujan, Navgrah Pujan, and the symbolic hoisting of the religious flag were performed.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahant Giri said that Ashad Purnima, also known as Guru Purnima, holds immense spiritual significance. “We began the morning with the ritual departure of the Chhari Mubarak from Srinagar and arrived at Pahalgam for the customary rites. A havan and communal meal for devotees will follow,” he said.

Over 4 lakh pilgrims have registered online for this year's pilgrimage, which is scheduled to conclude on August 9.

Last year, more than 5.1 lakh pilgrims performed darshan during the 52-day-long Yatra—one of the highest footfalls in recent years. KNO

PDP-BJP still...

per the news agency accused the PDP of playing a double game by pretending to be in opposition while echoing the narratives of the BJP.

“They are still one. PDP says only what is being told by BJP. People have already understood their dramas, and that is why they have been reduced to just three seats,” he said.

Choudhary praised the ongoing efforts by the government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, stating that the government is working sincerely to empower the youth.

He highlighted initiatives like Mission Yuva, which he said are aimed at turning young individuals into job providers instead of job seekers.

“Your youth are full of talent. They just need a push, a support system from the government. If we fail to provide that, it will be the greatest injustice to their potential,” he added.

The Deputy CM emphasized the importance of investing in youth-centric development to ensure a stable and progressive Jammu and Kashmir. KNO

ACB arrests Patwari...

Ramban district on Thursday.

In a statement, issued to news agency, a

spokesperson said the ACB received a complaint that the complainant applied for the correction of the name of his father in the revenue records in the office of Tehsildar Ukhral.

The statement reads the Tehsildar directed Patwari, Muzamil Salam for doing the needful. “The concerned Patwari demanded Rs 20,000 from the complainant for making the necessary changes, however, after negotiations the Patwari agreed to do the needful for Rs 2500,” it reads

It added since the complainant didn't want to pay bribe, he approached ACB for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law.

“On receipt of a complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirms the demand of bribe by the public servant. Accordingly, case FIR No.03/2025 u/s 7 of PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) was registered in PS ACB Doda and investigation taken-up,” it added.

It further reads during the course of investigation, a trap team laid a successful trap and accused public servant was caught red handed while demanding and accepting Rs 2500 bribe.

“The accused was arrested while the bribe money was also recovered from his possession. Further investigation of the instant case is going on,” it added. KNO

No Rajya Sabha...

According to details accessed by news agency, J&K has been without any member in Rajya Sabha, in its own quota, since February 15, 2021 when former MPs Ghulam Nabi Azad and Nazir Ahmad Laway completed their terms.

Just days prior, on February 10, 2021, the six-year terms of Mir Muhammad Fayaz and Shamsher Singh Manhas also came to end. Since then, Jammu & Kashmir has remained unrepresented in the Upper House of Parliament.

The Election Commission of India is yet to announce the schedule for filling these berths, even though the electoral college for them has been in place since October 8, 2014, the day when results of J&K Assembly polls were declared. The elected MLAs of the Union Territory constitute the Electoral College for the Rajya Sabha seats.

The Election Commission of India is yet to indicate any timeline for holding RS polls. Sources, however, disclosed that there is a possibility that RS polls could be held after by-elections for Nagrota and Budgam seats take place.

In 90s, a similar situation had also arisen when J&K Assembly polls couldn't be conducted due to a volatile security situation.

Between 1994 and 1996, all four Rajya Sabha seats allotted to the then-state of Jammu & Kashmir remained vacant. The members elected in 1988 completed their six-year terms, but new RS members could not be elected due to the absence of a functioning Legislative Assembly.

It is worth to mention here that Ghulam Ali Khatana, a resident of Jammu, was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in 2022 by the President of India. His nomination was not from Jammu & Kashmir's allotted share in the Rajya Sabha, but under the nominated quota. KNO

J&K Govt embarks on study to establish IT/ITES Parks

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In a decisive move to strengthen the IT landscape of Jammu & Kashmir, the government has initiated a detailed study to explore models for setting up IT/ITES Parks across the Union Territory as envisioned in the J&K IT Policy 2020.

A high level meeting chaired by Secretary, IT Department, Dr Piyush Singla, brought together members of the Study Group comprising senior officials from the IT Department, Jammu & Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA), Planning Department, IIT Jammu, IIM Jammu and SeMT to chart out the roadmap for developing state-of-the-art IT/ITES Parks in J&K.

Dr. Singla underscored the importance of adopting best practices from leading IT Parks in India to ensure the success and sustainability of similar initiatives in J&K. He highlighted that these efforts are aligned with the UT's IT Policy 2020, which envisions IT Parks in Jammu and Srinagar to spur innovation, generate employment and attract investments.

The meeting featured a presentation by Chief Innovation Officer, IIT Jammu, MT Arvind, showcasing preliminary findings on



prominent IT and research parks across India. These included Electronics City (Karnataka), HITEC City (Telangana), T-Hub Hyderabad, Technopark Trivandrum (Kerala) and IIT Madras Research Park. The presentation detailed key aspects such as investment models, governance frameworks, operational best practices and policy support mechanisms.

Discussions also focused on distinguishing between research parks, incubation centers and full-scale IT Parks, with an emphasis on fostering innovation, integrating emerging technologies and creating an enabling ecosystem for startups and Global Capability Centres (GCCs).

Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA, Mahima Madaan, referenced the IT Infrastructure Development Private Limited, established in 2019, as a potential vehicle for anchoring such initiatives.

Meanwhile, Director Planning briefed about the Center for Innova-

tion, Transformation, and Governance (C-TAG) set up in partnership with IIM Jammu to drive policy innovation.

Dr. Guneet Soodan, Director, University of Jammu and OSD to the Vice Chairman of J&K Higher Education Council, stressed the need for a collaborative ecosystem with strong government-industry-academia partnerships to attract major players and ensure availability of skilled manpower.

As a key outcome, the Study Group resolved to conduct field visits to successful IT Park models such as T-Hub and Cyberabad in Hyderabad and IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai. These visits aim to provide first-hand insights into operational dynamics, governance mechanisms and innovation ecosystems.

Dr. Piyush Singla stated that "This initiative reflects our commitment to transform Jammu & Kashmir into a digital and innovation-driven economy. By learning from India's most successful IT ecosystems, we will develop a sustainable, future-ready framework for IT/ITES Parks in the UT, he added. He said that these parks will not only catalyze job creation and investments but also position J&K as a key player in India's digital growth story.

DC Bandipora visits Gurez, reviews developmental projects



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BANDIPORA, JULY 10

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, conducted an extensive tour of the Gurez Sub-Division on Thursday to review ongoing developmental works and assess overall progress in the region.

During the visit, DC chaired a meeting with sub-divisional officers and other concerned officials to take a sector-wise review of the developmental initiatives currently under implementation.

On the occasion, SDM Gurez briefed the meeting on the status of various projects and shared updates on the progress made so far.

DC emphasized the importance of timely execution and accountability in delivering public services.

It is worth mentioning that the visit comes in the backdrop of district Bandipora securing 2nd rank in the North Zone under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Block Programme (ABP). Tulail Block, identified as the focal block for the initiative, has shown commendable progress across multiple key development indicators, ranking 2nd in Jammu & Kashmir for the quarter ending March 2025 (FY 2024-25).

On the occasion, a threadbare discussion was held on the weak indicators of Aspirational Block Tulail, with particular focus on the

health and education sectors. DC called for renewed efforts to improve progress in these critical areas. He also sought proposals from each department outlining actionable measures to address the gaps and improve overall performance.

While reviewing the performance under the ABP, DC underscored the need for intensified and coordinated efforts from all departments. He directed concerned officers to ensure 100% saturation across all indicators.

Among others, the meeting was attended by CPO Bandipora, Mohammad Maqbool and officers from other concerned departments.

DC Kishtwar disburses compensation to 5 families of Road Accident Victims

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KISHTWAR, JULY 10

In a considerate gesture to ease the hardship of grieving families, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today disbursed a total of Rs. 4.5 lakh as compensation under the J&K Road Accident Victim Fund, based on the cases submitted by ARTO Kishtwar, Tasleem Wani.

An amount of Rs. 1 lakh each was disbursed to the legal heirs of four deceased victims of road accidents and Rs 50,000 to a grievously injured patient.

This government initiative aims to extend support to those affected by such tragic incidents and underscores its ongoing



commitment to assist bereaved families. The families who received compensation included Methuan Kumar s/o Bansilal Thakur R/o Hakoo Pallali Paddar, Anjan Kumar s/o Bodh Raj R/o Pallali Paddar, Mohd Yaseen Bhawani s/o Mohd Azim R/o Sigdi Bhatta, Mohd Akbar s/o

Amer Malik R/o Passarkot Chatroo & Manjeet Kumar s/o Krishan Chand R/o Sarthali Kishtwar.

This distribution marks an essential step in providing financial assistance and acknowledging the distress faced by the families of road accident victims.

"Clean Jammu Green Jammu Campaign" J&K High Court conducts plantation drive at Janipur complex



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JAMMU, JULY 10

A plantation drive was carried out in the Jammu High Court premises under the "Clean Jammu Green Jammu Campaign" and "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative.

Under the directions and patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Arun Palli, a plantation drive was organized today in the High Court Complex, Janipur, Jammu, in collaboration with the Jammu Municipal Corporation and Urban Forestry (Jammu Division) under the Chairmanship of Justice Sindhu Sharma.

Present on the occasion were Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani and Justice Shahzad Azeem who participated in the plantation drive by planting saplings of different varieties of ornamental trees including Chinar, Jacaranda and Gulmohar.

President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Nirmal Kotwal and members of executive body of Bar Association also took part in the plantation drive.

The event was organized to commemorate Guru Purnima as a contribution to mother nature with the aim to inspire the general public to make Jammu city clean and green, creating a safer environment for the future generations.

Sandeep Kour Registrar Judicial, High Court Jammu Wing, Meyank Gupta Joint Registrar Judicial/Protocol, High Court Jammu Wing, Ajay Kumar Additional Registrar besides other officers and officials of the registry were also present on the occasion. Officers from Jammu Municipal Corporation including In-charge IEC JMC, Dr. Divya Sharma, Dr. Rabia Khan AFO, JMC and officials from Urban forestry division Jammu also joined the event.

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DDC Rajouri reviews progress RDD works, stresses transparency and timely execution

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RAJOURI, JULY 10

District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, today chaired a comprehensive meeting in the VC Room of the DC Office Complex to review the physical and financial progress of works being executed by the RDD.

The meeting focused on key performance indicators under flagship schemes such as MGNREGA and PMAY. The DDC took a detailed review of the status of physical verification, geo-tagging of assets, timely wage payments under MGNREGA, and the total number of person-days generated till date. He also assessed the construction of check dams across various



blocks to enhance water conservation and livelihood opportunities.

While reviewing the PMAY, the DDC expressed concern over delays by some beneficiaries and directed the concerned officers to initiate recovery of installments from individuals who have failed to commence construction despite receiving funds.

The DDC emphasized the need to expedite the generation of person-days under MGNREGA and ensure timely completion of all sanctioned works. He reiterated the importance of transparency, adherence to scheme guidelines and doorstep delivery of services to the public.

"Officers must ensure that every rupee spent reaches the intended beneficiary and that all works are executed as per the prescribed norms. There should be no compromise on quality or accountability," he said.

The meeting was attended by CPO Maqsood Ahmed, ACP, Sheraz Chouhan, ACD Auqil Naveed, DSEO, Sandeep Sharma and Block Development Officers of the district.

SHEW Shopian organised awareness programme at Chanchmarg

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SHOPIAN, JULY 10

In a dedicated move to foster gender equality and raise awareness on the rights of the girl child, Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), Mission Shakti Shopian today organized an impactful awareness programme at Government High School Chanchmarg, Shopian.

The session was led by the Gender Specialist of Sankalp Hub, who strongly emphasized the importance of girl education and the need to empower girls to become informed and confident individuals. The speaker urged students and staff to stand against gender discrimination and uphold the rights of every girl child.



Faculty members of the school also spoke passionately about the value of educating girls, their fundamental rights, and the vital role girls play in shaping a progressive society.

A pledge ceremony was held where students and staff committed themselves to support and protect the rights of the girl child.

Awareness stickers carrying powerful messages were pasted in and around the school premises to spread the message beyond the event.

The programme concluded on a hopeful note, with a collective commitment to continue working towards a society that values, educates, and empowers every girl child.

Vyas Purnima observed at Ladhoo Pampore after 35 years



JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, JULY 10

In a moment etched with emotion, reverence, harmony and hope, the native Pandit community gathered today at Shree Jeevan Sahib, Ladhoo, Pampore to celebrate Vyas Purnima after a gap of 35 years. The event also commemorated the Nirvan Divas of the revered saint Swami Jeevan Sahib Ji and was organised by the Swami Jeevan Sahib Baradari Religious Trust.

The event included traditional Pooja and Havan ceremonies, accompanied by recitations and devotional hymns. The event provided an opportunity for the community to reconnect with their place of origin and revive longstanding religious tra-

ditions. The local Muslim community warmly welcomed their long-separated neighbours, reviving the enduring spirit of Kashmiriyat. The elders of both fraternities reminisced about the days of harmony, festivity and togetherness, rekindling memories of a time rooted in shared humanity and mutual respect.

Senior members of the Pandit fraternity expressed heartfelt gratitude to the district administration for facilitating the event and ensuring its smooth conduct.

They also conveyed deep appreciation for the hospitality and participation of the local community, which they described as a reassuring reflection of communal harmony and mutual respect.

District-Level Workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index held in Doda



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JULY 10

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, J&K, today organized a one-day district-level workshop on the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) at Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Doda. The workshop aimed to sensitize key stakeholders about the Panchayat Advancement Index—an innovative tool developed to assess the multi-dimensional developmental status of Gram Panchayats across various thematic areas.

The event was presided over by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Doda Ashraf Pervaz and witnessed active participation from Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Doda Musharaf Ali Haf, Programme Officer ICDS Doda Akhter Hussain Qazi, officers and officials from various departments.

The workshop offered

detailed insights into the Panchayat Assessment Index (PAI) and Panchayat Development Index (PDI), which form part of the broader PAI 2.0 framework. These indices are aligned with the Localised Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) and are aimed at evaluating and promoting holistic growth across key thematic areas such as: Child-Friendly Panchayat, Water-Sufficient Panchayat, Clean and Green Panchayat, Self-Sufficient Infrastructure in Panchayats

Participants received hands-on training on the PAI digital portal, including modules on data entry, scorecard interpretation, information dissemination and monitoring mechanisms. The workshop also featured a recap of learnings from PAI 1.0, highlighting key improvements introduced in PAI 2.0, updated workflows and clearly defined roles of stakeholders.

Free Aids and Assistive Devices distributed to Senior Citizens and Divyangjans in Doda

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DODA, JULY 10

In a significant step towards empowering the elderly and persons with disabilities (Divyangjans), the Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) organized a free distribution camp at the Community Hall, Doda. The initiative was carried out under the Government of India's Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) and Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme, which aim to enhance the mobility, dignity and independence of the beneficiaries.

The event was held under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and the supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Doda, Tariq Parveez Qazi.

During the camp, a wide range of assistive devices was distributed among the beneficiaries after proper assessment of their needs. The aids included wheelchairs, walkers, walking sticks, hearing aids, elbow crutches, waist belts and knee braces. The recipients expressed their gratitude to the authorities, noting how these devices would improve their day-to-day lives and reduce their dependence on others.

This initiative reflects the government's resolve to foster an inclusive environment where senior citizens and differently-abled individuals can live with dignity and self-reliance.

EDITORIAL

Voice for silenced victims of terror

In a landmark step that promises to rectify decades of silence and injustice, Jammu and Kashmir administration has set up dedicated helplines in all 10 districts of the Kashmir Valley to support the families of terrorism victims. This initiative, taken by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, marks a moral and institutional turning point in a region long marred by conflict, selective empathy, and the erasure of inconvenient truths. For too long, the grief of families who lost loved ones to Pakistan-sponsored terrorism was not just ignored—it was systematically buried. While funeral processions for slain militants were permitted with political patronage and media attention, the stories of innocent victims—schoolteachers, shopkeepers, civil servants, and children—were deliberately omitted from public memory. Their only fault was being caught in the crosshairs of a violent, ideologically driven insurgency. By establishing dedicated helplines and special grievance redressal cells—both at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat and district levels—the government is finally offering institutional space for these victims' families to be heard. These helplines, backed by zonal-level grievance cells such as the one now active at the Police Control Room (PCR) in Kashmir, will operate regularly to ensure that grievances are not only registered but actively pursued. Lieutenant Governor Sinha's July 1 commitment to reopening buried cases, filing fresh FIRs, and identifying individuals—some still embedded in the system—linked to acts of terror is both bold and necessary. It seeks not just to acknowledge pain but to act upon it. Importantly, the initiative also promises concrete support: job opportunities, financial aid under schemes like MUDRA, and systemic follow-through, not just tokenism. The announcement comes after Sinha's deeply symbolic meeting with more than 80 victim families in Anantnag, where he acknowledged the state's historical failure to stand by those who truly deserved justice. His candid statement—"Justice was denied. Their pain was ignored, their stories untold"—was not just an admission of past failure but a promise to chart a different course. This initiative arrives at a time when ordinary Kashmiris are showing increasing courage in defying terrorism. The street protests against Pakistan-sponsored terror reflect a silent but significant social shift: the people of Kashmir are reclaiming their agency, and they want peace—not propaganda. Yet, the true test lies ahead. Implementation must match intent. The helplines must not become symbolic or procedural black holes. The government must ensure swift response, transparency, and measurable outcomes. Officials implicated in suppressing these cases must also be held accountable. Justice delayed has already been justice denied for far too many. In recognizing terror victims, the government is not merely addressing a humanitarian lapse—it is redrawing the moral lines of the conflict in Kashmir. It is stating, unequivocally, that those who stood on the side of peace and suffered for it will no longer be forgotten. This is more than a policy change; it is a necessary moral correction. And for the grieving families of Kashmir, it is the beginning—finally—of justice.

Where cinema begins again: The quiet power of restored classics

CHAITANYA K PRASAD

In an era where everything is fleeting, stories on Instagram vanish in 24 hours, TikTok trends expire before they even form memories, and the next viral reel is always a scroll away, something beautiful, almost radical, is happening in the world of cinema. Across theatres in India and on global platforms, films like Umrao Jaan (1981), Sholay (1975), Guide (1965), Pyaasa (1957), Charulata (1964), Kaagaz Ke Phool (1959), Chaudhvin Ka Chand (1960), and Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam (1962) are returning, not as grainy YouTube memories, but as fully restored cinematic experiences, screened as they were meant to be seen: on the big screen, in their full visual and emotional glory. It's not just nostalgia that's drawing people in.

It's reverence. And perhaps, quiet rebellion. To restore a classic isn't just to repair scratches on celluloid or enhance the sound. It's an act of cultural conservation, a painstaking effort to retrieve the filmmaker's original vision, frame by frame, colour by colour, note by note. It's about respecting intention. And it's about time.

When Umrao Jaan returned to theatres this June in a breathtaking 4K restoration, complete with a re-release campaign and special screenings, it wasn't just a throwback. It was a reintroduction of elegance. The visuals, the poetry, the music, everything suddenly felt alive again, even to first-time Gen Z viewers who've never experienced a Rekha film in the theatre. Similarly, Sholay, India's most iconic masala epic, was restored and screened at the prestigious Il Cinema Ritrovato Festival in Bologna in June 2025. Not just the usual version either, but the uncut original where Thakur finishes Gabbar himself, restored in full colour, with the lost climax, for the first time in decades. It marked 50 years of Sholay not with fanfare, but with dignity. Meanwhile, Guide made its grand restored return at IFFI Goa in 2023, while Charulata had already been honoured in Cannes Classics back in 2013. Guru Dutt's masterpieces: Pyaasa, Kaagaz Ke Phool, and Chaudhvin Ka Chand, received full 4K restorations and were showcased at Cannes 2025. In a landscape dominated by "content", not cinema, not stories, just content, the return of these films isn't just welcome.

It's essential.

When social media teaches us to forget fast, film restoration urges us to remember slow. It is the antithesis of the algorithm. It is memory, effort, and depth. These restored classics are not just filling a programming gap in theatres. They're making a statement. A statement that storytelling is not dead. A film doesn't have to scream or trend to be unforgettable. There is still an audience that craves weight, rhythm, and beauty in its cinema. Think about it: a 22-year-old watching Pyaasa for the first time in Dolby surround, in a packed theatre, is not going for nostalgia. They're going because, perhaps for the first time, they've heard that cinema can feel like poetry. Those stories can linger. That art can age, and still speak louder than ever. This isn't just a comeback of films, it's a comeback of ideas. A comeback of deliberate dialogue, of characters with complexity, of storytelling that trusts its audience to think, reflect, and stay.

These films had time. And they gave us time. Restoration, then, is not just about past preservation. It is a mirror to the present. It asks: What are we creating today that will

deserve restoration tomorrow? And more crucially: Are we even building with longevity in mind anymore? There's something quietly subversive about screening Charulata today, in the same world where 10-second dance clips loop endlessly. Satyajit Ray's camera lingers on a woman peeking through lace curtains. There is stillness. There is stillness. And yet, everything is happening. How rare is that kind of narrative patience now?

There's also a larger truth here. As India positions itself as a cultural and creative powerhouse, our cinematic legacy becomes a form of soft power. Restoring Guide, screening Mughal-e-Azam, reintroducing Anand or Do Bigha Zamin, these aren't just acts of reverence. They are global conversations. Statements of aesthetic confidence. When a classic Indian film gets a standing ovation at Cannes or Bologna, it's not just a win for the past. It's a reminder to the world: We've always told good stories. Maybe we just stopped listening to them. What restoration has done is more than just technical; it's emotional, philosophical, and even political. It's brought back the soul of cinema, in an age that desperately needs it. It's

reminded us that stories are not disposable.

That memory matters. That beauty has its own pace. The fact that younger generations are discovering these classics, and not as dated relics, but as living, breathing cinema, proves something profound: True stories don't age. They wait. And when they return, they don't scream for attention. They simply begin again. So the next time you see a poster for a restored black-and-white film in your local theatre, don't walk past it. Walk into it. Sit down. And let it remind you what it means to truly watch a film. Not for a quick dopamine hit, but for something quieter, deeper, something that lingers long after the screen goes dark. Let it teach you to wait again.

To listen again. To feel again. In that dark theatre, far from the noise of trends and hashtags, you might just find something that no algorithm can serve you, a story that becomes part of your soul. And that, perhaps, is where cinema begins again.

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What we don't see behind 'service with a smile'

ASHA IYER KUMAR

I like to tell real-life stories, even in columns that address universal themes, because that's where the true pulse of human experience lies. That's where we find meaning—and, more often than not, a mirror. The resonance of my encounters, and those of people I meet along the way, is what keeps my writing rooted in authenticity.

Perhaps it helps readers navigate the maze of my reflections and opinions, too. So here's a tiny but poignant tale from my travel diary, penned during recent wanderings. It was the morning after we checked into a snazzy hotel in Chicago for a family weekend getaway.

The room bell buzzed, and I opened the door to be greeted by Elsa (name changed), her smile, warm but weighed down by the burden of a baby soon to be born.

I glanced at the badge pinned to her apron and asked, "How's the baby, Elsa?" "Making me very, very tired," she said, gently cradling her bump.

In her third trimester, Elsa, a housekeeping staff member, was a living embodiment of "service with a smile."

Her job demanded it. She had no choice but to set aside her discomfort and ask each guest, "Do you need anything?" Elsa might have longed for a break that morning; she might have wished someone would ask her that

same question—"Do you need anything?" But life's intransigence doesn't offer her that luxury. She had to carry on with the weariness she bore, because anything less might reflect poorly in her work report. She had a job to do, and she must do it—with a smile. Always. I wanted to hug her, just to let her know I saw her, that I felt her.

But I stepped back. There are protocols, unspoken boundaries about how much one can reach out. It's hard to know what's okay and not okay in the context of etiquette—both in personal and professional spaces. Cut to a cruise ship a few days later.

A world unto itself—a floating paradise turning the mundane into the sublime for the guests

onboard. Surrounded by men and women waiting to tend to your every whim, you begin to wonder: where do they summon these smiles from? How do they keep their courtesies crisp through endless hours of duty?

Pressed by long shifts and the demand to deliver faultless service—because even a minor guest complaint could spiral into a workplace disaster—they were, each of them, Elsa's photocopies.

Scratch the surface, and you'll see: beneath those cheerful overtures lie waves of woes, quietly brimming, carefully concealed. It's a pattern that repeats itself across the hospitality and entertainment industries—actors, singers, dancers, on land,

at sea, and in the sky. Men and women whose job it is to make others feel cared for, indulged, and entertained must present their best selves—even when they're quietly aching inside. Their pains don't get time off. Their worries don't come with mute buttons. Yet they show up—smiling, bowing, anticipating our needs, and never letting the mask slip.

Because in these industries, emotional neutrality—or rather, perpetual pleasantness—is part of the job description. Not only are they required to serve, but they must also do so with joy. As if the theatre of happiness must never be interrupted by the ordinary struggles of being human.

I leave you with two lin-

gering allusions that echo the heart of this reflection." Kehta hai joker saara zamaana" — where the world laughs, while the joker bleeds behind his painted grin. And "Tum itna jo muskura rahe ho" — a line that questions the smile worn to hide what trembles beneath.

Not every smile is a sign of happiness. Sometimes, it's a mask worn out of duty. Sometimes, it's a quiet plea not to be seen too closely. And so, the next time someone serves you with a smile, remember—it may be their job, but it might also be their armour.

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Regenerative agriculture: A path to resilience, equity and hope

SURESH MOTWANI

The world today is confronting an unprecedented climate crisis, and at the centre of this challenge lies carbon. Carbon, the building block of life, has become a critical marker of our environmental health and our failure to safeguard it.

Excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, primarily from burning fossil fuels and large-scale industrial agriculture, is driving global warming, extreme weather, and biodiversity loss. Yet the story of carbon need not be only one of crisis—it can also be one of hope. Regenerative agriculture offers a powerful, practical, and inclusive pathway to manage carbon sustainably while building climate resilience, economic equity, and social well-being.

What Is Regenerative Agriculture?

Regenerative agriculture is not merely a set of farming techniques; it is a holistic philosophy rooted in restoring the natural balance between soil, water, plants, animals, and

people.

At its core, it seeks to rebuild and maintain soil health. Healthy soils are teeming with life—bacteria, fungi, insects, and plant roots work together to cycle nutrients and store carbon in organic matter. This process, known as soil carbon sequestration, is one of our most effective natural strategies to draw carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and lock it safely underground.

The Cost of Industrial Agriculture

Industrial agriculture, with its reliance on intensive tillage, monocultures, synthetic fertilisers, and pesticides, has contributed significantly to the climate crisis by degrading soils and releasing vast stores of carbon.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) estimates that agriculture, forestry, and other land use changes contribute about a third of global greenhouse gas emissions.

This damage is not theoretical: vast areas of fertile land have been stripped of organic matter, leading to erosion, desertification, and falling yields. In many regions, farmers are

caught in a cycle of declining soil fertility and rising input costs, pushing them further into poverty.

How Regenerative Practices Work

In contrast, regenerative farming practices aim to heal the soil and break this destructive cycle. Techniques include cover cropping, no-till or reduced-till farming, composting, crop rotation, agroforestry, and managed grazing.

Each of these methods is designed to increase organic matter in the soil, boost biodiversity, improve water retention, and strengthen the resilience of farms to droughts and floods. For example, cover crops prevent erosion and add biomass to the soil, while agroforestry integrates trees into farmland, providing shade, windbreaks, and additional income sources.

A Lifeline for Small Farmers

Beyond its environmental benefits, regenerative agriculture is vital for social and economic reasons.

Smallholder farmers, who produce a large share of the world's food,



are on the frontlines of climate change. They face increasing uncertainty due to erratic rainfall, shifting growing seasons, and extreme weather events.

Regenerative practices can help these farmers build resilience by reducing dependence on expensive inputs and by improving yields over time.

Healthier soils retain more water and nutrients, offering protection against both drought and flooding.

Empowerment Through the Soil

Equity is at the heart of regenerative agriculture's promise. By valuing local knowledge and traditional practices, it empowers farming communities—

especially women and indigenous people—who often play central roles in land stewardship but are marginalised in decision-making and markets. Restoring degraded lands can create opportunities for local employment, support food security, and enhance livelihoods.

The shift to regenerative models also recognises the need for fair access to land, finance, and markets so that all farmers, not just large corporate operations, can participate in the transition to a more sustainable food system.

A Global Climate Imperative

There is also an urgent global imperative to scale up regenerative practices. According to the InterGov-

ernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), land-based solutions, including soil carbon sequestration, could sequester up to 23 gigatons of CO₂ by 2050.

This is not a silver bullet that replaces cutting fossil fuel emissions, but it is an essential part of a comprehensive climate strategy. The world cannot meet the Paris Agreement goal of limiting warming to 1.5°C without transforming agriculture and land use.

Momentum and the Risk of Co-option

Many Governments, businesses, and civil society groups are recognising this potential. Large companies in the food and beverage industry have begun investing in regenerative supply chains. Initiatives such as the OP2B coalition have mobilised billions of dollars to promote regenerative practices among farmers. Monitoring and verification technologies are improving, enabling better measurement of carbon sequestration and other ecosystem services on farms. Financial incentives, certification schemes, and policy support can help make regenerative farming economi-

cally viable at scale.

Yet these efforts must be carefully designed to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past. A just transition to regenerative agriculture must prioritise the needs and rights of farmers, especially smallholders. Solutions must be adapted to local contexts rather than imposed from above.

Land rights, tenure security, and inclusive decision-making are essential to ensure that the benefits of regenerative agriculture are widely shared. Without this focus on equity, the promise of regenerative agriculture risks being co-opted or limited to wealthy markets.

India's Regenerative Opportunity

India, with its vast and diverse agricultural landscape, is particularly well placed to champion regenerative agriculture. Many traditional farming systems in India already embody regenerative principles, such as mixed cropping, composting, and agroforestry.

Revitalising and modernising these practices can help address soil degradation, water scarcity,

and rural poverty while contributing to India's climate goals. Government support, research institutions, civil society, and farmer producer organisations can all play critical roles in scaling these solutions.

A New Carbon Story

Ultimately, regenerative agriculture offers not only a response to the carbon and climate crisis but a vision for a healthier, fairer, and more resilient world. It reframes carbon from a pollutant to be feared into a vital building block to be stewarded with care. By working with nature rather than against it, we can repair broken ecosystems, secure livelihoods, and leave a more hopeful legacy for future generations. In a time when climate news often feels overwhelming and despairing, regenerative agriculture stands out as a genuine source of optimism—a practical, science-backed pathway to resilience, equity, and hope.

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Indian Army undertakes Flood Relief Operations in North East under 'Op Jal Rahat 2'

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In response to the recent wave of heavy rains and urban flooding in the North Eastern region, the Indian Army has launched extensive Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations under Operation Jal Rahat 2, with coordinated deployment across Nagaland, Assam, and Manipur. These efforts are being led by Headquarters Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) [HQ IGAR (N)] in collaboration with local civil administration.

On 10 July 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur formally requisitioned assistance from the Indian Army to provide immediate flood relief in Singrijan Colony, one of the worst-hit areas. The Army swiftly responded with the deployment of an Engineer Task Force (ETF) team. While a verbal de-requisition was received later in the day, the Army remains on standby with resources mobilised through the Flood Relief Control Centre at HQ IGAR (N).

Assam - In Upper Assam, the Dhansiri River



in Golaghat district has breached danger levels. Although water levels are now receding, the Indian Army continues to monitor the situation closely and is ready to intervene should the need arise.

Manipur - In Manipur, the Nambol River flowing through Imphal West and Bishnupur districts has also surpassed danger levels. While floodwaters are beginning to recede, the Army remains actively engaged in relief operations in coordination with civil authorities.

Flood Relief Operations: Key Statistics

As of 10 July 2025, the Indian Army has deployed: 40 Relief Columns (24

Main + 16 Reserve) across the region.

Total Rescued Individuals: 3,820.

Food Packets Distributed: 1,361.

Medical Aid Provided: 2,095 individuals.

Water Bottles Supplied: 15,421.

The Indian Army remains steadfast in its commitment to assist fellow citizens in times of natural calamity. Through timely intervention, rapid mobilisation, and seamless coordination with civil authorities, the Army continues to provide life-saving support and essential relief to the affected population across the North East.

Jammu's Trinabh Razdan secures 100% Global Citizen Scholarship to study at GIIS SMART Campus Singapore
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Global Indian International School (GIIS) hosted a heartwarming felicitation ceremony at Aerocity, Delhi, to honour the latest recipients of its prestigious Global Citizen Scholarship (GCS), a flagship initiative empowering bright young minds through world-class education. Among the 10 exceptional scholars chosen this year is Trinabh Razdan from Jammu, who stood out for his academic excellence and leadership potential. Trinabh will now embark on a transformative academic journey at GIIS SMART Campus Singapore, with 100% coverage of tuition fees, boarding, and living expenses for two crucial years of senior secondary education (Grades 11 and 12). The academic institution is known for its world class infrastructure, top-tier facilities, and a cohort of highly skilled teaching staff. The program allows students to choose between CBSE or IBDP curriculum. The total expense will amount to Rs 1 crore for two years per student, which will be fully funded by the GCS programme.

TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 09-07-2025, 1600 hrs. to 10-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 04 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishitwri 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 (HMV/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 & Kishitwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HMV/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.
- HMVs 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.
- HMVs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary haltage between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 11-07-2025:-

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, HMVs 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.

HMVs/Load Carriers:-

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

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 HMV 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 on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HMVs 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, HMVs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Bafliaz) 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)

DIP/J-3303/25

Date: 10-7-25

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION THATHRI

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT NO. 11 OF 2025-26

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on **Percentage Rate** basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Government for each of the following works: -

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of document	Time of completion (in days)	Date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
01	Construction of Three ACR at UPS Ludna (Elementary)	31.26	62520	600	180 days	On or after 22/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	A,B
02	Construction of Two ACR at MS Kamchal (Elementary)	20.83	41660	600	90 days	On or after 22/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	B,C
03	Construction of 1 ACR at M S Tipri (Elementary)	10.42	20840	600	45 days	On or after 22/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	B,C,D
04	Construction of Resource Room at M S Dadikathawa	10.42	20840	600	45 days	On or after 22/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	B,C,D
05	Construction of 1 ACR at M S Dongroo (Elementary)	10.42	20840	600	45 days	On or after 22/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	B,C,D
06	construction of Boundary wall at MS Tipri	7.60	15200	600	30 days	On or after 22/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	C,D

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08/07/2025
2	Period of Downloading of bidding documents	From 08/07/2025 (1600 Hrs) to 21/07/2025, (1600 Hrs.)
3	Bid Submission Start Date	08/07/2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	21/07/2025, (1600 Hrs.)
5	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids (Online)	22/07/2025 on or after 1230 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Thathri.
6	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

No:- EE/PWD/DT/2025-26/1738-54
Dated:- 08/07/2025
DIP/J-3268/25
Date: 10-7-25

Sd-
(Er. Shamis Din)
Executive Engineer,
PWD (R&B) Division,
Thathri.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION THATHRI

2nd TIME SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT NO. 12 OF 2025-26

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on **Percentage Rate** basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Government for each of the following works: -

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of document	Time of completion (in days)	Date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
01	Macadamization of Hallaran to Khatasoo Km 2nd RD 100 to 3rd RD 500 (under Cities and Town (C&T) sector capex Budget 2025-26)	58.00	116000	1500	60 days	On or after 15/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	"A" Class/ Hot Mix Plant Holder
02	Macadamization of internal Roads at sub Division head Quarter Thathri in km ist RD 250 to RD 650(circular link Road,Baba Budhi Dass lin Road km ist RD 100-200, km 2nd RD 200-300 & KM 3rd RD 800-950, Thathri Badnoo km 4th RD 650 to RD 950,Bus stand km 2nd RD 275 to RD 375 sub Division office by way of GSB G ist 250mm WMM 75MM BM 50mm SDBC 25MM) (under Cities & Town (C&T) sector capex Budget 2025-26)	36.00	72000	600	45 days	On or after 15/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	"A" Class/ Hot Mix Plant Holder
03	Macadamization of Thalella to Bhella link Road upto Bus stand Bhella in km 3rd RD 475 to km 4th RD 500 By way of GSB-G 1st 250mm WMM 75mm BM 50mm SDBC 25mm (under Cities and Towns (C&T) sector capex Budget 2025-26)	32.99	65980	600	45 days	On or after 15/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	"A" Class/ Hot Mix Plant Holder
04	Macadamization of Shibnote link Road Km 1st RD (825) to Km 2nd RD (100) (under Cities & Town (C&T) sector capex Budget 2025-26)	11.99	23980	600	30 days	On or after 15/07/2025 at 12:30 PM	"A" Class/ Hot Mix Plant Holder

Position of AAA :- Accorded

Position of funds :- Sanctioned

Technical Sanction:- Sanctioned

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6	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after Technical bid evaluation is completed

No: EE/PWD/DT/2025-26/1755-71
Dated:-08/07/2025

DIP/J-3269/25
Date: 10-7-25

Sd/-
(Er. Shamis Din)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division,
Thathri.

NMC demands enhancement of Medical Allowance

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU JULY 10

President of the National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) Subash Shastri on Thursday urged upon the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister to increase the monthly medical allowance of pensioners from the existing Rs 300 to Rs 1000 in the line with other union territories across the country.

In a statement issued here, Shastri appealed implementation of this enhancement to bring JKUT at par with Ladakh which had raised the allowance to Rs 1000 per month from April 1 2020.

Shastri said that the current Rs 300 medical allowance has remained unchanged for over two decades despite the steep rise in medicine costs and other medical expenses. He said the hike would provide much needed relief to pensioners grappling with increase health care expenditure.

He also demanded a 2 percent in HRA for Jammu and Kashmir employees pointing out that the DA has already crossed 50 percent threshold which warrants a revision.

Further Shastri pressed the centre to release 18 months of pending DA arrears from January to June 2021 stating that three installments were withheld during the period. He called for their immediate disbursement to benefit employees and pensioners who have been awaiting the dues for over three years.

NSF tribute of 21th Death anniversary of Abdul Ghafoor

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 10

National Secular Forum (NSF) paid tributes to Abdul Ghafoor on his 21th Death Anniversary at University Campus, who laid his life for the country. NSF members paid floral tributes and observed two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the great leader.

Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC and Former Member BCCI was the chief guest while, Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District and Secretary Central Zone JKNC presided over the function and Mr Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF, was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Ankush Abrol appreciated the initiative taken by the University Unit NSF to remember the death anniversary of those who have contributed their lives for the Country.

He said that Abdul Ghafoor was an Indian freedom fighter and politician who served as the 13th Chief Minister of Bihar and served as cabinet minister in Gandhi's government. He participated actively in freedom struggles and served jail terms.

On this occasion, Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life history of Abdul Ghafoor and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

He also said that the right tribute to Abdul Ghafoor would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State.

**Govt. of India Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Child Development Project Officer Poshan ,Nowshera**

email: -icdsnowshera@gmail.com

Subject:- Tentative Provisional Select list of Sanginis(Anganwadi Workers) of Poshan Project Nowshera in Pursuant to advertisement Notice No. 01 of 2025, Dated:-08-01-2025- inviting of Objections thereof.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, vide advertisement notification No. 01 of 2025, Dated:-08-01-2025, 10(Ten) number of posts of Sanginis(Anganwadi Workers) were advertised for filling up of the vacant posts in Poshan Project Nowshera in pursuance of HR Policy as notified vide Government order No.- Order No. 222- JK(SWD of 2022, dated:-30-11-2022 read with Government Order No. 103-JK(SWD) of 2023, dated:-28-04-2023 ; and Whereas, 48 number of application forms were received for the Vacant posts of Sanginis(Anganwadi Workers), for various anganwadi centers in different Panchayats of Poshan Project Nowshera, as on last date of receipt of application forms i.e.25-01-2025; and Whereas, after scrutiny of application forms as per eligibility conditions as contained in the aforementioned advertisement notification, in accordance with HR policy referred above, the tentative Provisional merit list alongwith tentative Provisional select list has been framed and annexed as Annexure "A" & "B". Now, therefore, objections if any with regard to merit/ residential status/Qualification/Marks/Date of Birth etc are hereby invited in writing from general public/ applicants of the concerned ward/ Panchayat against the tentative merit list/select List (Annexure "A" & "B") within ten days, from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which no claim shall be entertained and the list shall be treated as final.

Sd/-
Child Development Project Officer
Poshan Project Nowshera
(Member Secretary Selection Committee)

No:-ICDS/NSR/2025-26/776-80/2025
ANNEXURE "A"

Dated:-09/07/2025.

TENTATIVE PROVISIONAL MERIT LIST OF SANGINIS (ANGANWARI WORKERS) UNDER PHASE IV IN ANGANWARI CENTRE /PANCHAYAT /MC WARD WISE IN PURSUANCE TO ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION NO.01 OF 2025, DATED:-08-01-2025

S. No	Name of the Project	Name of Panchayat/ Municipality	Name of Anganwari Centre	Ward Number/ Name	S. No	Name of Candidate	Parentage/ Husband Name	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YYYY)	Qualification(As per Clause III-D and Clause III-G of Govt. Order No.103. JK(SWD) of 2023, Dated:-28-04-2023)					Total Points	Remarks		
									10th		12th		Graduation (Yes/No)			Adl. Points (2%) of 12th %age	
									Marks Obtained	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained	Max. Marks					%
1	Nowshera	Rajpur kamila	Rajpur Thall	W.No.4	1	Shabeena Akhter	Nazarat Hussain	05.04.1995	241	500	240	500	48.00	No	0.00	48.00	
					2	Pooja	Suraj singh	22.10.1997	254	500	220	500	44.00	No	0.00	44.00	
					3	Isha Rani	Ravi Kessar	13.04.1996	201	500	191	500	38.20	No	0.00	38.20	Name donot figured in Pyl. Ward Voter list
2	Nowshera	Hanjana Thakra	Hanjana Jaba	W.No.4	1	Gurjinder Kour	Sandeep singh	04.03.1998	328	500	366	500	73.20	Yes	0.00	73.20	
					2	Pushpa Devi	Brij Mohan	30.04.1987	344	650	294	450	65.30	No	0.00	65.30	Overage
					3	Tanpreet Kour	Kanwaljeet Singh	25.03.1988	294	500	292	600	48.60	Yes	0.00	48.60	
					4	Sinthia Sharma	Sahil Sharma	22.07.1992	209	500	307	750	40.90	No	0.00	40.90	
3	Nowshera	Nonial lower	Machine Mohalla	W.No.2	1	Jasmeen Kour	Jaspal Singh	31.03.2003	433	500	397	500	79.40	Yes	0.00	79.40	
					2	Sandeep Kour	Tejpaul singh	05.02.1999	350	500	321	500	64.20	No	1.28	65.48	
					3	Harmeet Kour	Surinder Singh	10.03.2000	336	500	253	500	50.60	No	0.00	50.60	
					4	Tania Choudhary	Deeraj Singh	01.01.2005	463	500	406	500	81.20	No	0.00	81.20	
					5	Rakhi Devi	Parveen Kumar	30.08.1994	360	500	373	500	74.60	Yes	0.00	74.60	
4	Nowshera	Bhawani-A	Bhawani-A	W.No.2	1	Sonika Choudhary	Naryan Choudhary	10.05.1996	281	500	355	500	71.00	Yes	0.00	71.00	
					2	Surekha Choudhary	Avinash Gangal	04.04.1994	389	500	461	750	61.40	Yes	1.23	62.63	
					3	Renu Bala	Suresh Kumar	21.01.1992	320	500	421	750	56.10	No	0.00	56.10	
					4	Neetu Choudhary	Vikram Choudhary	02.04.1996	212	500	273	500	54.60	No	0.00	54.60	
					5	Pooja choudhary	Sunil Choudhary	15.03.1994	277	500	409	750	54.50	Yes	0.00	54.50	
					6	Monika Choudhary	Chaman Lal	28.12.1999	230	500	241	500	48.20	No	0.00	48.20	Unmarried Certificate not Attached with application form
					7	Anamika Syal	Kartar Chand	26.03.2004	347	500	419	500	83.80	No	0.00	83.80	
5	Nowshera	M.C NSR	MC. W.No.05	W.No.5	2	Surbhi Sharma	Sorab Sharma	23.02.1996	410	500	384	500	76.80	Yes	0.00	76.80	
					3	Monika Kumari	Gorab sharma	05.12.1991	383	500	554	750	73.80	Yes	0.00	73.80	
					4	Sanjana Devi	Manish Kumar	26.03.2005	254	500	272	500	54.40	No	0.00	54.40	Name donot figured in MC. Ward Voter list
					5	Simran Magotra	Pushkar Magotra	21.12.2004	432	500	460	500	92.00	No	0.00	92.00	
6	Nowshera	M.C NSR	MC. W.No.10	W.No.10	2	Komal Kohli	Davinder Kumar Kohli	18.03.1999	317	500	279	500	55.80	Yes	0.00	55.80	Unmarried Certificate not attached with application form
					3	Sonia Choudhary	Ajay Kumar	23.01.1990	266	500	411	750	54.80	Yes	0.00	54.80	
					4	Sonali Verma	Sumit Kohli	03.03.1996	222	500	243	500	48.60	No	0.00	48.60	
					5	Shellza Arora	Rohit Kohli	02.02.1989	251	500	234	600	39.00	No	0.00	39.00	
					6	Neekita Verma	Sham Sunder	11.02.2004	342	500	400	500	80.00	No	0.00	80.00	
7	Nowshera	Rajal-A	Rajal-A	W.No.6	2	Chandani Rathore	Vikram Singh	14.04.1992	295	500	380	500	76.00	Yes	0.00	76.00	
					3	Palak Verma	Rajesh Kumar	25.02.2002	354	500	339	500	67.80	Yes	1.36	69.16	
					4	Priya sharma	Sorabh Kumar	05.02.1994	231	500	258	500	51.60	Yes	0.00	51.60	
					5	Meenikashi Mangral	Rohit Singh	01.02.1993	240	500	368	750	49.06	Yes	0.00	49.06	
					6	Joshi Thakur	Sandeep Singh	05.09.1997	247	500	232	500	46.40	Yes	0.00	46.40	
					7	Harpreet Kour	Gourav Kumar	07.08.1995	261	500	214	500	42.80	No	0.00	42.80	Name donot figured in Pyl. Ward Voter list
					8	Sunali Syal	Satish Kumar	29.03.2004	302	500	358	500	71.60	Yes	0.00	71.60	
8	Nowshera	Hanjana Khanka	Bareri-A	W.No.5	2	Shivani Syal	Satish Kumar	06.03.2001	224	500	281	500	56.20	No	0.00	56.20	Unmarried Certificate not Attached with application form
					3	Madhvi Sharma	Ajay Bhardwaj	15.03.2002	247	500	261	500	52.20	No	0.00	52.20	Name donot figured in Pyl. Ward Voter list
					1	Madhu Sharma	Gourav Sharma	15.12.1994	388	500	386	500	77.20	Yes	0.00	77.20	
9	Nowshera	Gagrote	Thathi Gagrote	W.No.9	2	Madhavi Sharma	Shiv Raj	13.12.2002	382	500	358	500	71.60	Yes	0.00	71.60	
					3	Suman Kumari	Varinder Sharma	01.04.1991	224	500	359	750	47.80	No	0.00	47.80	
					1	Ritika Sharma	Chain Kumar	21.03.2004	461	500	490	500	98.00	No	0.00	98.00	
10	Nowshera	Rajal-B	Thilkima-A	W.No.4	2	Kashish Sharma	Pushkar Raj	21.03.2006	439	500	416	500	83.20	No	0.00	83.20	
					3	Archana Sharma	Ashok Kumar	20.04.1996	362	500	355	500	71.00	Yes	1.42	72.42	
					4	Komal sharma	Luckey Sharma	24.02.1997	343	500	339	500	67.80	No	0.00	67.80	
					5	Pooja Sharma	Vikas Kumar Sharma	06.04.1995	365	500	339	500	67.80	No	0.00	67.80	
					6	Permillia Raina	Mukesh Kumar	11.11.1993	364	500	491	750	65.40	Yes	0.00	65.40	
					7	Shivani Dutta	Rajesh Kumar	29.04.1992	362	500	443	750	59.06	No	0.00	59.06	
					8	Radhika Chandan	Subash Chander	28.03.2001	244	500	288	500	57.60	No	0.00	57.60	
					1	Ritika Sharma	Chain Kumar	21.03.2004	461	500	490	500	98.00	No	0.00	98.00	

No:-ICDS/NSR/2025-26/789/2025
ANNEXURE "B"

TENTATIVE PROVISIONAL SELECT LIST OF SANGINIS (ANGANWARI WORKERS) UNDER PHASE IV IN ANGANWARI CENTRE /PANCHAYAT /MC WARD WISE IN PURSUANCE TO ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION NO.01 OF 2025, DATED:-08-01-2025

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2	Nowshera	Hanjana Thakra	Hanjana Jaba	W.No.4	1	Gurjinder Kour	Sandeep singh	04.03.1998	328	500	366	500	73.20	Yes	0.00	73.20	
3	Nowshera	Nonial lower	Machine Mohalla	W.No.2	1	Jasmeen Kour	Jaspal Singh	31.03.2003	433	500	397	500	79.40	Yes	0.00	79.40	
4	Nowshera	Bhawani-A	Bhawani-A	W.No.2	1	Tania choudhary	Deeraj Singh	01.01.2005	463	500	406	500	81.20	No	0.00	81.20	
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6	Nowshera	M.C NSR	MC. W.No.10	W.No.10	1	Simran Magotra	Pushkar Magotra	21.12.2004	432	500	460	500	92.00	No	0.00	92.00	
7	Nowshera	Rajal-A	Rajal-A	W.No.6	1	Neekita Verma	Sham Sunder	11.02.2004	342	500	400	500	80.00	No	0.00	80.00	
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10	Nowshera	Rajal-B	Thilkima-A	W.No.4	1	Ritika Sharma	Chain Kumar	21.03.2004	461	500	490	500	98.00	No	0.00	98.00	

No:-ICDS/NSR/2025-26/790/2025

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Date: 10-7-25

Sd/-
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER
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India Achieves 4,000% Solar Capacity Growth; Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal

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Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, while addressing the 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) 2025 today in New Delhi, noted the 4,000% increase in India's installed solar capacity and stated that the country's renewable energy capacity now stands at a robust 227 GW. He said India is likely the first G20 nation to have met its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

Shri Goyal cited the example of Palli village in Jammu and Kashmir, which has become India's first carbon-neutral panchayat using solar energy and energy efficiency. He

pointed out that the IESW venue, Yashobhoomi, is itself a model of sustainability, featuring rooftop solar installations, wastewater treatment, and energy-efficient infrastructure.

Highlighting India's manufacturing progress in the last decade, Shri Goyal said that the country's solar photovoltaic module capacity has increased nearly 38-fold, while photovoltaic cell capacity has risen 21-fold. He mentioned the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, which aims to equip 1 crore households with rooftop solar panels to make them energy self-sufficient and reduce electricity bills. He also spoke of the PM Kusum Yojana, which supports the expansion of solar pumps in India's agrarian economy. Addi-

tionally, the government has launched a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) programme to boost manufacturing of Advanced Chemistry Cells (ACC), he added.

Congratulating India Energy Alliance and partners for curating IESW, Shri Goyal appreciated their efforts in bringing together clean energy, storage technologies, green hydrogen, and e-mobility solutions under one platform. He emphasised that India is on a focused path to becoming energy sufficient, with the aim of having renewable energy sources power the country's growing needs round the clock.

The Minister underscored the importance of storage technologies—whether in the form of

batteries, pumped storage, hydro storage, or geothermal—as essential for meeting India's future energy demands. He highlighted that the energy sector will be a driving force in India's transition to clean and renewable sources of power, and this vision has already been reflected in the country's achievements over the last decade.

The Minister emphasised that various forms of energy storage, such as pump storage and battery systems, as well as nuclear power, will support the clean energy transition. He also underlined the critical role that stakeholders will play in this mission.

Proposing a comprehensive four-pronged approach for advancing

India's energy independence, Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal emphasised the need for targeted innovation, infrastructure development, supply chain resilience, and holistic value chain growth. He stated that India must lead in research and development for energy storage by focusing on next-generation battery chemistries, solid-state and hybrid storage technologies, and circular supply chains.

Highlighting the recent Cabinet approval of a Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he noted its potential to match R&D investments of Rs 6-7 lakh crore in advanced economies, given India's cost advantages. On infrastruc-

ture, the Minister called for enhanced collaboration among stakeholders to build both charging and battery swapping systems, thereby accelerating electric vehicle adoption and ensuring affordable, accessible e-mobility. He also urged the industry to build supply chain resilience by reducing dependence on specific geographies and adopting new technologies to achieve self-reliance in the energy sector. Finally, Shri Goyal stressed that India's ambition should encompass the entire value chain—from raw materials and cell components to battery packs, semiconductor, management systems, and recycling—ensuring a robust and self-sustained clean energy ecosystem.

Indian Army conducts Flash Flood Rescue Operation at Loran, Poonch

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A swift Rescue Operation by Indian Army and JKPF in Loran saves lives amid sudden Flash Flood. At approximately 1800 hours on 09 July 2025, a sudden flash flood struck through a seasonal Nalla near Suman Mohalla, Bela Bala in Loran, posing an immediate threat to the local population and visiting tourists. The alert was received at 1820 hours, prompting a swift and coordinated rescue operation launched by Loran Company of the Indian Army, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Police Force (JKPF). Despite the challenging conditions, timely and decisive actions were taken to mitigate the situation. Tragically, one local

civilian lost his life in the incident. However, thanks to the prompt response of the rescue teams, approximately 20 stranded tourists and civilians were safely evacuated from the affected area. The flash flood had rendered the road connecting Loran to Bela Bala impassable. With the assistance of a JCB, the route was quickly cleared to enable continued relief operations and mobility. The rescue team extended full support to the affected civilians, ensuring their safety, comfort, and well-being. Relief efforts continued late into the night until the situation was fully stabilized. The operation highlighted the professionalism, readiness and humanitarian commitment of the Indian Army and JKPF personnel involved.

Balwant Thakur to visit England from July 25 to expand Natrang's International Network

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Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, internationally acclaimed theatre director and the founder of Natrang, will be visiting England from July 25, 2025, on a significant 25-day tour aimed at expanding the international footprint of Natrang's pioneering theatre work. This visit will involve engagements with premier universities and leading theatre institutions across the United Kingdom to explore collaborations, performance opportunities, and avenues for cultural and academic exchange.

The visit is part of a larger vision to strengthen Natrang's global presence and bring its vibrant theatrical productions to a wider audience. During

the tour, Balwant Thakur will be visiting eminent institutions including the Royal Shakespeare Company, Globe Theatre, Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA), London International School of Performing Arts, Nehru Centre (London), Birmingham Repertory Theatre, and the Birmingham Hippodrome, among others.

A major focus of this tour will also be reviving interest in staging Natrang's most celebrated Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' in London. The play was previously shortlisted for the prestigious London International Theatre Festival but could not be staged due to the organisers' request to reduce the number of performers—an artistic compromise Balwant Thakur chose not to make. With renewed efforts



and deeper dialogues planned during this visit, hopes are high for a breakthrough that respects the original artistic integrity of the production.

Balwant Thakur is no stranger to the UK cultural scene. In 2016, he directed and presented a spectacular series titled 'Celebrating Diversity' in London. These performances, held under the aegis of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Festival, were staged at the British Parliament, Nehru Centre (London), Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, and Trafalgar Square, where nearly 50,000 spectators witnessed the grand

spectacle. The production received overwhelming appreciation, and even today, there is strong demand for its revival.

Globally acknowledged for evolving a new dramaturgy rooted in Indian ethos while embracing modern sensibilities, Balwant Thakur has become a sought-after voice in international theatre circles. His recent innovations in applied theatre—extending theatrical methodologies into non-arts domains such as management, medicine, and technology—have created waves. These theatre-led interventions have been successfully conducted at institutions like IIMS, IITs, and AIIMS, demonstrating the transformative potential of theatre in leadership, communication, and creativity training. Balwant Thakur

started visiting U.K. in 2001 when he presented his theatre research paper at the prestigious University of Oxford at an international conference.

During his UK visit, Balwant Thakur will also engage with academicians, researchers, and theatre professionals interested in his pioneering work and methodologies. Workshops, discussions, and exploratory meetings are scheduled with the aim of building new partnerships and expanding the pedagogical impact of his theatre practices.

This landmark visit underscores Natrang's continuing mission to take the richness of Indian theatre to the world stage, while also inviting global influences that can enrich its ever-evolving creative journey

Balbir Ram remembers Guru Ravidass on Guru Purnima

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A follower of the great 14th-century saint, social reformer, and messenger of equality and brotherhood, Guru Ravidass, and associated with various social organizations, Balbir Ram Rattan, paid respectful homage to Guru Ravidass on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima and reaffirmed his resolve to walk the path shown by him.

On the occasion of Guru Purnima, Balbir Ram Rattan offered floral tributes to Guru Ravidass and said that this day is meant to remember the importance of gurus in our lives and to follow their teachings. He said Guru Ravidass rose above caste, religion, and discrimination, and gave the mes-



sage of serving humanity with love, equality, and hard work. Today, it is necessary that we adopt his ideals in our lives and strive to eradicate the evils prevalent in society.

He said that Guru Purnima is not just a festival but also a day of self-reflection, when we should think about how much of our guru's teachings are reflected in our conduct. On this day, we must express our gratitude towards

our guru and draw new energy from his blessings. Balbir Ram Rattan said that the thoughts of Guru Ravidass are just as relevant today as they were in his time. His life teaches us that true happiness can only be achieved through hard work and honesty. He showed the way to connect all sections of society and establish harmony.

Balbir urged everyone in society to respect their respective gurus, follow the path shown by them, and spread goodness in society. He said that if we imbibe the teachings of our guru in our conduct, not only will our lives become better, but harmony and peace will also be established in society.

DIG JSK Range Shiv Kumar Sharma releases Dogri Song, 'Ambli Banage Daal'



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A new Dogri song, "Ambli Banage Daal," was officially released today at a special event in Jammu, marking a significant step towards promoting local culture and talent. The song was unveiled by Dy Inspector General Jammu Samba Kathua Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma IPS, who was joined by Keshav Chopra, Social Activist & Chairman of Samvedna Society, along with Rajat Sharma, MD of Unique Voice and Sahil Mahajan MD Maa Bawe Wali Records.

The melodious track, sung by Vijay Malhotra, features music composed by V Kaith. The music video, directed by K K Malhotra, stars Sumit Sethi and Lakshmi Thapa, with makeup by Nidhi Singh. "Ambli Banage Daal" is now available for streaming on Vijay Malhotra's official YouTube Channel.

Speaking during the Occasion Shiv Kumar Sharma said that "I am

incredibly proud to be part of the release of 'Ambli Banage Daal.' This song is a beautiful representation of our rich Dogri culture and heritage. It's crucial that we support and encourage local artists like Vijay Malhotra and the entire team who are working tirelessly to keep our traditions alive through art. Such initiatives not only entertain but also strengthen our cultural identity and promote harmony within the community. I extend my best wishes to the entire team and hope this song receives immense love and appreciation from the people."

Keshav Chopra while speaking said that "The release of 'Ambli Banage Daal' is a moment of great joy and pride for all of us. Our aim has always been to uplift and promote local talent and culture, and this song perfectly embodies that mission. Vijay Malhotra and the dedicated team behind this project have created something truly special

that resonates with the soul of Jammu. We believe that music has the power to connect people and preserve our invaluable traditions for future generations. We urge everyone to watch and share this wonderful Dogri song."

Speaking During the programme Rajat Sharma and Sahil Mahajan said that "We are incredibly thrilled to witness the launch of 'Ambli Banage Daal,' a song that truly captures the essence and beauty of Dogri culture. As individuals and as representatives of Unique Voice and Maa Bawe Wali Records, we are deeply committed to fostering and showcasing the vibrant artistic talent prevalent in our region. This collaboration, bringing together the melodious voice of Vijay Malhotra.

The release event was attended by various prominent personalities including Manish Manotra, Sachin Mehra, Vishal Kumar, Shakti Kumar, Nidhi Singh (Singer), Ankush Kumar and others.

Arvind Gupta holds public darbar at BJP headquarters, holds meeting with Power Grid Department

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Arvind Gupta, Secretary, J&K BJP and MLA from Jammu West Assembly Constituency, held a Public Darbar at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

MLA also held a meeting with officials of the Power Grid Department to address the public concerns regarding electricity supply in the region. Present in the meeting were Deputy General Manager Sh. Syed Alamdar Hussain, Deputy Manager Vivek Ji, and Junior Engineer Aman Sharma.

The public darbar witnessed an overwhelming response from people across various localities and social segments, who turned up in large numbers to raise their civic and administrative concerns.

During the Darbar, several deputations met Arvind Gupta and highlighted a wide range of issues affecting their daily lives. These included the need for repair of damaged roads, upgradation of drainage systems, irregular water and power supply, delay in pension disbursement, sanitation issues in residential colonies, and



requests for early processing of files in revenue and municipal departments. A few individuals also raised matters related to ration cards, social welfare schemes, and pending job-related documentation.

Arvind Gupta gave a patient hearing to each deputation and took note of every grievance in detail. He promptly conveyed the matters to the concerned departmental authorities in oral and written communications and ensures immediate redressal.

While addressing the gathering, Arvind Gupta reiterated BJP's unwavering commitment to development and public service in Jammu & Kashmir. "The BJP stands with the people of J&K and believes in the politics of delivery and accountability. These Public Darbars are a step to bridge the gap between

the administration and the common man," he said.

He further added, "Our government is focused on ensuring inclusive growth and resolving genuine public concerns in a time-bound manner. The feedback received here is being documented and will be followed up thoroughly until satisfactory action is taken."

During the meeting with Power Grid Department, MLA Gupta emphasized the importance of ensuring uninterrupted power supply and directed the officials to augment existing transformers to meet the growing demands of the population. He also instructed the department to prioritize the timely resolution of public grievances, reiterating that people's comfort and essential needs must always come first.

Indian Army conducts Lecture on Cyber Fraud for Locals at Samote, Rajouri



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The Indian Army at Samote has been working tirelessly for the welfare of the local populace. It is committed to transforming the perception of the underprivileged population, ultimately contributing to sustained peace and prosperity in the region. As part of this initiative, the Indian Army at Samote conducted an awareness lecture on "Cyber Fraud" at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Samote, on 10 July 2025. The primary aim of this lecture was to raise awareness about cybercrime and its impact on society. The session covered various technical aspects of cyber threats such as online

fraud, identity theft, cyberbullying, phishing, and the misuse of social media. Practical tips and precautions were shared to help attendees protect themselves in the digital world. The lecture also emphasized that cyber fraud is one of the major security challenges currently faced not just by India, but globally. A total of 58 students attended the session. They actively participated, shared their views, and pledged to spread awareness in their villages about the nuances of cyber fraud. Both teachers and students expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army and left the session enlightened about the dangers of cyber fraud and the ways to avoid falling victim to it.

Jammu emerging as a premier spiritual and scenic tourism destination: Dr. Pardeep Mahotra

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Jammu, famously known as the "City of Temples," is rapidly gaining recognition as a diverse tourism destination that offers a seamless blend of spirituality, natural beauty, heritage, and adventure, stated Dr. Pardeep Mahotra.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, BJP J&K, has urged pilgrims and tourists alike to explore the hidden treasures of the Jammu region beyond the well-trodden pilgrimage circuits.

"While Kashmir is globally renowned for destinations like Amarnath, Jammu too holds immense spiritual and scenic value," said Dr. Pardeep. "From the revered Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in the Trikuta Hills to the sacred Shiv Khori caves and the



tranquil Budha Amarnath in Poonch, Jammu offers unique and fulfilling pilgrimage experiences."

Dr. Pardeep emphasized that the region's tourism potential goes far beyond religious sites. "Hill stations like Patnitop, Sanasar, Baderwah, and Nathatop offer mesmerizing Himalayan landscapes, dense pine forests, and adventure opportunities for trekkers and nature lovers," he said.

He also highlighted the serene twin lakes of Surinsar and Mansar, known for their spiritual

and aesthetic appeal, as well as Sudh Mahadev and Mantalai, steeped in legends of Lord Shiva. The Jai Valley in Baderwah, with its lush greenery and snow-fed streams, was described as an untouched paradise.

Among the region's natural wonders, Dr. Pardeep spotlighted Girgan, Valley of Seven Lake, as one of the most scenic and unexplored locations in Poonch. He further mentioned the Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary for its rich biodiversity and appeal to eco-tourists.

Dr. Pardeep also underlined Jammu's historical and cultural legacy, with references to Bahu Fort, Mubarak Mandi Palace, and Raghunath Mandir. "Jammu's Dogra culture, cuisine, and festivals add a distinct flavor to the tourism experience," he added.

Field office of Union Ministry of MSME organizes seminar on procurement & marketing support scheme

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MSME-Development & Facilitation Office the field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSME Sector in Jammu & Kashmir. The activities including Entrepreneurship Awareness Program, Intellectual Property Rights Awareness Program, PM-Vishwakarma Seminar, PM-Vishwakarma Awareness Workshop, Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Program, Management Development Program, Reimbursement of Barcode Expenditure, Reimbursement of Stall Charges, To and From Charges, Advertising Expenditure for participating in 250 exhibition or trade fairs approved by Union Ministry of MSME.



The lists of approved exhibitions are available in https://my.msme.gov.in/MyMsme/Reg/COM_View-Event.aspx

MSME DFO Jammu organized a seminar on Procurement & Marketing Support with objectives to increase the awareness about various schemes implemented. As per Public Procurement Policy 2012 twenty five percentages of Goods and services procured by Various Government departments and PSUs are reserved for exclusive purchase from MSEs with sub target of 4% from SC/ST

owned MSEs and 3% from Women owned enterprises. These targets are yet to be achieved by few Government departments and PSUs operating in J&K, to achieve this target mission based awareness is needed for the MSEs of J&K and this seminar is a step in this direction. Implementing this policy is very crucial for the social development of J&K for providing employment opportunities of youth of this region.

The programme is organized as per the directions of G.Velladurai IEDS, Joint Director of

MSME DFO, Jammu. The following departments namely Handicrafts & Handloom Department, GeM, JKTPO and DIC, Jammu also participated in the programme and delivered lectures through presentation about the schemes and activities of their respective offices and clarified the queries raised by entrepreneurs during the Q&A Sessions. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh JKAS, Director Handicraft & Handloom, Sarth Khoda, Trainer, GeM, DK Tyagi IEDS Assistant Director MSME DFO Jammu are the important dignitaries participated in the seminar. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh JKAS, Director Handicraft & Handloom during his address appreciated the efforts of MSME DFO and suggested to make use of all the schemes of the ministry including PPP 2012

Proposed Ropeway for Amarnath will boost Pilgrimage accessibility: Ranvijay

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Ranvijay Singh, Scion of the Dogra Royal Family, has warmly welcomed the proposal of the Jammu and Kashmir Government to construct a two-phase ropeway to the holy Amarnath Shrine, terming it a progressive initiative towards inclusive spiritual tourism.

He appreciated Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's commitment to enhancing accessibility for elderly pilgrims and persons with disabilities, stating that such steps reflect a sensitive and visionary governance approach. "The proposed ropeway will not only ease the arduous journey for countless devotees but will also significantly boost religious tourism in the region," he said.

BJP leaders seek blessings from spiritual gurus on Guru Purnima, emphasize role of gurus in nation-building

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On the auspicious occasion of Shree Guru Purnima, senior leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, paid reverent visits to various spiritual and religious Gurus across the region, seeking blessings and paying homage to the eternal wisdom of the Guru tradition.

J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) visited Mahant Shri Shri 1008 Rameshwar Das Ji at Shree Ram Mandir, Purani Mandi, Jammu and received his blessings. He was accompanied by BJP Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, senior leader Thakur Narain Singh, District President Jammu Adv. Rajesh Gupta, and other party workers. Sat Sharma also felicitated Param Pujya Shri Gangadhar Ji Maharaj and renowned Sanskrit



scholar Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri and sought their blessings.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that the Guru Purnima reminds us of the eternal place of Gurus in our lives who show us the path of righteousness, duty, and devotion. He added that today, as we strive to build a strong and spiritually awakened Bharat, the guidance of saints and scholars becomes ever

more vital. Leader of the Opposition in J&K Assembly, Sunil Sharma, visited Param Pujya Shri Shri 1008 Goswami Guru Rakesh Bali Ji Maharaj at Gadigarh, Jammu, and received his blessings along with party workers. BJP District Jammu South President Naresh Singh Jasrotia also joined the visit. Sunil Sharma, speaking after the visit, said

that the values of Sanatan Dharma, as imparted by our Gurus, serve as the foundation for a just and inclusive society. BJP draws strength from these values to serve the people selflessly, he added.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP, visited Mahant Shri Mahadev Ji at Har Ki Pauri and received blessings. He was accompanied by MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa.

In his message, Ashok Koul said that the Guru Purnima is a day to renew our commitment to knowledge, service, and humility. Saints and Gurus are the true torchbearers of our spiritual and cultural heritage.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha) visited Mahamandaleshwar Sant Shri Rameshwar Das Ji Maharaj, Dr Satya Narayan Das Ji Maharaj and the Sadhu commu-

nity who had come to visit Baba Shri Amarnath Ji at Shri Ram Mandir, Purani Mandi, Jammu and received their blessings. He, along with District President Nand Kishore also visited Jagdamba Temple, Nagarota to receive the blessings of Swami Shri Ashutosh Ji Maharaj.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary J&K BJP, visited Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandaleshwar Swami Aksharananda Giri Ji Maharaj of Paramadhyaksha Shri Panchayati Mahanirvani Akhara at Shri Niranjan Sanyas Vedanta Ashram located in Pati village of district Samba and received his blessings. District President Asha Rani was present on this occasion.

Similarly, all the senior party leaders along with party cadre visited various religious and spiritual Gurus to mark the auspicious occasion.

Centre approves release of more than one thousand crore rupees to flood, landslides, affected States of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Kerala, Uttarakhand

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The Central Government has approved the release of Rs. 1,066.80 crore to flood, landslides, affected States of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Kerala, Uttarakhand. Among the six flood affected states, Assam received Rs. 375.60 crore, Rs. 29.20 crore was given to Manipur, Rs. 30.40 crore to Meghalaya, Rs. 22.80 crore to Mizoram, Rs. 153.20 crore to Kerala, and Rs. 455.60 crore to Uttarakhand, as Central share from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). These states have been

affected due to extremely heavy rainfall, floods and landslides during the south-west monsoon of this year.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and guidance of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Central Government is fully committed to provide all possible assistance to flood, landslides, cloudburst-affected states. The Modi government stands resolutely beside the states in all situations.

This year, Centre has already released Rs. 6,166.00 crore from SDRF to 14 States and Rs. 1,988.91 crore from NDRF

to 12 States. In addition, Rs. 726.20 crore released from State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) to 05 States and Rs. 17.55 crore from National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) have also been released to 02 States.

Central Government has also provided all logistic assistance, including deployment of requisite NDRF teams, Army teams and Air Force support to all the flood, landslides, cloudburst affected States. During the ongoing monsoon, 104 teams of NDRF are deployed in the 21 States/UT for rescue and relief operations.

Kavinder pays obeisance to Hridayadeep Ji Maharaj on Guru Purnima

Emphasizes role of saints in nation building

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Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, today paid obeisance to Hridayadeep Ji Maharaj at the Jeevan Nagar Ashram, Jammu, on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima. His visit was part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's outreach initiative on Guru Purnima to connect with saints and spiritual leaders who have been pivotal in guiding society through their wisdom and selfless service.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta said that Guru Purnima is not just a religious celebration but a moment of deep spiritual reflection and reverence towards the Gurus who enlighten our path with values, discipline, and dharma. He said, "Saints and Gurus are the moral beacons of



society. Their teachings guide us towards righteous living and national consciousness. India has always drawn strength from its spiritual heritage, and it is the saints who have preserved and propagated it through generations."

The senior BJP leader further added that in today's fast-changing world, the teachings of revered saints like Hridayadeep Ji Maharaj are more relevant than ever, as they promote inner peace, communal harmony, and a sense of duty towards society and the nation. "The role of saints in nation-building

is immense. They inspire character, integrity, and unity, which are the very foundations of a strong and vibrant Bharat," he said.

The former Deputy Chief Minister extended his heartfelt greetings to the devotees and spiritual community on this auspicious occasion and lauded the efforts of the Jeevan Nagar Ashram in upholding the values of Sanatan Dharma and spreading the message of universal brotherhood.

Prominent members of the ashram, BJP workers, and local devotees were also present on the occasion.

GAMC&H Akhnoor students visit Sitlee Water Purification Plant



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Under the guidance of Respected Principal Gamc Akhnoor today Swasthavrita & Yoga Department Government Ayurvedic Medical college Akhnoor Jammu conducted an Educational visit for the students of 2nd Prof as part of their curriculum to Sitlee water purification plant Nagrota Jammu.

During the visit the students practically observed the Rapid Sand Water Purification method. Students

were also made aware about the Chlorination process and Filtration process.

Dr Abhishek Magotra Associate Professor, Dr Sheetal Gupta Assistant Professor Conducted the visit. Er Ankush Gupta gave a lecture to students about the water treatment process.

Dr Abhishek Magotra thanked Dr Ashutosh Gupta Principal Gamc,

Er Pankaj Mohan Aee and Er Ankush Gupta Instructor for providing us the Opportunity for the visit.



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In a landmark humanitarian initiative, the Indian Army in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), Jaipur, organized a Mega Medical and Assistive Device Distribution Camp in Thanamandi, Rajouri. This event exemplified the Indian Army's enduring commitment to inclusive outreach and the upliftment of vulnerable communities under the banner of Operation Sadbhavna. The one-day camp brought renewed independence and relief to a large number of specially-abled individuals and economically underprivileged residents from remote and mountainous areas. A wide range of assistive devices was distributed, including wheelchairs, elbow crutches, blind sticks, hearing aids, and orthopedic support devices. What

set the camp apart was its patient-centric approach. Each beneficiary underwent an individual medical and orthopedic evaluation, jointly conducted by Army medical teams, civil doctors, and BMVSS technicians. This ensured that every assistive device was customized to meet the specific mobility and health needs of the recipients. "This wheelchair has changed my life. I feel seen, heard, and cared for," said a young boy, his eyes filled with hope. A local farmer, after receiving aid for his visually impaired son, added: "Hum door-daraaz se aaye, lekin yeh camp ne humein apnapan ka ehsaas diya."

"We came from afar, but this camp made us feel at home." In addition to the distribution of mobility aids, the camp also offered free health consultations, essential medicines, and awareness sessions on hygiene, nutrition, and traditional well-

ness practices, including AYUSH-based healthcare. The holistic approach aimed not just to treat symptoms, but to improve overall well-being. Many participants arrived after long journeys on foot or were carried by family members through difficult terrain—a powerful testimony to the community's trust in the Indian Army and the transformative impact of the services provided. This initiative reflects the Army's ongoing efforts to foster goodwill and collaboration with civilians, especially in sensitive and underserved regions. It highlighted the power of civil-military partnerships in delivering meaningful change at the grassroots level. The event stood not only as a distribution of aid but as a celebration of dignity, resilience, and shared humanity—perfectly embodying the spirit of Seva (Service), Samarpan (Sacrifice), and Sadbhavna (Harmony).

Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, delights congregation with nectar of spiritual discourses on occasion of Guru Purnima

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On the occasion of Guru Purnima today, Sadguru of Sahib Bandagi Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while delighting the congregation gathered from all over the country and abroad with the nectar of his spiritual discourses, said that you are children of a very powerful person. Mind and Maya do not have the strength to hold your soul. It has come into bondage by considering itself as the body.

Without Sadguru, this soul cannot get rid of the illusion of mind and Maya and go to its true home, Amar Lok. That is why Sadguru has infinite glory.

Giving an example, Sahib Ji said that once a lion cub accidentally went into a flock of sheep. Bakkarwal brought him home along with the sheep and tied him like the other sheep. He started living with the sheep. He learnt their habits. Bakkarwal used to beat him with a stick along with all the sheep. Once Bakkarwal took everyone to graze grass. Meanwhile, a lion from the jungle came. All the sheep ran away and Bakkarwal also ran away. He came to the lion cub who was disguised as a sheep and said that you are a lion, what were you doing with the sheep. He started getting scared. That means he had con-



sidered himself a sheep. He said that you are a lion, you will eat me. The lion said that you are also a lion. When he did not agree, the lion caught him and took him to Chashme and showed him his real form. He taught him to use his paws, taught him to roar like a lion. Seeing his form, he smiled and said that I am a lion. I was considering myself a sheep.

He came back to Bakkarwal and roared. All the sheep started getting scared. He had drunk the milk of those sheep, so he did not say anything to anyone and returned.

Similarly, the lions of the jungle in the form of God. By giving the donation of the name, they make his soul above the mind and Maya so that he can experience his soul. No extra power is to be given to the soul. It is very powerful. When it will know its power, then the mind and Maya cannot

catch it. The soul has a wonderful body, it can go anywhere in a second.

But without Sadguru, it cannot find that path. Because there is a bottomless ocean in the form of Niranjana. There are 70 Pralayas on the way to that immortal world. The soul cannot go beyond its limits even after trying for infinite ages.

There are many Gurus in the world, but Saint Sadguru is one in billions. He knows the true man of the immortal world. From there, he brings the power in the form of name and gives it to the disciple. That name is not something to be chanted. That name is the true man himself.

Sahib did not say without reason that this soul cannot cross the world at any cost with its own power. Unless the true man himself comes and frees it. That thing can only be obtained from Sadguru. That is why all the saints have sung the praise of Sadguru.

ADGP armed J&K visits IRP 4th Bn Kupwara

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Shri Anand Jain, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Armed J&K, today visited the IRP 4th Battalion Headquarters at Wayen, Kupwara. He was accompanied by Shri Junaid Mehmood, IPS, DIG IRP Kashmir, and Shri Munir Ahmad, SSP APCR Kashmir. On his arrival, the ADGP was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour by a smart contingent of IRP 4th Battalion. The ADGP conducted a comprehensive inspection of the battalion campus, including the Battalion Kot, Mess, MT fleet, Equipment Store, and Main Office.

Jain interacted with officers and jawans and later presided over a Darbar of the battalion personnel. During the Darbar, he patiently listened to their grievances and assured timely redressal of all genu-



ine concerns.

During his address, the ADGP emphasized the significance of maintaining discipline, physical fitness, and professional conduct. He strongly advised personnel to refrain from drug use, stay away from online gaming addiction, and remain vigilant against cyber-related frauds, which increasingly target security

personnel.

DIG Shri Junaid Mehmood emphasised about welfare and duties to go together. He lauded effort of Battalion in performing multifarious duties with dedication and commitment.

On the occasion, the ADGP also inspected the newly constructed infrastructure of the Border

2nd Battalion at Wayen, Kupwara. He reviewed the progress and quality of ongoing construction works and issued on-the-spot directions for ensuring the timely completion of all pending works.

Furthermore, the ADGP directed the Commandant of the Border Battalion to shift the unit's office to the new premises.

The ADGP Armed, lauded the dedication, professionalism, and efforts of the personnel deployed in the strategically important border district of Kupwara.

Prominent officers present during the visit included Shri Showkat Ahmad, IPS, Commandant IRP 4th Battalion; Shri Ghulam Jeevani, SSP Kupwara; Shri J.P. Shahi, Commandant CRPF Battalion; Shri Arif Amin Shah, SSP Commandant Border 2nd Battalion; along with other officers from the Police and paramilitary forces.

420 MT Rotor lowered in Unit-1 of Pakal Dul H.E. Project

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In an effort towards commissioning of Pakal Dul H.E. Project (1000 MW), presently under construction by CVPPL (A Joint Venture of NHPC Limited and JKSPDC), 420 MT Rotor has been successfully lowered in Unit-1 today on 10.07.2025 in the presence of Rakesh, Independent Engineer/ Ex-Executive Director, NHPC, Vishal Anand, GM (I/c) - Head of Project, Pakal Dul H.E. Project and Senior Officials of CVPPL & M/s Voith (Contractor for E&M Package).

Ramesh Mukhiya, Managing Director, CVPPL, while congratulating the team of Pakal Dul H.E. Project, appreciated the efforts of officials in achieving the said Milestone. Managing Director, also advised all employees to make all out efforts towards Project completion within the timeline.

Astro India Mahindra launches XUV 3XO REVX SERIES



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Astro India Automobile, the authorised dealer of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., unveiled the XUV 3XO REVX SERIES amidst a gathering of patrons and customers & in the presence of Chairman Mr Mohinder Gupta, MD Mr Vikram Mahajan, Director Mr Satyam Gupta Dr C.D Gupta.

Astro India today unveiled the exciting new XUV 3XO REVX series, starting at an attractive price of Rs 8.94 Lakh. The XUV 3XO recently achieved an impressive milestone of over 1 lakh sales in under a year, making it Mahindra's fastest SUV to reach this milestone. The REVX series will further enhance the XUV 3XO portfolio with a compelling value offering of premium features, distinctive styling and best in segment performance, resonating with customer aspirations. Catering to individuals who seek vehicles that reflect their unique personality, the REVX series celebrates the spirit of personal expression—because for those

who dare to stand out, "Different is in." REVX Series key highlights: REVX M (Ex-Showroom Price: Rs 8.94 Lakh) - This variant is powered by a 1.2L mStallion TCMPFI engine delivering a power of 82 kW and torque of 200 Nm. Its bold exterior features a sleek front with a body-colored grille, full-width LED DRLs, R16 Black Wheel covers, and a sporty dual-tone roof, exuding confidence and style. Inside, it offers plush black leatherette seats, a 26.03 cm infotainment system with steering-mounted controls, and a 4-speaker audio setup for an immersive cabin experience. Safety is prioritized with 35 standard features, including six airbags, ESC with Hill Hold Control (HHC), and All 4 Disc Brakes. REVX M(O) (Ex-Showroom Price: Rs 9.44 Lakh) - This variant enhances sophistication with the addition of a single-pane sunroof, elevating the cabin experience and overall design appeal over REVX M. REVX A (Ex-Showroom Price starting at Rs 11.79 Lakh) - This variant is powered by the

advanced 1.2L mStallion TGD engine, delivering best-in-class power of 96 kW and torque of 230 Nm paired with both manual and automatic transmissions. It introduces premium features that enhance the in-cabin experience, including a panoramic sunroof, leatherette seats, dual-tone interiors, auto-dimming IRVM, etc. On the outside, it has signature REVX design elements—body-colored front grille, distinctive badging, R16 Painted Black Alloys, and a dual-tone roof. The REVX A is equipped with twin HD screens: one 26.03 cm infotainment and the other 26.03 cm full digital cluster. Additionally, it integrates Adrenox Connect, featuring built-in Alexa, online navigation, and wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, ensuring seamless connectivity and convenience for the modern driver. All three variants of the REVX series are available in five eye-catching colors—Galaxy Grey, Tango Red, Nebula Blue, Everest White, and Stealth Black.

Shani Dev to turn retrograde from Sunday, July 13: Rohit Shastri

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Among the nine celestial bodies (Navagrahas), the most powerful, Lord Shani (Saturn), will turn retrograde in Pisces on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 9:40 AM, and will resume direct motion on Friday, November 4 at 9:21 AM.

According to Jyotishacharya Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, the retrograde motion of Shani will last for 138 days.

Shani Dev is considered the deity of justice, rewarding individuals



particularly career, health, marital relationships, and financial stability. Which Zodiac Signs Will Be Most Affected? According to Mahant Rohit Shastri, Sade Sati (7.5-year period of Saturn) is currently affecting: Aquarius - final phase Pisces - second phase Aries - initial phase Saturn's Dhaiyya (2.5-year period) is ongoing for: Leo and Sagittarius signs. Individuals undergoing Saturn Mahadasha or Antardasha in their birth charts should also remain cautious.

according to their karmas. When retrograde, his influence is deeper and more intense. Saturn is directly associated with karma, discipline, service, employment, business, and social justice, hence his retrograde movement has a significant impact on various aspects of life—

Shri Hari Kripa Sewa Samiti Jammu celebrates Guru Purnima

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On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, Shri Hari Kripa Sewa Samiti, Jammu & Kashmir organized a spiritually enriching celebration comprising Guru Poojan, Satsang, and Bhandara at Sanatan Dharma Sabha, Geeta Bhawan, Jammu. The event was marked by deep devotion, reverence, and heartfelt participation.

Guru Purnima is a sacred day dedicated to acknowledging the invaluable role of the Guru in guiding and shaping the lives of disciples. In this spirit, devotees gathered to express gratitude at the feet of their revered Guru Maharaj Ji, offering their prayers and seeking divine blessings.

The gathering reflected upon the spiritual teachings and enlightened path shown by Shri Guru Hari Chaitanya Puri Mahap-



rabhu Ji. His divine message, profound wisdom, and compassionate guidance were remembered and honored. The ambience resonated with bhajan-kirtan, as devotees immersed themselves in devotional singing and spiritual joy.

Several distinguished individuals including Shri Satpal Mankotia, Shri Rajeev Charak, Ms. Jyoti Sharma, Raghuvir Lengha, Suraj Prakash Khajuria, Nirmal Sharma, Shantosh Mankotia,

Anuradha Charak, and Achalesh Singh Salathia, Rajesh Singh Slathia along with numerous devotees and volunteers, graced the occasion and paid heartfelt tribute to the Guru's divine glory.

"O Guru! How can I repay your countless blessings?"

Even the greatest treasures are insignificant—for my Guru is truly priceless."

Infinite salutations at the sacred feet of the Guru.

Indian Army undertakes Flood Relief Operations in Himachal Pradesh



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MANDI, 10 JUL 2025

The Indian Army continues to extend critical support to civil administration in Himachal Pradesh as part of ongoing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations, following the recent floods in Mandi district. In close coordination with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and local authorities, the Indian Army has deployed dedicated relief columns.

Operational Deployment and Tasks: Indian Army Columns have been mobilised across key locations including Thunag, Bagsiad, and Pandoh. The Army column has been actively engaged in:

Opening of vital access routes - A critical mule track from Bagsiad to Thunag was successfully cleared on 06 July, enabling the delivery of essential supplies.

Medical assistance and distribution of relief material - Ongoing support at Thunag includes provision of first aid and distribution of ration kits to affected families.

Aid to inaccessible vil-

lages - In partnership with civil administration, the Army has ensured delivery of relief material to remote villages cut off by the flood. Aid has already reached Degi (07 Jul), Rushad (08 Jul), and Chapad (09 Jul).

All columns are in communication via mobile networks, with limited coverage at some locations like Thunag. Satellite communications including ISAT phone, RS STARSV and HX systems have been provided to ensure uninterrupted operational connectivity.

Planned Activities for 10 July:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh is scheduled to visit Thunag to assess the ongoing relief operations.

Brigade Commander, Indian Army is visiting Mandi for an operational update and interaction with the relief columns. A meeting with the Chief Minister and Deputy Commissioner, Mandi is also planned to enhance coordination and response.

The Indian Army remains committed to supporting the citizens of Himachal Pradesh during this crisis and continues to stand by the civil administration in its time of need.

Samsung Electronics to unveil its Thinnest, Lightest and Most Durable Foldable Smartphones Today

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 10

South Korean tech giant Samsung Electronics is all set to launch its latest *foldable smartphones in Brooklyn, New York on July 9. Samsung is known for

its visionary thinking and bold ideas that shape the future, so it's only fitting that Samsung unveils the latest and greatest addition to the Galaxy portfolio in a place known for its culture, creativity and collaboration. The com-

pany has teased that the upcoming foldables - now in their seventh generation - will be the thinnest, lightest and most durable of all. First introduced in 2019, Galaxy Z Fold signalled the herald of a new folding category of smart-

phones for consumers, combining the portability of a smartphone with the extensive productivity of a tablet. However, the category has remained small due to high prices and concerns around durability and longevity of fold-

able devices. These are the key areas that Samsung is likely to address, when TM Roh, the acting head of the Company's Device eXperience (DX) Division, takes the stage in a Brooklyn Convention Centre later this week.

CS reviews preparations for 79th Independence Day celebration

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 10

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today held a high level meeting of senior functionaries of civil administration and Police Department to take stock of the arrangements being made for this year's Independence Day celebration across the UT.

The meeting besides Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, ADGPs, IGP's was attended by Deputy Commissioners; SSPs; Director, Information; Director, School Education, Kashmir/Jammu; Director Health, Kashmir/Jammu and representatives from other security agencies.

The Chief Secretary took appraisal from the concerned about the selection of venues at Srinagar and Jammu besides the districts.

Dulloo enquired about the cultural performances to be depicted on the occasion. He asked for selection of high impact cultural items by the respective divisional committees, preferring the students for their encouragement.

The Chief Secretary also stressed on meticulous management of traffic on roads along with ensuring



fool proof security arrangements so that the participants reach venues without facing any difficulty.

He also sensitized the concerned divisional and district administrations to take adequate measures for ensuring arrangements for public in view of the intense heat wave this year. He impressed upon them to take safety measures especially for the student participants.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned to ensure better sanitation, power supply and availability of drinking water facilities at all the locations. He asked for sending invitations to all the invitees including the prominent citizens beforehand for their convenience.

He also enjoined upon

the concerned divisional/district authorities to take stock of arrangements in their respective jurisdictions to ensure that the events right upto Panchayat level are held in a befitting manner.

Dulloo also impressed upon the Information Department to install the Public Address System (PAS) and check its functionality well ahead of the full dress rehearsal day. He asked them to keep proper back-ups available as well to be used in case of any unforeseen eventuality.

Moreover, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the HoDs, Divisional heads and DCs to illuminate the major public infrastructure including their offices, major bridges and other iconic places for this national event.

On the occasion, it was revealed that contingents from JK Police, Armed Police, CRPF, BSF, Lady Police, IRP, F&ES, NCC and Schools are going to participate in the two main events at Srinagar and Jammu.

Additionally, details of preparations being made by the concerned regarding sanitation, medical, water and power arrangements were discussed in detail. It was informed that the concerned authorities would ascertain the arrangements to be for the celebration in the coming days.

It was revealed that the full-dress rehearsals have been scheduled to be held on 13th of August for the 79th Independence Day celebrations to be held across the UT on 15th of August this year.

Entrepreneurship, Startup meet held at JKEDI Pampore

Govt focuses on innovative policies, youth empowerment: Dy CM

JNEWS SERVICE
PAMPORE, JULY 10

The Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today hosted a successful Entrepreneurship and Startup meet at its Pampore campus, drawing significant participation from the government officials, startup founders, innovators and trainees.

The event commenced with the registration and inauguration of 20 exhibition stalls, which showcased innovative products and services by startups, RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) trainees and units supported by JKEDI.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary graced the occasion as chief guest. He visited the stalls, engaging directly with the young entrepreneurs and commending their spirit of innovation.

The Deputy Chief Minister emphasised the government's unwavering commitment towards fostering a vibrant startup ecosystem in J&K. He underscored that JKEDI continues to serve as a vital institution for entrepreneurship development



in the region, committed to enable the youth through training, mentorship and strategic policy interventions.

Emphasizing on creating startup ecosystem and new initiative enterprises, the Dy CM called for setting up cross sectoral business support ecosystem for growth of entrepreneurship at all levels along with generation of mass employment opportunities.

Surinder Choudhary reiterated government's commitment to establish J&K as a thriving hub of enterprises and holistic

employment by fostering entrepreneurship and transitioning towards sustainable economy, livelihood and empowered youth.

A key highlight of the event was the address by the MLA Pampore Hasnain Masoodi during which multiple important initiatives were launched including, procedural guidelines for Startup Policy 2024-27, Startup Idea Challenge, DPR Portal and Certificate distribution among the trainees of MDP/ESDP under the RAMP initiative.

Earlier, Commissioner Secretary Industries &

Commerce Department, Vikramjit Singh, highlighted the importance of institutional support for entrepreneurial growth in the region.

An interactive feedback and interaction session allowed the participants to engage with the policy-makers and share suggestions and experiences.

The event concluded with the presentation of mementoes, a formal vote of thanks by the Director of JKEDI, providing a platform for further collaboration among startups, mentors and government officials.

Awareness and review meeting on JK SEHAT App held in Reasi

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REASI, JULY 10

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Ms. Nidhi Malik, a comprehensive meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Reasi, Sukhdev Singh Samyal. Along with him CPO Reasi Narinder Kumar, ACD Reasi Vijay Kumar, CMO Reasi and other officers were present.

The meeting aimed to discuss the implementation and benefits of the JK SEHAT App—an important initiative to ensure accessible healthcare services for the public.

During the session, the ADC Reasi issued necessary directions for a coordinated inter-sectoral approach to ensure the timely achievement of set targets under the SEHAT scheme. He emphasised that all district and sectoral officers, especially medical officers, should actively create awareness among the public about the JK SEHAT App and ensure their enrollment.



A detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting the objectives, functionalities, and public benefits of the JK SEHAT App was presented to all participating officers, Block Medical Officers (BMOs), Mid-Level Health Providers (MLHPs) and other frontline staff.

In continuation of the proceedings, an awareness session and review meeting on the Intensified TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan was also conducted at the CMO office, Reasi. Dr. Anil Saloch, District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO), Reasi, delivered an insightful

awareness session and shared important information regarding the ongoing efforts under the TB Mukht Bharat initiative. The focus remained on achieving the campaign's objectives within the prescribed timelines and ensuring effective community engagement and healthcare outreach.

The meeting marked a significant step toward strengthening the district's healthcare infrastructure and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to the timely and effective implementation of health schemes.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, JULY 10

Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Trikuta Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 11 from 7 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Rajpura, Sujana, Mawam Madoon, Sanoora, Badyal BSF and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 11 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Kalibari, Patel Nagar, Govindsagar, Sawan Chak, Chak Luddan, Police line, Dreamland Park, PHE, CTM and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 13 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Thathri, Gandoh, Changa, Bhatyas, Premnagar, Dhara and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 13 from 8 am to 12 am.

District Administration gears up for Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025

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POONCH, JULY 10

A preparatory meeting for the smooth conduct of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 was held today under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch Tahir Mustafa Malik.

The meeting was attended by the Nodal Officers for Lodgement Centres, along with representatives from various line departments, including Health, PHE, PWD, PDD, Municipality, Police and other allied services.

The ADC reviewed arrangements related to accommodation, sanitation, water supply, electricity, medical facilities, traffic management and security to ensure that all essential services are



in place well ahead of the Yatra. Directions were issued to the concerned departments for timely completion of preparatory works and to maintain close coordination throughout the Yatra period.

The ADC emphasized the importance of inter departmental cooperation to facilitate a safe, comfortable and spiritually enriching experience for all pilgrims. He also stressed on maintaining cleanliness, hygiene, and round the clock support at all lodgement centres and halting points.

The administration reaffirmed its commitment to making the Yatra a smooth and successful event and appealed to the public and stakeholders for their active cooperation.

ACD Kishtwar conducts surprise inspection of BDO Office Kishtwar

JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JULY 10

Assistant Commissioner Development, Kishtwar, Kaiser Ahmed Bhawani conducted a surprise inspection of the Block Development Office, Kishtwar today. The visit was aimed at reviewing the office's functioning and ensuring adherence to official protocols.

During the inspection, the ACD interacted with the staff, assessed the working



conditions, and reviewed the office's operational efficiency. He emphasized the importance of teamwork, punctuality and discipline among staff members, warning that non-performance would not be tolerated. The ACD also stressed the need for maintaining

cleanliness and orderliness within the office premises and directed the staff to improve physical directories and records.

The inspection was part of the ongoing efforts to enhance administrative efficiency and service delivery in the district.

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SRINAGAR, JULY 10

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today held a review meeting regarding functioning of the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRR&R).

The meeting had a detailed assessment of the measures being taken by the department for disaster mitigation besides welfare of different displaced categories of populations.

Principal Secretary, Home and DMRR&R Departments; Principal Secretary, Social Welfare; Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA; Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu; Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Law; Relief Commissioner; Chief Engi-



neers and other concerned officers and officials of the Department attended the meeting.

Dulloo asked the department to implement robust measures to make J&K disaster-resilient. He emphasised the need for a proactive approach to mitigate the impact of disasters the UT is prone to, rather than just responding after they

He impressed upon the department to further

gear up for action plans formulation regarding different disasters the UT is vulnerable to. He advised for taking mitigation measures after carrying out expeditions to safeguard the region from any Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF).

The Chief Secretary took stock of updated status of the transit accommodations created for the migrant employees in Kashmir Valley. He called

for rapid execution of the ongoing works so that all the 6000 flats are allotted to these employees without any further delay.

Dulloo also took appraisal of implementation of relief and rehabilitation package being extended to the displaced persons of PoJK/Chhamb and the West Pakistani Refugees by the Central Government. He called for disbursement of relief amounts to all the eligible families and giving

opportunity to those who had not yet received the benefits despite being eligible for the same.

The Chief Secretary took note of other welfare measures like onboarding of migrants registered with Relief Organisation on NFSA, database for extension of different social security schemes to them. He called for extending such benefits to them forthwith for they have rights to such benefits like other groups of population.

Principal Secretary, DMRR&R, Chandraker Bharti, informed the meeting about different activities and achievements including strengthening of UT, Divisional and District level disaster management authorities by deploying necessary manpower there.