

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 abdominal pain
- Disorientation
- Present vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Severe ten pain or more, local or not, acute or dull
- Redness

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

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Ensure security of Kashmiri students in Iran: CM urges MEA

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Amid escalating tensions between Iran and Israel, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah Friday urged the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to ensure safety of Kashmiri students studying in Iran.

CM Omar, according to the news agency, wrote on X: "Requesting @MEAIndia to urgently ensure the safety and well-being of Kashmiri students currently stuck in Iran. Their families are deeply worried, and we stand with them in this difficult time. Every step must be taken to safe-



guard our students." (SIC) Pertinently, Israel earlier had launched a strike on Iran and later Iran in retaliation launched over 100 drones toward Israeli territory. Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

Israel's attack on Iran unjustified: CM Omar

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Terming Israel's attack on Iran as "unjustified" Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said that escalation between the two countries will have direct impact on people in the sub-continent.

Talking to the reporters here, Omar, as per the news agency, said that "the attack will have a direct impact on our fuel prices, stock market, flights to ply to the west and more than that it will have an impact on sentiments of the people."

According to Omar, Israel did not give any reason for this strike. "Israel has waged war on a country by calling it a pre-emptive attack." **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

Ensure seamless coordination, synergy for successful conduct of Amarnath Yatra: LG Sinha to stakeholders

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SRINAGAR, JUN 13 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday called for seamless coordination and synergy among the civil administration, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, security forces and other crucial stakeholders to ensure a peaceful and successful conduct of 38-day annual Amarnath Yatra slated to commence on July 3.

LG Sinha, according to the news agency took a comprehensive review of the security apparatus and measures deployed by the security agencies



to ensure safety of the pilgrims.

During the meeting the Lieutenant Governor directed for seamless coordination among the civil administration, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, J&K Police, Army, Security Forces, and all the other

crucial stakeholders to ensure a peaceful and successful holy pilgrimage, said an official.

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and all the other crucial stakeholders to ensure a peaceful and successful holy pilgrimage, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor, the official said, also reviewed the working of the security grid and various significant steps being taken by Army, CAPFs and J&K Police to ensure foolproof security for the Yatra.

The Lieutenant Governor also reviewed the contingency plan, deployment of Police and security personnel, preparedness and response mechanism of line departments and emphasized on **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

Severe heatwave continues; MeT issues 'Orange, Yellow' alert

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SRINAGAR, JUN 13 (KNO)

As the intense heatwave continued to engulf Jammu and Kashmir, the weatherman here has predicted 'orange and yellow' alerts for the next six days, forecasting isolated heatwave with the possibility of gusty winds till June 19.

According to the news agency, there is a possibility of dry and hot weather conditions for the next 24 hours as the mercury continues to settle above normal across Jammu and Kashmir.

The details reveal that, except on June 17, an isolated heatwave with the possibility of gusty winds

is expected in Jammu and Kashmir till June 19.

The orange alert has been issued for Saturday, while the yellow alert has been sounded for June 15 & 16 and June 18 & 19.

Light rains in the late afternoon brought slight respite from the scorching heat in Srinagar and elsewhere.

According to the reports, amid the cloudy weather conditions, the light rains occurred at multiple places in Srinagar, bringing respite to the people from the intense heatwave.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that brief spells of light rain

and thundershower at isolated to scattered places, accompanied with thunder and gusty winds, are expected from Saturday, June 16.

"There is a forecast of hot and dry weather conditions between June 17 to June 20," he said, adding that generally cloudy with intermittent spells of rain and thundershower are expected at many places from June 21 to June 23.

Meanwhile, in its advisory, the MeT has predicted a heat wave at isolated to scattered places of J&K during the next two days, appealing people to take sufficient fluid, water, and avoid outdoor **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

5-year term of DDCs to end on Feb 24, 2026

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SRINAGAR, JUN 13 (KNO)

The five-year tenure of the district development councils in J&K will come to an end on February 24, 2026, while the two other tiers of Panchayati Raj system- Halqa Panchayats and Block Development Councils- have been non-existent for one and-a-half years now.

Officials told news agency that existing DDCs would complete their five-year term in February next year.

"Since they were formally constituted by the Department of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development on February 25, 2021, they would

complete their term on February 24, 2026," they said, adding that they can be dissolved even before completing their five year term on the grounds of holding simultaneous polls for all tiers of Panchayati Raj system.

Legally speaking, the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 states that District Development Councils (DDCs) have a five-year term. However, if the government decides to hold common elections for all levels of the Panchayat system at the same time, the term of the DDCs may end earlier to match the tenure of other two-tiers. The Panchayats and BDCs have been **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

PM Modi visits plane crash site in Ahmedabad, condoles loss of lives

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUN 13 (KNO)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today condoled the loss of numerous lives in the tragic Ahmedabad airplane crash and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families, acknowledging the immense pain and loss they are enduring.

A statement issued by PIB to the news agency stated that earlier today PM Modi visited the crash site in Ahmedabad to assess the situation firsthand. He met with officials and emergency response teams working tirelessly in the aftermath of the disaster. **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**



In separate posts on X, PM Modi said: "We are all devastated by the air tragedy in Ahmedabad. The loss of so many lives in such a sudden and heartbreaking manner is beyond words. Condolences to all the bereaved families. We understand

their pain and also know that the void left behind will be felt for years to come. Om Shanti."

"Visited the crash site in Ahmedabad today. The scene of devastation is saddening. Met officials and teams working **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

CM Omar listens to several delegations during his Raabita programme

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SRINAGAR, JUN 13 (KNO)

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Friday held a public outreach programme at his Raabita office in Srinagar, where he listened to a wide range of issues and demands raised by individuals and delegations from across Jammu and Kashmir.

Director of IIT Jammu, Manoj S. Gaur, called for support to the Venture Fund created by IIT Jammu aimed at promoting socio-economic devel-



opment in the region. A delegation of the

Kashmiri Language Union raised concerns regard-

ing the promotion of the Kashmiri language, urging greater institutional support for its development.

A delegation of Revenue Officers submitted a memorandum seeking the reorganization of the Revenue Department and its wings across various departments, with demand for better conditions and structured career progression for Revenue cadre officers.

Similarly, a delegation from Industrial Estate Pampore, led by its **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

SASCI to give huge push to key infrastructure development in J&K: Chief Secretary

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

In a significant move aimed at accelerating the developmental momentum and catalysing key sectoral reforms, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to discuss the adoption and implementation of Government of India's transformative scheme, Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI).

Launched by the Government of India in 2021-



22 for States and made applicable to J&K UT from the current financial year. SASCI offers a unique opportunity for states and UTs to ramp up their capi-

tal expenditure through 50-year interest-free loans, thereby enabling them to invest in critical infrastructure and usher in systemic reforms across

ten identified sectors.

The meeting was attended by Administrative heads of all the major departments along **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

CBI registers case against officials of DC office Srinagar, brokers in 2014 multi-crore flood relief scam

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SRINAGAR, JUN 13 (KNO)

Anti-corruption branch of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against officials of Deputy Commissioner's Office in Srinagar, Revenue officials and brokers in post flood 2014 relief distribution multi crore scam.

An official while sharing the details with the news agency said, "Upon the receipt of reliable information, a discreet verifi-

cation was conducted to ascertain the veracity of allegations against the accused. The allegations were found based on facts. Thereafter, a Joint Surprise Check (JSC) was conducted in Accounts Section of Office of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar on 06.03.2025 and a formal verification was conducted by CBI-ACB Srinagar."

"The verification revealed that Accounts Section in the Office of Deputy Commissioner

(DC) Srinagar and subordinate Tehsil Offices in District Srinagar have deposited unspent flood relief money in Additional Treasury Tankipora Srinagar vide T.V. No. 12, dated:- 19.09.2019 under Major-Account Head 8443-00, 800-Other-Deposit," he said.

"A few official communications from DC Office Srinagar mentioned varying figures of deposited amount Rs. 42.00 crores, Rs. 32.14 crores & Rs. 31.54

crores. Further investigation revealed that a U.O.No. 1912-13/R/DCS/NCRF/Traders/2015, dated 03.07.2015 issued by DC Srinagar directed Bazar Committees/Associations to conduct necessary verification in respect of non-insured flood affected shopkeeper/trader/business units with turnover below Rs. 10.00 lakhs and thereafter submit the lists supported by an affidavit of such genuine shopkeepers/traders to concerned Tehsil Office

for flood relief. But in case of Tehsil Central Shalteng two separate applications have been submitted in respect of 1503 purported shopkeepers/traders by alleged Al-Falah Shopkeepers Association and Flood Affected Coordination Committee Srinagar vide No. 03/AFSA, dated 11.11.2018 and No. 106/FEC, dated 05.11.18 without affidavits and necessary verification in contravention of the said U.O," the official said, adding, "The Offi-

cers/Officials in DC Office Srinagar and Tehsil Office Central Shalteng Srinagar have conspired & connived with alleged members of alleged Al-Falah Shopkeepers Association and alleged members of alleged Flood Affected Coordination Committee Srinagar, brokers Tariq Ahmad Malik, Tariq Ahmad Shaikh, purported shopkeepers/traders most of whom belong to a single household and other persons in preparation of a

fake list of fictitious flood affected shopkeepers/traders that was submitted to DC Office Srinagar vide No. 811/TCSS/2018, dated 16.11.2018. During verification both Al-Falah Shopkeepers Association and Flood Affected Coordination Committee Srinagar were found fictitious & non-existing."

SHOPKEEPERS, TRADERS MOVE COURT
"The verification revealed that 401 shopkeepers/traders of tehsil

North Srinagar filed a writ petition titled Mohammad Ibrahim Moti & Ors. vide WP No. 1802/2021, CM 5983/2021 in J&K High Court Srinagar on 09.09.2021 for payment of flood relief to them. On the very next day on 10.09.2021, the honorable J&K High Court Srinagar passed an order that "This petition is disposed of in accordance with a previous judgment dated 22.11.2017, in OWP **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

Review meeting on facilitation of Trademark Registration for MSMEs through IPFCs held

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

A review meeting on the facilitation of Intellectual Property (IP) registrations for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) of Kashmir region was held today at the Branch MSME Development & Facilitation Office (DFO), Srinagar.

The meeting convened by Assistant Director-MSME, Saheel Alaqband was attended by officials and members of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kashmir.

During the meeting, Iqbal Jan from the PHD Chamber informed that a significant number of

MSMEs have been facilitated for trademark registration through IPFC. He shared that a total of 138 applications were received directly and also routed through Br MSME DFO Srinagar office in Kashmir region for IP registrations, out of which 48 registrations for trademarks have been done successfully, while rest applications are under process and few have been objected.

Assistant Director MSME highlighted that through Intellectual Property Facilitation Centres (IPFC's) created under MSME Innovative Scheme of Ministry of MSME, MSMEs are required to pay

only the official registration fee, while no charges are levied by IP attorneys on MSMEs, even in cases where multiple objections arise. This has provided significant relief to MSMEs, particularly those in the manufacturing and service sectors.

Additionally, he emphasized that the registration fee also is reimbursable under the MSME Innovative scheme, and advised the official of PHD Chamber to inform all applicants to apply online for reimbursement through the prescribed portal who have successfully attained the trademark registration.

Training workshop on ODR portal for MSEFCs held at Dir. of Industries & Commerce Bemina

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

A training workshop was organized today at the Directorate of Industries and Commerce Sanat Ghar, Bemina, for the officials and stakeholders of the Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (MSEFC), Kashmir Division.

The session was conducted by senior officials from the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India.

Director, Industries & Commerce, Kashmir, was present on the occasion. Addressing the participants, he highlighted the critical role of timely payments in ensuring the sustainability of MSMEs and the importance of capacity building in strengthening institutional response mechanisms.

The workshop focused on the Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) portal, a key digital initiative under the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) program. Supported by the World Bank, RAMP aims to enhance market access, technology adoption, and credit facilitation for MSMEs, with one of its core objectives being the resolution of delayed payments.

The ODR portal, integrated with the existing Samadhan Portal, offers a simple, transparent, and cost-effective mechanism for MSMEs to report and resolve payment disputes through an online platform. This helps reduce the reliance on time-consuming legal processes, thereby supporting faster redressal.

During the training, participants were ori-

ented on the purpose and features of the ODR portal, procedural flow of lodging disputes, integration with existing government platforms such as Samadhaan and advantages of adopting online mechanisms over conventional legal remedies.

Director reiterated the UT Government's commitment to strengthening the MSME ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir, and urged stakeholders to actively utilize the ODR mechanism to ensure prompt settlement of dues and foster a culture of timely payments.

This initiative is a major step forward in institutionalizing digital redressal mechanisms and aligns with the broader goals of the Ministry of MSME to promote transparency, efficiency, and ease of doing business for small enterprises.

DC Baramulla felicitates Young Wushu Champion- Aman Khan

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, JUNE 13



Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today felicitated Aman Khan, a student of Class 6th, for securing the 3rd rank in the 25th Sub-Junior National Wushu Championship held in Tamil Nadu.

In a brief interaction held at his office chamber, DC lauded Aman's outstanding performance at the national level and expressed pride over his achievement, terming it a matter of great inspira-

tion for the youth of the district.

He also encouraged him to continue his dedication and discipline in sports to bring more laurels in the future.

Minga Sherpa assured all possible support to young athletes from the district to promote a culture of sports and fitness.

ADDC Shopian reviews Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan rollout program



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, JUNE 13

Additional District Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone today chaired a meeting of officers to review the preparations for the rollout of National level tribal development program of Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan starting from June, 15.

The program shall be inaugurated on June, 15 in Kathohalan village of the Keller area and will

be attended by different departments who will set up stalls for scheme awareness, on-spot registrations and enrollment under schemes meant for tribal development and welfare. ADDC reviewed department wise action plans of all departments and asked for putting up arrangements well in advance for the impactful and result oriented program. The abhiyan shall run from June 15 to 22 in Kathohalan village and from June 23 to 30 in Pehlipora village of Keller

block. The focus of the abhiyan shall be the cent percent coverage and saturation of at least 25 interventions across 17 Ministries of the Government. On-spot demonstration of best practices, enrollment for various services and spot service delivery along with awareness of government programs meant for tribal empowerment shall be held. The meeting was attended by various district and block officers assigned with the responsibilities related to the event.

Amarnath Yatra - 2025

Div Com, IGP Jammu review arrangements at Yatri Niwas-Bhagwati Nagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti today visited Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar- the Amarnath Ji Yatra Jammu base camp and took stock of facilities and arrangements being put in place for the comfortable stay of the pilgrims.

The Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu along with Senior officials from CRPF, JK Police, Civil administration and HoDs took a round of the Yatri Niwas complex and assessed the pace and quality of ongoing works.

Chairing a meeting afterwards, the Divisional Commissioner and Inspector General of Police conducted a thorough review of the arrangements made by the concerned departments. They issued necessary instructions for effective implementation of their respective action plans envisaging augmentation of civic amenities, security set up and improved services by using digital technology.

The Chief Engineer Public works department was asked to complete the construction of sentry posts as per the recommendation of the CRPF, besides installing langar sheds and german hangers inside the Yatri Niwas.

Commissioner JMC Devansh Yadav was asked to deploy adequate sanitation staff and toilets at key spots and start desiltation of the canal.

Director Information, Nitish Rajora was asked to explore the possibility of installing Speakers in the halls of the complex,



besides a Public Address System for dissemination of information and advisories among the pilgrims.

The Inspector General of Police emphasized to encourage the pilgrims to undertake the journey with official Convoy and adhere to the Yatra cutoff timings. He called for using print, electronic and social media for informing the pilgrims about the cutoff timing and other advisories.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the JPDCL Jammu to expedite the illumination work in and around the Yatri Niwas and make available sufficient number of Generators to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the Yatra. The JKRTC was asked to keep a close watch on the fitness of private vehicles to be used in Yatra

Convoy.

The Health Department was asked to maintain sufficient stock of medicines, medical equipment, besides adequate number of ambulances and medical staff at the Yatra Base camp and other key locations.

The Fire and Emergency services department was asked to conduct fire drills and install a sufficient number of fire extinguishers and CCTV cameras at the langar sites and around the complex.

The Divisional Commissioner directed all the concerned officials to complete the works by June 20, including establishment of the control room with deployment of representatives and field staff from all concerned line departments.

DC reviews preparedness for Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Udhampur



J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 13

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai today reviewed the district's preparedness for the implementation of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan at a meeting held here today.

The campaign scheduled to be held from June 15 to June 30, 2025 aims to promote inclusive and sustainable development in tribal regions.

The meeting was

attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, PO Poshan Subash Dogra, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umesh Shan, Chief Planning Officer Mohd Iqbal and other concerned officers.

Speaking at the meeting, the DC underlined the significance of the campaign in reaching every eligible beneficiary across the district. She

directed the line departments to increase reach out to targeted areas and instructed the officers to ensure saturation of all schemes across 17 line departments, with a focus on active community participation to achieve the intended outcomes of the campaign.

The DC urged the officers to work in coordination and ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out during the course of the campaign.

DC Baramulla chairs meeting to finalize Muharram arrangements

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, JUNE 13

In order to review and finalize arrangements for the approaching Muharram observance across the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting at the DC Office, here.

The meeting focused on ensuring adequate

facilities and services for the smooth holding of Muharram processions.

Key areas of discussion included traffic regulation, procession routes, supply of firewood and additional ration, sanitation and cleanliness of congregation areas, repairing of approach roads, uninterrupted power and drinking water supply, availability of medical



facilities, functioning of street lights, deployment of security personnel, placement of mobile toilets and provision of water tankers.

DC directed all departments to ensure timely and coordinated action. He emphasized uninterrupted electricity during procession timings, proper sanitation, and close engagement with com-

munity representatives to ensure the peaceful observance of Muharram.

ADC Sopore, ADC Baramulla, ASP Baramulla, SDMs of Pattan and Gulmarg, SE JKPDCL, officers from various line departments, and public representatives attended the meeting and provided inputs to strengthen ground-level arrangements.

Budgam admin. bids farewell to outgoing DC Akshay Labroo



J1 NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, JUNE 13

District administration Budgam today organized a warm farewell function in honour of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner, Akshay Labroo, on his transfer to District Srinagar as the new Deputy Commissioner.

The function was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Budgam, Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Budgam, all Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), all Tehsildars, Ex. Engineers, CMO, CEO, District heads of various line departments and officers and officials from various departments.

During the occasion, several senior officers shared their experiences of working under the leadership of Akshay Labroo, appreciating his commitment, efficiency, and people-centric approach. They remarked that he carried out his responsibilities with utmost sincerity, dedication, and professionalism, ensuring that all administrative tasks were handled effectively

and within the set timelines. His ability to maintain transparency, responsiveness, and coordination among departments was widely acknowledged and praised.

Speaking at the farewell, Deputy Commissioner, Akshay Labroo expressed heartfelt gratitude to the entire district administration team for their constant support, dedication, and collaboration throughout his tenure in Budgam. He acknowledged the valuable contributions of officers at every level, stating that the achievements during his term were the result of collective efforts, not individual merit.

He also extended his sincere thanks to the people of Budgam for their warmth, trust, and cooperation. "The love and respect I received here will always remain close to my heart," he said. "Budgam has been more than just a posting, it has been an enriching journey filled with learning, service, and human connection. I will always carry forward the lessons and experiences from this district," he added.

R&R Commissioner reviews progress of development works in Jammu Migrant Camps

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Dr. Arvind Karwani today reviewed the progress of ongoing development works in the Jammu migrant camps and took stock of the day to day issues being faced by the residents here at a meeting.

Deputy Commissioner (Relief) Vijay Kumar Sharma, Assistant Commissioner (Relief) Kailash Devi, Assistant Commissioner (Relief) Sanjeev Kumar and senior officers from the line departments and Relief organization attended the meeting.

After detailed deliberations, the Jal Shakti Department was asked to expedite the construction of borewells in the Nagrota

and Jagti migrant camps to augment the water supply and also redress the complaints of some residents related to shortage.

The Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Department apprised about the progress of ongoing works across migrant camps at Jagti, Nagrota, Muthi - Buta Nagar and Purkhoo. He apprised that Kandoli - Jagti connecting road is in the process of work allotment, which will soon address the concern of residents of Jagti and Nagrota camps.

The Relief Commissioner asked the PW(R&B) department to expedite submission of the detailed project report on renovation of works at all migrant camps to facilitate the required projection of additional funds for the



current financial year.

The Jammu Municipal Corporation was asked to redress the complaints of the inmates of Jagti regarding quality of sanitation work and if required, deploy additional manpower to further improve day to day sanitation facility viz. collection, transportation and disposal of garbage and refuse in the

migrant camps.

The Department of Floriculture assured that a proposal will be furnished within a fortnight for development of open spaces and undertake maintenance of existing parks in the camp areas.

Likewise, the Department of Youth Services & Sports was asked to prepare a proposal for the

maintenance of open spaces/playgrounds, besides organizing physical education activities and promoting Scouts and Guides activities in the migrant camps.

The Health Department was asked to organize special health camps at the migrant camps on monthly basis and also deploy specialist doctors on rotation basis in Nagrota, Purkhoo and Muthi/Butanagar camps on weekly basis.

The UEED was asked to examine the requirement of planning, designing and construction of works of sewerage and drainage in all the migrant camps and deal with issues of public health to protect the inhabitants of migrant

camps from the adverse environmental factors.

The JAKEDA was asked to explore installation and maintenance of solar lights and promotion/implementation of schemes of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India in the migrant camps.

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati was asked to promote skill development programmes to enhance employability and support rural entrepreneurship.

The Executive Engineer Power Development Corporation was asked to redress the complaints of frequent power outages and also explore deployment of additional line-men at migrant camp Jagti, particularly in summer months.

Forest Fire control measures discussed at Poonch



JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, JUNE 13

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kunal chaired a meeting today to review the district's preparedness for Forest fire control and management. The meeting was attended by functionaries of Forest Department, Disaster Management, Fire & Emergency Services and representatives from other stakeholder departments.

Discussions focused on current preparedness, response mechanisms and long-term mitigation strategies. The DFO Territorial briefed the meeting on the prevention and control measures already in place. It was informed that 17 Forest Fire Control Rooms, comprising officials and

other departments, have been established across the district to ensure swift response. Detection of forest fires is being assisted through real time SMS alerts from the Forest Survey of India's Fire Alert System.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kunal stressed on round the clock functioning of the Forest Fire Control Rooms to facilitate immediate intervention. He emphasized that timely action, coordinated efforts and active community involvement are crucial to minimizing damage to forests, biodiversity and public safety.

All departments were instructed to work in close coordination to ensure effective control measures and minimize potential losses due to forest fires.

Doda administration gears up for Int'l Day of Yoga 2025

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 13

A comprehensive preparatory meeting for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 was today held here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh aimed at finalizing arrangements for the grand event scheduled on June 21.

The meeting decided to host the main celebration at famous Gatha Park, Bhaderwah, with parallel events to be organized at all Government Degree Colleges, prominent tourist destinations, vibrant villages and near Amrit Sarovars across the district.

In addition to yoga sessions, the event will feature cultural events, painting competitions and fun activities for children to make sure wider community engagement. Youth Services & Sports and Education departments were instructed to mobilize maximum student participation.

The DDC highlighted the



need to encourage mass participation by involving school children, youth, PRIs, SHGs and civil society members.

In line with the national theme of "Harit Yoga," the DDC directed departments to incorporate plantation drives and eco-friendly practices into the celebration schedule.

The District Ayush Officer presented a detailed overview of activities and informed that 13 yoga instructors—five from the Department of Youth Services & Sports and eight from the Ayush Department—have been nominated for the events. Mega yoga sessions are planned at picturesque locations like Lal Draman and Nagni, along with marathons and

wellness activities.

The Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Doda was asked to direct BDOs to make adequate arrangements in their respective blocks. The Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bhaderwah was instructed to establish the stage and infrastructure at the main venue on time. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhaderwah was tasked with coordinating with the Army for participation and ensuring free public entry at the venue. The ARTO was directed to manage traffic flow, while the BDO Bhaderwah was asked to maintain the road stretch leading to the site.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner directed the

BDO Bhaderwah and the Executive Officer Municipal Committee Bhaderwah to ensure proper sanitation and hygiene at the main venue before and during the celebration. The Executive Officer was also instructed to arrange a water tanker for supply of clean drinking water for the participants attending the Yoga Day event.

Detailed discussions were also held on sanitation, security, sound system, media coverage and medical arrangements.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Doda was directed to deploy medical teams and ambulances.

The meeting was attended by senior officers including ADC Bhaderwah (also CEO BDA), ACR Doda, Executive Engineers of PWD, PHE and JPDCL along with the CMO, CEO, DSWO, ARTO, DIO, EO MCs, DYS&SO, NIC Officer and BDO Bhaderwah. The DDC called for wholehearted cooperation from all stakeholders to celebrate Yoga Day in the true spirit of "Yoga for Wellness, Peace and Environmental Sustainability."

Shreya Singhal assumes charge as Chief Executive Officer, J&K ERA

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

Shreya Singhal today assumed the charge as Chief Executive Officer J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency, a specialised agency established by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to implement and oversee execution of all externally funded projects within the Union Territory.

Immediately after formally taking over the charge, Singhal convened an introductory meeting with senior officials of the agency, during which she had a comprehensive overview of the organization's operational framework.

The senior officers provided insights into broader parameters of the World Bank-funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project, which is currently being executed by J&KERA across the Union Territory. Shreya Singhal was informed that, till date, 200 out of the total



of 213 sub-projects initiated under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project have been successfully completed, while work on the remaining sub-projects is actively progressing. The Chief Executive Officer expressed hope that the officers and other staff will continue to work with same zeal and enthusiasm, ensuring positive change in the infrastructure development in J&K.

DC Kupwara reviews preparation for 'International Yoga Day'



JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, JUNE 13

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Friday chaired a meeting of concerned officers at D.C Office here to review the preparations for celebration of 'International Day of Yoga' being observed on June 21.

On the occasion, DC impressed upon all the officers to work in coordination for smooth and successful celebration of the International Day of Yoga. She directed the line departments to make all necessary arrangements well in advance at the sites where mega yoga sessions will be held to commemorate the day.

The meeting was informed that the main function will be held at Government Degree College Boys Kupwara where a large number of people

are expected to participate in the event. Besides, mega events will also be held in Government Degree Colleges, Schools, Arogya Mandirs, Amrit Sarovars and tourist locations across the district for celebration of 'International Day of Yoga'.

DC directed the stakeholder departments to work in a coordinated manner to ensure all the necessary arrangements well in time for successful conduct of the Yoga events.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Mufti Fareed-ud-Din; ADC Handwara, Javaid Naseem Masoodi; ASP Kupwara, ASP Handwara, Principals of GDCs, ACD, CEO, District Officer Ayush, EO MC Kupwara, besides Officers from LBDDA, YS&S, BSNL and other concerned officials.

DLSA Srinagar conducts comprehensive Inspection of Central Jail Srinagar, Legal Aid Clinics

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, under the guidance of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge/Chairman DLSA Srinagar, conducted an inspection of Central Jail Srinagar and the Prison Legal Aid Clinic on Friday.

The primary objective of the visit was to assess the living conditions of the inmates and review the overall functioning of the jail and legal aid mechanisms in place.

The inspection was carried out by Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, accompanied by Sajad Ur Rehman, Secretary DLSA Srinagar, officials and Legal Aid Defence Counsels of DLSA Srinagar.

During the inspection, the team visited various key sections of the jail including the Legal Aid Clinic, Welfare Block, Vocational Training Centre, Computer Training Centre, Music and



Fine Arts Centre, Calligraphy Centre, Jail Hospital, Kitchen Area, Women's Block, and the dedicated Women-Centric Tailoring Centre.

The team paid special attention to the Medical Centre, with a particular focus on the de-addiction facilities available to the inmates.

The inspection was also

joined by Sheikh Zulfikar Azad, Senior Superintendent, Central Jail Srinagar; Deputy Superintendent; medical officers; and prison staff. Together, they visited all the barracks and interacted directly with the inmates, including women prisoners, to obtain first-hand insights into their concerns and the quality of

services provided. Tasleem Arief and the team attentively listened to the grievances and feedback shared by the inmates, reaffirming the commitment of DLSA Srinagar to safeguard the rights and dignity of prisoners. The interaction provided a crucial platform for inmates to voice their needs and ensured transparency and responsiveness in the justice delivery system within custodial institutions.

In addition, Chairman DLSA Srinagar also interacted with Para Legal Volunteers posted at the Prison Legal Aid Clinic. He reviewed their functioning and emphasized the importance of their role in ensuring continuous access to justice for inmates. He encouraged the PLVs to remain proactive, compassionate and vigilant in address-

ing the legal needs of the prison population.

In addition to the jail inspection, Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar, along with Secretary DLSA Srinagar, also conducted inspection of Legal Aid Clinic at University of Kashmir.

The purpose of these visits was to evaluate the effectiveness and outreach of the legal aid services being provided at these institutions, and to strengthen coordination among stakeholders for timely and accessible legal assistance. The officials interacted with legal aid providers and stakeholders at each location to ensure that the clinics are functioning efficiently and meeting the legal needs of the beneficiaries.

This series of inspections reflects the sustained efforts of DLSA Srinagar towards promoting legal empowerment, humane treatment, and institutional accountability within custodial and public welfare institutions.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation bids farewell to Dr. Owais Ahmed

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) today bid farewell to its Commissioner, Dr. Owais Ahmed (IAS), who has been posted as Director, Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir.

His dedicated leadership has significantly advanced Srinagar's urban development and left a lasting impact on the city's civic landscape.

During his time in office, Dr. Owais spearheaded key initiatives in waste management, urban planning, beautification, and public amenities, resulting in tangible improvements for residents. His visionary approach and commitment to excellence have set new standards for municipal governance.

SMC expressed deep gratitude for his exemplary service and enduring contributions. His departure leaves a notable void, but his inspiring legacy will continue to guide the organization's future efforts.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEN-1/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 03/07/2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted or prescribed format as available in document section on the portal.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Packet System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
10.06.2025	19.06.2025	03.07.2025 15:00 Hrs
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35-2025-1-26-SrDEN-1-FZR	Replacement of 38 Nos i.e. (4 Nos 60 kg 1 in 16 turnout), (1 Nos 60 kg 1 in 12 turnout), (25 Nos 60kg 1 in 8.5 turnout) & 8 Nos Diamond X-kings in c/w "TTR (FS CS CMSC)-56 SETS, CS CMSC-18 sets, FS TWS WCMSC-44 sets, WCMSC- 4 sets, DS-2 sets & TWS WCMSC- 4 sets on PSC sleepers" in PGW, GRV, JRC & LDH yards under Sr. ADEN-LDH & ADEN-JRC.	
Advertised Value (₹)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
4,39,18,233.39/-	3,69,600.00/-	60 Days
Period of Completion		
12 Months		
Similar nature of work: "CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28"		
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Ensure security of...

informed KNO that "At least 1300 students from Kashmir are studying in Iran. Most of them are pursuing MBBS degrees out there."

Meanwhile JKSA in a letter to the Ministry of External Affairs for GoI said, "There is a dire situation being faced by hundreds and thousands of Kashmiri students currently studying in Iran, following the unprecedented escalation in hostilities between Iran and Israel."

"This volatile security environment has left thousands of Indian students, the majority of them from Kashmir valley extremely vulnerable and exposed to immediate danger. These students had travelled to Iran to pursue professional education, particularly MBBS, due to the country's economically viable academic infrastructure," it reads.

The JKSA said that the association was informed that many students are enrolled in colleges and universities that are situated dangerously close to vital military installations and strategic sites.

"They are reporting continuous sounds of airstrikes, air defense sirens, and increased military activity around them. Since last night, the situation has deteriorated rapidly. Some students are even located in cities where direct Israeli airstrikes have been reported. The students are terrified and feel completely helpless," it reads.

It further said, "Given the immediate risks and growing psychological toll, we urge your esteemed office to initiate urgent measures to protect and support these students."

"We request the Ministry of External Affairs to establish dedicated and responsive communication lines between Indian students in Iran and the Indian Embassy in Tehran, and to disseminate verified information, emergency guidelines, and updates," it reads. KNO

Israel's attack on...

Israel did the same thing that Russia did in Ukraine. It will be unfortunate if the world remains silent on the issue," he said.

"The attack on Iran is not justified like the way Russia's attack on Ukraine was wrong," he said.

Earlier, Israel said early on Friday that it struck Iran while Iranian media said explosions were heard in Tehran. Israel has also declared a state of emergency in anticipation of a missile and drone strike by Tehran.

Meanwhile, Omar termed the plane crash in Ahmedabad as unfortunate, hoping that the reasons behind the incident will be brought to the public and such incidents will not occur again. He also expressed sympathies with the families of victims.

Pertinently, 241 people were killed while only one person survived after Air India's flight to London crashed in Ahmedabad. KNO

Ensure seamless...

better coordination among all stakeholders involved in yatra management, they said.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps; S.J.M Gillani, Special Director General (Coordination), PHQ; Pankaj Thakur, Joint Director IB; Nitish Kumar, ADGP CID J&K; Rajesh Kumar, ADG CRPF; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, CEO SABS and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; senior officials of Police, Army, CAPFs and Intelligence Agencies.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor gave an overview of the Yatra arrangements and key measures taken to further enhance the facilities and services for pilgrims and smooth conduct of Yatra, the official added.

Earlier this week LG Sinha performed the 'Pratham Puja' at the Amarnath cave shrine, nestled in Himalayas, marking the ceremonial beginning of the annual yatra this year. He assured the pilgrims that foolproof security arrangements have been put in place for the yatra and urged pilgrims to visit the cave shrine in large numbers.

"The Pratham Puja was concluded. I request the devotees to come in large numbers for the yatra which will start on July 3 and conclude on Raksha Bandhan on August 9," LG Sinha said. "I urge all the devotees of Baba Barfani to visit in large numbers for the Holy Yatra and pray to Mahadev for progress of J&K and the nation." KNO

Severe heatwave continues...

activities during peak intensity (12 noon to 4 pm). Farmers, however, have been advised to continue farm operations.

Moreover, the maximum temperatures continued to settle above normal.

Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, has recorded a maximum temperature of 32.4 degrees Celsius, while Jammu City recorded a maximum temperature of 43.6 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded a day temperature of 32.8 degrees Celsius. Kokernag recorded a day temperature of 31.8 degrees Celsius while the mercury at Gulmarg, a famous ski resort, settled at 23.0 degrees Celsius.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 28.2 degrees Celsius while Kupwara recorded 31.9 degrees Celsius.

Similarly, Katra recorded a maximum temperature of 39.5 degrees Celsius while Banihal, Batote and Baderwah recorded a maximum temperature of 31.8 degrees Celsius, 31.6 degrees Celsius and 30.8 degrees Celsius, respectively. KNO

5-year term of...

non-existent since January 10, 2024 as Jammu & Kashmir government is yet to hold elections to elect representatives for these bodies.

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"The government has not yet made up its mind on when to hold the polls. It is expected that a decision on conducting local bodies elections will be taken only after the Amarnath Yatra,' they said, adding that the ECI is also expected to decide the timing of by-polls in Budgam and Nagrota segments in August-September this year." KNO

PM Modi visits...

tirelessly in the aftermath. Our thoughts remain with those who lost their loved ones in this unimaginable tragedy," he wrote.

Prime Minister Modi during his visit to Ahmedabad met those injured in the aftermath, including the lone survivor, and assured them of the nation's unwavering support during this difficult time.

PM also chaired a review meeting at Ahmedabad Airport with top authorities to assess the ongoing relief and recovery efforts.

In separate posts on X, PM Modi stated: "Met those injured in the aftermath of the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad, including the lone survivor and assured them that we are with them and their families in this tough time. The entire nation is praying for their speedy recovery."

"Chaired a review meeting at Ahmedabad Airport with top authorities," he added.

Pertinently, the deadly Boeing 787-8 crashed on Thursday, claiming the lives of 241 people, including 12 crew members onboard. The aircraft, operating from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, plunged into a residential complex near B J Medical College immediately after take-off from the airport. KNO

CM Omar listens...

president, flagged several issues pertaining to the functioning and development of the estate.

A deputation from the J&K OBC Resident Welfare Forum highlighted various concerns of the OBC community in Jammu & Kashmir.

Representatives from the Bharat CSR Network met the Chief Minister to discuss potential tourism promotion initiatives.

A delegation from Animal Rescue Kashmir raised issues regarding the welfare and rescue of animals, requesting institutional support and awareness for their cause.

Candidates appointed under SRO-120 of 2018 called for resolution of pending compassionate appointment cases, while another delegation being considered under the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (2022) also highlighted similar concerns regarding pendency in compassionate appointments.

A deputation of "Voice of Weekly Newspapers" from Kashmir brought to light issues faced by weekly newspaper publishers in the region.

Besides these, numerous individuals and other delegations met the Chief Minister and apprised him of their grievances and demands.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to all deputations and assured them that their genuine issues would be addressed on priority.

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani and other senior officials were also present during the programme. KNO

SASCI to give huge...

with other senior officers.

The Chief Secretary termed the scheme a catalyst for sustainable development and infrastructure consolidation across the UT. He remarked that the window of opportunity is now with SASCI providing us a chance to reimagine and rebuild Jammu and Kashmir with resilience, transparency and innovations, he asserted.

Dulloo reiterated that alignment with the SASCI scheme is not only fiscally prudent but strategically vital for addressing the long-standing infrastructure gaps across key sectors. He directed the departments to adopt a mission-mode approach and submit their proposals to the Finance Department for seeking necessary approvals from Central Government.

He directed all the departments to immediately identify the ongoing and time-bound projects that can be completed within the current financial year. He also stressed on identifying the iconic tourism related infrastructure to be raised under this scheme as this is one of the goals set under it.

Emphasising added attention to sectors that have remained infrastructure-deficient, Dulloo specifically emphasized the Mining, Urban Development and Transport as focus areas. These sectors not only hold vast untapped potential but also require urgent capital infusion to bridge critical infrastructure gaps found in these vital sectors, he noted.

Further underlining the fiscal accountability and transparency, the Chief Secretary directed that all the 122 Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) should be transitioned to the Single Nodal Agency - SPARSH platform by November 2025, aligning with the sunset deadline set by the Ministry of Finance.

Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, highlighted that the UT is eligible for Rs 1200 crore under the "Untied" component of the scheme. He mentioned that this portion has been allocated on the basis of tax devolution and is part of the national outlay of Rs 57,000 Cr under SASCI.

It was laid out that the scheme included multiple reform-driven components with specific fund allocations for targeted interventions. These included Rs 10,000 crore earmarked for States/UTs as their share for Centrally Sponsored Schemes and projects, with J&K eligible to secure about Rs 210 crore under this head.

Similarly, Rs 15,000 crore had been dedicated to promote affordable housing, comprehensive mobility and Blue-Green urban infrastructure, laying the

foundation for sustainable urbanisation in emerging cities like Jammu and Srinagar.

Likewise, an amount of Rs 5,000 crore had been earmarked for the financing reforms in Urban Local Bodies, aimed at enhancing the governance and service delivery at the grassroots level. The scheme also provisions Rs 15,000 crore as incentives for states demonstrating year-on-year capital expenditure growth, offering an added push for infrastructure investment.

The Central government had also proposed Rs 3,000 crore to promote the scrapping of old government vehicles, including ambulances over 15 years old. The scheme encourages the states to offer tax waivers, scrap-age incentives, and establish automated vehicle testing infrastructure.

With respect to mining sector reforms, Rs 5,000 crore had been put aside by central government where J&K is poised to tap into its substantial portion.

Moreover, Rs 11,000 crore and Rs 5,000 crore, respectively had been fixed for the land-related reforms in rural and urban areas, with the goal of digitizing the land records and improving tenure security.

Additionally, Rs 6,000 crore would be spent to bolster financial management reforms, including universal adoption of the SNA-SPARSH system across all schemes for increased transparency, real-time monitoring and just-in time releases by the central government. Besides, an amount of Rs18,000 crore are going to be received by the States/UTs for comprehensive urban planning reforms, which would support integrated master planning, inclusive zoning, and resilience-focused development.

The scheme also included an amount of Rs 5,000 crore to establish the Children and Adolescent Libraries across the Panchayats and wards. These libraries would have digital infrastructure to access resources from the National Digital Library, a move that promises to revolutionise the community-level education access in J&K.

CBI registers case...

No. 1916/2017, titled as Ghulam Mohammad Rather & Ors. V/s DC Sgr.as the petitioners' case is deemed identical. The respondents are directed to consider the petitioners' claim based on the rules occupying the field, and make a decision within four weeks of receiving a certified copy of this order," the official said.

He said, "Taking a cue of the Court Order dated 10.09.2021 in WPNo. 1802/2021, with mala fide intentions, 24 persons out of above said 1503 purported flood affected shopkeepers/traders of Tehsil Central Shalteng Srinagar filed a WP No. 786/2022 titled as Waheed Ahmad Lone & Ors. V/s DC Srinagar & Ors. in High Court J&K Srinagar on 18.04.2022 seeking flood relief from the Govt. under non-insured and below 10.00 lakhs turnover category. Meanwhile, the remaining 1479 (out of 1503) purported claimants also filed a separate WP No. 86/2024, titled as Jan Mohammad Dar & Ors. V/s DC Srinagar & Ors. in High Court J&K Srinagar."

"The Hon'ble High Court issued order directing respondents to consider the claim of petitioners in terms of communication dated 26.03.2024 provided they are eligible. Both these WPs were clubbed by the Hon'ble High Court," the official said.

SHOPKEEPERS ALSO BECOME PART OF LARGER CONSPIRACY

"The verification established that although subject 1503 petitioners before the honorable High Court do exist physically and have active bank accounts in respective branches, projecting themselves as flood affected shopkeepers/traders they also became a part of the larger conspiracy by colluding with unknown officers/officials of DC Office Sgr. Tehsil Office Central Shalteng, brokers Tariq Ahmad Malik, Tariq Ahmad Sheikh & other persons and provided to them their name, other particulars & bank accounts for receiving wrongful gain, without any eligibility and entitlement. The verification prima facie established that the Officers/Officials in DC Office Srinagar conspired with brokers & other persons and pursued their criminal ploy by way of feeding/submitted fabricated, false & fictitious information of verification/re-verification of subject 1503 purported flood affected shopkeepers/traders to the Court of law and Govt Officers/Offices of Principal Secretary to Govt. Finance Deptt, Director General (Budget) Finance Department, Jammu & Kashmir Srinagar, and Accounts Officer with Finance Department, Jammu & Kashmir Srinagar/Jammu through series of official communications with intention to cause wrongful loss to the Govt and wrongful gain to themselves. And upon the basis of said fabricated, false and fictitious feedback/reportage of verification/re-verification in respect of subject 1503 petitioners, these Officers/Officials of DC Office Sgr. and Tehsil Office Central Shalteng in conspiracy with pseudo beneficiaries & others have by way of inducement secured/managed revalidation/authorization/release of Rs. 13.79 crores from Finance Department vide letter No.FD-BDGTOD- 3/5/2023-03-F.D. dated 27.09.2024 to be disbursed amongst the petitioners/alleged beneficiaries," the official said.

He said, "A separate revalidation/ authorization/ release of Rs. 12.00 lakhs was also secured in favour of said 24 petitioners. Therefore, Rs. 50,000 under the guise of flood relief was disbursed in favour of subject 1503 fictitious shopkeepers/traders by way of crediting the amount in respective bank accounts of alleged beneficiaries. "

ADVOCATE PART OF SCAM

"Moreover, the verification revealed that Advocate Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, who was pleading for 24 petitioners in WP titled as Waheed Ahmad Lone & Ors. was a part of this whole conspiracy as his as many as eight close family members happen to be the petitioners/alleged beneficiaries amongst 24 petitioners, " the official said, adding, "During verification it was prima facie established that unknown officers/officials of DC Office Srinagar & Tehsil Office Central Shalteng abused their official position and connived with brokers namely Tariq Ahmad Malik S/o Ghulam Mohammad Malik R/o Lane No. 04, Firdous Abad Batamalo Sgr., Tariq Ahmad Sheikh @ Kabali S/o Ghulam Nabi Sheikh R/o Mustafa Abad Zainakote HMT

AAP urges LG Sinha to remove Urdu Language requirement from Naib Tehsildar Exam

JI NEWS SERVICE

VILAYPUR, JUNE 13

The Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Youth President, Shubham Singh, has appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene in the ongoing controversy regarding the mandatory Urdu language requirement in the Naib Tehsildar recruitment exam. Shubham Singh urged that Urdu should not be made a compulsory qualification for the examination. He stated that the current language requirement poses an unfair barrier to candidates from the Jammu region who are not proficient in Urdu. "Jammu and Kashmir has five official languages - Urdu, Hindi, English, Dogri, and Kashmiri. Making only Urdu mandatory goes against the constitutional principles of equal opportunity and fairness," he said. The AAP



leader described the rule as a form of linguistic discrimination in competitive examinations and argued that it is unjust to the thousands of youth who may otherwise be eligible but are excluded due to this language condition. AAP has also demanded that all official documents and procedural information in Jammu and Kashmir be made available in all five official languages to ensure equal access and rights for every citizen.

SMVDU Civil Students excel at IIT Guwahati



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUNE 13

Civil Engineering students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) made a remarkable impact at the 5th International Conference on Waste Management held at IIT Guwahati. Third-year students Rishabh Kumar and Samaira Sinha stood out for their innovative research and confident presentations that received wide appreciation. Rishabh presented a paper on "Enhancing the Quality of Concrete by Replacing Sand in Different Percentages," offering sustainable alternatives to traditional construction materials through partial sand replacement. His work was praised for its strong experimental backing and practical application in eco-friendly construction. Importantly, Rishabh's research contributes to India's long-term vision for sustainable infrastructure and will support effective waste management in the mission of Developed India @2047. Samaira's paper, "Sludge Management in Microplastics," explored effective treatment methods to reduce microplastic contamination in sewage sludge. Her detailed analysis and problem-solving approach toward an

emerging environmental threat demonstrated great technical maturity and awareness. Both students showcased strong research aptitude and communication skills, reflecting the academic strength of SMVDU. Their papers were co-authored by final-year students Rohit Kumar, Shaswat Singh, Abhijeet Gupta, and Bhagyapdeep Sahu, and were selected for publication in a reputed journal. Additionally, Durgesh Kumar of second year presented a paper on "Eco-Friendly Bricks Constructed from Waste Material," co-authored by Shresth Gupta, Subham, Aniket, Saloni, and Amit, highlighting the potential of waste-based construction materials. All three papers were guided by Dr. Vaibhav Sapkal, whose mentorship was gratefully acknowledged by the students. Dr. Sapkal and Dr. V.K. Dogra, Head of the Civil Engineering Department, expressed pride in the team's success and called it a moment of happiness and achievement for SMVDU. He applauded the students for bringing national recognition to the department and showcasing the university's strength in forward-thinking, sustainable engineering research.

Sgr, and other persons including alleged beneficiaries in commission of offences under section 420, 120-B r/w 420 RPC and section 5(1)d r/w section 5 (2) of J&K P.C Act Samvat 2006 (Ad-1949) section 61 r/w section BNS 318 and section 13 (1) (a) r/w 13 (2) of PC Act 1988 (amended by J&K Re-organization Act-2019) for preparation of fake & fraudulent lists of 1503 purported flood affected shopkeepers/traders in Tehsil Central Shalteng Srinagar and subsequent wrongful disbursement of government relief funds amongst them, thereby causing wrongful gain to themselves and wrongful loss/misappropriation of Rs. 7,51,50,000 (Seven crores, Fifty lakhs and Fifty Thousand) to the State Exchequer."

The above stated facts have necessitated a thorough investigation into this matter for looking into the modus operandi of all the persons involved in larger conspiracy so hatched for causing huge monetary loss to the state exchequer disbursed in favour of subject 1503 fictitious shopkeepers/traders by way of crediting the amount in respective bank accounts of alleged beneficiaries. KNO

Principal Secretary SWD chairs introductory cum review meeting

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

Principal Secretary, Social Welfare, Anil Kumar Singh, today chaired an introductory-cum-review meeting at the Civil Secretariat, here.

The Principal Secretary undertook a comprehensive, sector-wise review of the implementation of all Centrally Sponsored and Union Territory-level schemes, including flagship programmes. The officers presented detailed updates on the status of various schemes through PowerPoint Presentations.

Anil Kumar emphasized the need for robust implementation of all schemes and stressed ensuring wide coverage of eligible beneficiaries. He specifically reviewed the physical and financial progress on the department across the Union Territory.

Key schemes reviewed during the meeting included Mission Poshan, Saksham Anganwadi 2.0, Mission Vatsalya, Mission Shakti, Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS), Ladli Beti, Beti Bachao



Beti Padhao, Marriage Assistance Schemes, and various welfare initiatives for tribal communities, women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

The Principal Secretary directed for timely disposal of pensions, loan assistance and scholarships to the intended beneficiaries. He also called for closely monitoring the recruitment process to ensure timely filling of vacancies critical to the effective implementa-

tion of programmes. Anil Kumar stressed the need for seamless functioning of Saksham Anganwadi Centres, Vatsalya Sadans, shelter homes, juvenile homes, Child Care Institutions (CCIs), One Stop Centres for Women and other welfare facilities across the UT. He asked for accelerating the completion of infrastructure development and expedite work on all ongoing departmental projects in all the districts.

The meeting further discussed measures to

strengthen child development, improve nutrition and support the welfare of marginalized sections of society, including specially-abled individuals, widows, senior citizens and members of reserved categories.

The Principal also took stock of the effectiveness of legal framework aimed at promoting social justice and protecting the vulnerable groups. Key legislations reviewed included the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. The meeting was attended by the DG Women and Child Development, Secretary Social Welfare Department, Directors of Social Welfare Kashmir and Jammu, Director Finance, MD Mission Shakti, Commissioner for Disabilities and other senior officers of the department.

Sakeena Itoo calls for timely disbursement of payments under social welfare schemes to eligible beneficiaries



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to discuss various issues arising during the release of benefits under various flagship social welfare schemes like Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Ladli Beti, Marriage Assistance, Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) and others through Jammu and Kashmir Bank.

The meeting was attended by Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Secretary in Social Welfare depart-

ment, Director Finance Social Welfare department, senior representatives of Jammu and Kashmir Bank and other concerned officers.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Minister Sakeena emphasized on the facilitation of common people, especially those belonging to downtrodden communities and low income group. She called upon the officers for timely disbursement of payments under various schemes to eligible beneficiaries in strict adherence to eligibility norms.

"Social welfare is not just about disbursement, it is about dignity, inclu-

sion and empowerment of people, especially those in need. Every eligible citizen must feel the impact of these welfare schemes in their daily lives and we must work towards complete saturation with accountability at every level", Minister Sakeena stated.

The Minister directed the officers to streamline the process of disbursement of payments to beneficiaries and sort out the issues related to Aadhaar seeding of the beneficiaries. She also called upon the JK Bank representatives to take away with procedures like PAN or Form 16 require-

ments for these beneficia-

ries as they belong to lower income group. Minister Sakeena further asked the Social Welfare department to revisit the MoU held with J&K Bank by the department for implementation of Ladli Beti scheme and update some conditions in it for the facilitation of beneficiaries.

While reviewing some other issues related to smooth saturation of social sector schemes, the Minister emphasized on the importance of transparent mechanism, highlighting that delays and duplications should be completely avoided during disbursement of payments to beneficiaries.

Reasi Administration hosts training programme on e-Office 2.0

JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, JUNE 13

In a progressive move towards fostering digital governance and enhancing administrative efficiency, the District Administration Reasi, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik today organized an Orientation-cum-Training Programme on the implementation of e-Office 2.0. The session was conducted at the DC Office Complex and was attended by nominated Master Trainers and helpdesk officials from different departments.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sukhdev Singh Samyal chaired the training session.

The training programme



marks a pivotal step in the district's transition towards a more transparent, efficient and paperless administrative ecosystem. The initiative aims to equip government employees at the Tehsil and Block levels with the skills and knowledge required to effectively operate the e-Office platform.

Participants received comprehensive hands-on training on the features and functionalities of e-Office 2.0. The session covered key aspects such as document workflow management, on-boarding procedures, digital file processing, system navigation

and resolution of common operational queries.

The ADC emphasized the administration's commitment to digital transformation and the importance of officials becoming proficient with the new system. The program was conducted by technical experts from NIC and the Information Technology Department.

District Informatics Officer Asheesh Dogra, an IT expert from information technology department played a key role in delivering technical insights and facilitating smooth understanding of the platform's capabilities.

GDC Ramgarh hosts preamble reading session

JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, JUNE 13

Government Degree College Ramgarh organized a preamble reading session under the aegis of "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhiman." The programme aimed to celebrate the adoption of the Indian Constitution and imbibe the democratic values among the students enshrined in the constitution. The central highlight of the event was the collective reading of the Preamble, which served as a reaffirmation of the core constitutional values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Students and faculty participated actively, reflecting their commitment to upholding the ideals enshrined in the Constitution.

Sports passion overwhelms Chowgan Ground Kishtwar amid inauguration of Inter-Zonal District Tournament

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JUNE 13

The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S) Kishtwar today declared open the much-anticipated Inter Zonal District Level Tournament for U/14 and U/17 Boys and Girls amid a vibrant inaugural ceremony held here on the historic Chowgan Grounds.

The tournament would feature multiple sports disciplines. Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal inaugurated the tournament as the Chief Guest amid cheers from hundreds of participating student-athletes, officials and spectators.

The inaugural event was held under the overall supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Jaffer Haider Sheikh.



A well-coordinated march past by teams from different zones of the district marked the ceremonial start, followed by National Anthem, oath-taking ceremony led by young athletes, pledging commitment to sportsmanship and fair play.

The atmosphere was charged with patriotic fervor and youthful energy as cultural performances and motivational address-

es inspired the gathering. In his address, ADC Pawan Kotwal emphasized the role of sports in holistic development of youth stating, "Sports events not only promote physical fitness and discipline but also foster unity and cultural exchange among students from all corners of the district. The administration is committed to strengthening sports infrastructure and opportuni-

ties for our youth."

The Inter-Zonal Tournament features a wide array of sports including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, among others, with both boys and girls participating in U/14 and U/17 age categories.

Matches and events are scheduled to take place across various venues including GHSS Boys, ITI Indoor Stadium and Chowgan Ground for a full week.

Preparatory meeting for International Day of Yoga-2025 held at Shopian

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, JUNE 13

In connection with the forthcoming International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025, a preparatory meeting was today convened under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz at the Mini-Secretariat Shopian.

At the outset, ADC reviewed the proposed activities and arrangements being made for the grand celebration of International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025 across the district. He laid emphasis on ensuring wide public participation, particularly involving school and college students, employees, security personnel, sports associations, NGOs and local yoga enthusiasts.

He said that a grand yoga event will be held at Mini-



Secretariat Shopian, and reviewed the preparations for conduct of Yoga events at higher and school education institutions, Ayush Health & Wellness Centres and other places.

ADC underlined that the International Day of Yoga is a significant initiative aimed at promoting physical and mental well-being. He stressed inter-departmental synergy and timely completion of all arrange-

ments to ensure a well-organized and enthusiastic observance of the day.

He directed all officers to work in close coordination and make the Yoga Day celebrations a grand success across the district.

The meeting was attended by officers of Health, Ayush, Youth Services & Sports, education, GDC Shopian and Zainapora, Information, Police and other departments.

Nasha Mukht JK Abhiyan DC Baramulla reviews progress of IEC campaign against Drugs

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, JUNE 13

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the ongoing IEC campaign against drugs under Nasha Mukht JK Abhiyan.

During the meeting, DC took stock of the awareness activities conducted in various educational institutions, Panchayats and ULB's. He also reviewed the role of nodal departments in ensuring the effective implementation of the campaign.

Key issues including inadequate display of IEC materials, limited video screenings, incomplete uploading of event and participant details, and absenteeism of designated resource persons were discussed.

DC directed all officers and event coordinators to ensure that all organized events are promptly uploaded on the designated portal. He further instructed the concerned to ensure maximum community participation and visibility of awareness content to achieve the intended impact.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Assistant Commissioner Development Baramulla, District Social Welfare Officer, various other officers, event coordinators participated in the meeting.

MVD Doda conducts enforcement drive on NH244

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 13

On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Doda today carried out an enforcement drive on the Doda-Kishtwar National Highway (NH-244). The drive was conducted under the close supervision of ARTO Manjeet Sharma.

The enforcement team checked more than 60 vehicles for compliance with traffic and transport regulations. Of these, 8 vehicles were booked for violation of various provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and issued e-challans with expected recovery of Rs 37500 as fine.

Divisional Commissioner reviews arrangements for arrival of Hajj pilgrims



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

In preparation for the arrival of Hajj pilgrims, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, chaired a meeting today to finalize the comprehensive arrangements for safe and smooth arrival of pilgrims at the International Airport Srinagar.

Addressing the officers

from various departments, Div Com issued a slew of directives aimed at facilitating the pilgrims and their attendants during their arrival.

He emphasized for issuing vehicle and entry passes to the attendants promptly to avoid any inconvenience during the arrival process.

Div Com directed the concerned authorities to earmark dedicated park-

ing spaces for vehicles accompanying the pilgrims, ensuring smooth traffic flow and reducing congestion.

He instructed the Chief Medical Officer Srinagar to deploy medical teams at the airport to provide immediate assistance to any needy pilgrims.

He further directed the Hajj Committee to deploy adequate staff to assist pilgrims, ensuring they receive the necessary support throughout their arrival.

To ensure uninterrupted vehicular movement, Div Com stressed the need for proper traffic management on the Airport road during the pilgrims' arrival.

The meeting was attended by senior officials from the District Administration of Budgam and Srinagar, Airport Authority, Police, CRPF, Hajj Committee, and Emigration.

EDITORIAL

All's well that ends well

It has taken nearly three decades, several governments, countless engineers, and an unshakable national will to achieve what many once considered an impossible dream: a seamless railway link from the rest of India to the Kashmir Valley. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagging off the final phase of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project on June 6, 2025, the dream is no longer deferred—it has arrived on steel wheels. Started in 1997, the 272-kilometre USBRL project has been a test of patience, perseverance, and precision. What began as a distant vision underlined by strategic necessity and developmental ambition has now culminated in one of India's most challenging and celebrated infrastructure feats. The phrase "All's well that ends well" finds no better fit. The phased construction of the USBRL tells a story of incremental progress through mountainous challenges. The first breakthrough came in 2005, when the Jammu-Udhampur section opened. Then, under the UPA government, railways made cautious inroads into Kashmir with the operationalisation of the Anantnag-Mazhrom section in 2008 and the extension to Baramulla by 2009. A year later, Anantnag connected southward to Qazigund, and in 2013, the Pir Panjal tunnel—the country's longest at 11.2 km—opened to link Qazigund with Banihal. However, the key missing link remained: the treacherous Banihal-Katra section, featuring some of the most formidable terrain in the Himalayas. That stretch was the project's real crucible—demanding cutting-edge engineering and nerves of steel. When the Modi government assumed power in 2014, it inherited this incomplete legacy and made the USBRL a priority. What followed was an engineering odyssey through deep gorges, landslide-prone slopes, and volatile geologies. The final chapters of this story—the Banihal to Sangaldan phase completed in February 2024 and the Sangaldan to Katra phase completed this June—represent not just administrative resolve but human triumph. The construction of the iconic Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway arch, and the Anji Bridge across a deep gorge stand as symbols of India's ability to overcome nature's most stubborn obstacles. Critically, this is more than a tale of infrastructure. This is about connectivity, security, development, and dignity. For the people of Kashmir, this railway is not just a transport facility; it is a lifeline linking them to the rest of India more tangibly than ever before. It will boost tourism, reduce logistical costs, enhance economic opportunities, and bring emotional solace to a region long besieged by isolation and conflict. There were setbacks, delays, and moments of doubt, but what counts is that the mission was never abandoned. The story of USBRL is a reminder that long-gestation projects—especially in conflict-prone, high-altitude geographies—need consistent political will and long-term vision, not just flashy announcements. As the train now glides through tunnels carved under Pir Panjal and over bridges spanning the Chenab, it carries more than passengers—it carries decades of hope, determination, and unity. It connects not just cities, but hearts. Indeed, all's well that ends well. And for Kashmir, this is only the beginning of a new journey.

China's Rare Earth Monopoly Exposed: India Fights Back with Indigenous Production & Global Alliances

BHARAT NANDA

India's Electric Vehicle (EV) industry stands at a precarious crossroads, as China's abrupt export curbs on rare earth magnets threaten to bring domestic production lines to a halt. This move, widely viewed as economic coercion, highlights Beijing's hypocrisy while China decries foreign restrictions, it leverages its near monopoly on these critical minerals to pressure nations like India, especially after India's assertive stance in the defence sector dented China's image. With over 80% of India's rare earth magnet imports sourced from China, the current deadlock exposes a strategic vulnerability. To secure its future, India must urgently diversify suppliers, incentivise domestic magnet manufacturing and accelerate R&D into alternatives, ensuring resilience against such geopolitical shocks.

According to the First Post, about India's electric vehicle industry, it is facing a silent blockade from China. Production could come to a grinding halt, timelines could get impacted, all because of one small component. We are talking about rare earth magnets. What are these rare earth magnets? These are magnets made from special metals. They come from deep under the earth's surface. They're much stronger than your regular magnets. They're used to make smaller machines and parts, which are then used in a wide range of products like electric vehicles or EVs. These magnets power EV motors. In wind turbines, they convert wind into electricity. They also go into phones and earphones and laptops and hard drives. So basically, these magnets are part of all modern machines, tools and their supply is almost entirely controlled by China.



They're hard to extract and expensive to process. China controls 70% of the mines, 70 and nearly 90% of the total production. In other words, China has a virtual monopoly and now it is using this dominance as leverage.

India's automobile sector is grappling with continued supply disruptions due to China's export restrictions on critical rare earth magnets despite nine Indian auto parts manufacturers receiving import endorsements from the Chinese embassy. These magnets are indispensable for electric vehicle production, particularly in gear systems and drive trains. However, final approvals from China's commerce ministry remain stalled. On 28 May 25, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) made an urgent appeal to the Indian government, advocating bilateral talks to resolve the bottleneck and streamline China's complex licensing

process. Industry experts including Saurabh Agarwal of EY India, emphasize that China's tightening grip on strategic exports highlights the vulnerability of global supply chains and India's pressing need for self-reliance. Agarwal recommends immediate diplomatic engagement with China to ease short-term disruptions, while pushing for a targeted Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme focused on rare earth magnets and mineral recycling to secure long-term resilience.

India is actively engaged in discussions with China to secure a steady supply of permanent magnets made from rare earth minerals, while also pursuing alternative supply avenues, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal stated. Highlighting the strategic importance of these materials crucial for sectors such as automotive, consumer electronics, and white goods Goyal assured that

the government is in constant coordination with domestic industry stakeholders to accelerate the development of indigenous capabilities. He acknowledged the ongoing disruption caused by China's export restrictions and confirmed that India's embassy in Beijing is in regular contact with Chinese authorities. While some companies have submitted requests for export approvals, the minister expressed optimism about receiving positive responses. In parallel, the government is working closely with Indian Rare Earths Ltd to boost local extraction and processing capacities.

According to The Diplomat that Recognizing the risks, India has adopted a comprehensive strategy to secure its supply of rare earth minerals: - **Promoting Recycling and Circular Economy**

India is ramping up efforts to recover REEs from end-of-life prod-

ucts, such as discarded electronics and batteries. The Ministry of Mines is designing incentive schemes to encourage recycling of critical minerals. While recycling is resource-intensive and requires robust logistics for e-waste collection, it offers a sustainable way to supplement primary supply. Investing in Domestic Production and R&D

The state-owned Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), established in 1950, is at the forefront of India's REE extraction and processing efforts. Recent milestones include the commissioning of a Rare Earth Permanent Magnet Plant in Visakhapatnam, which will produce samarium cobalt magnets using indigenous technology. This plant is expected to strengthen India's domestic supply chain for high-performance magnets critical to EVs and renewable energy.

Diversifying Import Sources India is actively seek-

ing alternative suppliers to reduce its reliance on China. Kazakhstan has emerged as a promising partner, with rich REE reserves and established processing infrastructure. The two countries have a history of cooperation in trade, defense and civil nuclear energy, providing a strong foundation for collaboration in critical minerals. India is also exploring partnerships with other resource-rich countries and participating in international initiatives like the US-led Mineral Security Partnership.

Facilitating Regional and Global Collaboration

To foster a more resilient supply chain, India is engaging in regional initiatives such as the India Central Asia Rare Earths Forum (ICAREF). This platform aims to promote joint mining ventures and private sector investment, overcoming technical and logistical challenges to establish a regional REE market that benefits all participants.

India's EV and tech industries face a critical test amid China's calculated export curbs on rare earth magnets. While the disruption reveals India's strategic vulnerability, it also serves as a wake-up call. By boosting domestic production, pursuing international partnerships and incentivizing recycling, India is laying the groundwork for long-term resilience. China's attempt to weaponize its mineral monopoly may backfire, as India accelerates efforts to decouple and assert economic independence in the global rare earth race.

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CHENAB BRIDGE IS INDIA'S TACTICAL ADVANTAGES AGAINST PAKISTAN AND CHINA

SINDHIYA GUPTA

On June 6, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Chenab Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir, the world's highest railway arch bridge. Rising 359 meters above the Chenab River 35 meters taller than the Eiffel Tower the bridge stretches 1,315 meters and is engineered to withstand earthquakes up to magnitude 8 and winds reaching 266 km/h. As a key part of the 43,780 crore Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, which features 36 tunnels and 943 bridges over 272 km, the Chenab Bridge ensures all-weather rail connectivity to the Kashmir Valley. It significantly cuts travel time between Jammu and Srinagar by 2-3 hours and is set to boost tourism, trade, and regional development. This remarkable engineering feat not only conquers the challenging Himalayan

terrain but also enhances strategic access to the Line of Control (LoC) and the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Geographically, Pakistan has a strategic advantage with easier access to the Kashmir region through the Jhelum Valley route via Muzaffarabad and Mirpur in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). This route has gentler slopes and more accessible valleys, making rail and road connectivity to the Line of Control (LoC) simpler. However, due to political realities and the establishment of the LoC after the 1947-48 war, this route is closed to India, forcing it to develop alternative, more difficult internal routes like as USBRL to maintain access to Kashmir.

On the other hand, China is rapidly building infrastructure near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to support troop convenience and military

readiness. Under its 14th Five Year Plan (2021-2025), China plans to spend about \$30 billion on Tibet infrastructure, aiming for over 1,300 km of expressways and 120,000 km of highways by 2025. Key projects include upgrading national highways G219 and G318, constructing new railways like the Sichuan-Tibet line, and expanding rail links connecting Tibet to Xinjiang and mainland China. China is also building military camps, helipads, and fortified outposts near the LAC, especially in strategic areas like eastern Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.

To counter Pakistan's strategic position and China's expanding infrastructure along the border, India must respond effectively, the Chenab Bridge significantly enhances India's military readiness against China and Pakistan by providing fast, reliable, all-weather rail connectivity to Jammu and Kashmir, near the

Line of Control (LoC). As part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), this 359-meter-high bridge enables rapid movement of troops, heavy artillery, and supplies, reducing travel time and improving logistics in a strategically sensitive region. Built to withstand earthquakes up to magnitude 8 and high winds, and equipped with blast-resistant steel and 24/7 surveillance, it strengthens India's ability to deploy forces swiftly during conflicts or emergencies. The bridge improves operational flexibility and border monitoring, enhancing counter-infiltration efforts against threats from Pakistan and China. Strategically, it symbolizes India's resolve to integrate Kashmir with the rest of the country and maintain control over contested areas, thereby boosting national security and regional stability. Overall, the Chenab Bridge

is a critical infrastructure asset that bolsters India's defense posture along the LoC and supports rapid military mobilization in the Himalayan border region.

Pakistan views it as a security threat and violation of UN resolutions. The bridge impacts India-Pakistan relations, Kashmiri autonomy, and regional stability, prompting Pakistan to enhance defense, infrastructure, and international diplomacy. Pakistan and China have reacted negatively to the inauguration and completion of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) and the Chenab Bridge. Pakistan views the project as a strategic threat, intensifying its defense budget and cancelling several development projects due to economic constraints, partly blaming India's growing infrastructure in Kashmir for increased tensions. Pakistani media and

officials have expressed alarm over the bridge's military and logistical advantages, seeing it as India tightening its grip on Kashmir and strengthening its position near the Line of Control (LoC). China, while not publicly commenting in detail, continues to rapidly build its own infrastructure near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to maintain strategic parity and counter India's advancements. Overall, both countries perceive the USBRL as a move that enhances India's military readiness and territorial control, which complicates regional security dynamics and heightens geopolitical tensions along the disputed borders.

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3rd batch of 90 MHAC students leaves for Dharamshala Trek with Tawi Trekkers

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JAMMU, JUNE 14

3rd batch of Tawi Trekkers J&K comprising 90 students including 32 girls of M H A C School, Nagbani, Jammu, left today for Dharamshala to participate in the Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme being organized by Tawi Trekkers under the overall supervision of Shawetica Khajuria, President of the club. Shashi Kant Sharma, a trained mountaineer and a seasoned trekker along with Hari Khajuria and four teachers of the school Sanjay Nayar, Anuradha Sharma and Sarika Billoria escorted the group.

Meanwhile, activists of the club led by Sonam Sidharth, Field Director of the programme, Sourav Deep Singh and others have already made proper boarding, lodging and other necessary arrangements



at Chamunda and Macleodganj area for the smooth conduct of the trekking venture.

Earlier, the group was flagged off by Parveen Sharma, Chairman of The Citizens' Co-operative Bank Ltd, Jammu; Rahul Sharma, Patron of the club and Sonia Anand Principal of MHAC School, Nagbani. While interacting with the students the chief guest advised the students to respect and love nature by keeping the camp site as well as the trekking trail neat and clean by not

throwing any wrappers of chocolates, toffees, biscuits etc. which shall be issued to them during the trek. The programme is being organized in cooperation with J&K Sports Council, Mountaineering Association of J&K, Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, Jammu, Adventure Holidays India, Jammu and Northernland Hikes, Jammu.

Meanwhile the 1st group of trekkers of MHAC School, Nagbani School, Jammu has reached back Jammu after a memorial

experience of trekking in the calm and cool forests of Mcleodganj area. The next group of about 150 trekkers shall leave on 16th June, 2025.

It may be mentioned that Tawi Trekkers J&K is a voluntary, non profit making, social service & sports organisation run by a group of highly dedicated young boys and girls whose only motive is to spread spirit of adventure and love of nature among all strata of society without distinction of colour, caste, creed.

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Police takes cognizance against traffic violators in Ganderbal

JINNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JUNE 13

Police in Ganderbal have observed with serious concern that certain individuals are plying vehicles without valid registration plate numbers, which is a clear violation of Motor Vehicle Rules and poses a significant threat to public safety and security.

In view of this, Police have seized many vehicles and initiated strict legal action against the violators and we assure that such violations will be dealt with firmly under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and other applicable laws in future too.

Vehicle owners and Drivers are therefore

advised to ensure that their vehicles display proper, valid, and visible Registration Plates at all times. Non-compliance will lead to seizure of their vehicles and legal proceedings against the violators.

Moreover, SSP Ganderbal Shri Khalil Ahmad Poswal-JKPS has warned all Stunt Bikers to refrain from performing stunts and has directed the field formations to take stringent action against the violators.

We requests general public to cooperate with the J&K Police in maintaining law and order and report any such violations to the nearest Police Station or on the Police helpline No. ERSS Dial 112.

Tirupati Balaji Temple to celebrate Second Anniversary with Devotion, Grandeur



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

The Tirupati Balaji Temple will mark its second anniversary on June 15 with great devotion and enthusiasm. Temple Vedic Pandit Swami Amit Shukla announced that the celebration, mirroring the tradition of human birthdays, will honour the deity's idol consecration under the same constellation.

Schedule of Rituals and Community Langar; The festivities will commence at 9:00 AM with Abhishek, Havan, and Archana Puja, concluding by 12:30 PM. Following the rituals, a community langar will be organized for all devotees.

Invitation to Devotees; Addressing the media, Swami Amit Shukla extended a heartfelt invitation to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He urged devotees to join this auspicious occasion, participate in the sacred yajna, and seek blessings from Lord Venkateswara (Balaji) to enrich their lives. The event will begin with Vedic mantra recitations and a yajna, followed by prasadam and langar distribution at 12:30 PM.

A Day of Devotion and Unity; A large gathering of devotees is expected to celebrate this sacred day with devotion, unity, and spiritual fervor. All are warmly welcomed to partake in this divine festival.

Inter-State sports competitions in Uttar Pradesh

JKPDP leader Narinder celebrates success of Kabaddi and Cricket players in Tanda, RS Pura

JINNEWS SERVICE
RS PURA, JUNE 14

The Kabaddi and Cricket players who participated in the three-day Inter-State Sports Competitions in Uttar Pradesh were welcomed back with great enthusiasm in Tanda in RS Pura constituency. The program was attended by Narinder Sharma, senior JKPDP leader and social activist, as the Chief Guest. The players were welcomed with sweets and trophies, and their success was celebrated.

The players from Jammu and Kashmir performed well in Kabaddi and Cricket, bringing laurels to the region. The players' performance has led to their selection for the upcoming North Zone Sports Competitions. Narinder Sharma appreciated the players' performance and congratulated them on their success. Coach Gaurav Kumar was praised for his efforts in promoting sports and orga-



nizing competitions. "The players have brought glory to Jammu and Kashmir with their outstanding performance. Coach Gaurav Kumar's efforts in promoting sports are commendable, said Narinder Sharma".

Narinder Sharma's appreciation for the coach and players highlights the importance of sports in shaping young minds. By advising youngsters to

participate in sports and games, he emphasizes the benefits of physical activity, teamwork, and discipline. Moreover, he stressed that sports can serve as a positive outlet, keeping youth away from negative influences and substance abuse.

Narinder observed that Sports and games are essential for overall development and can be a viable career option.

Participating in sports can help youth avoid bad company and substance abuse. Coach Gaurav Kumar's efforts in promoting sports and guiding young athletes are commendable. By promoting sports and games, Narinder Sharma aims to inspire youngsters to adopt a healthy lifestyle and make informed choices about their future.

Post Art 370 normalcy claims a myth: Mirwaiz

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13 (UND)

Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Friday said the narrative of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370 is a "myth."

He claimed that "oppressive measures" remain firmly in place and there is "no political or administrative space available to the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Addressing the Friday congregational prayers at historic Jamia Masjid in old Srinagar Mirwaiz asked Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, who is in charge of the law and order in J&K, as to why the Eid-ul-Adha prayers were not allowed at the Eidgah ground and Jamia Masjid in Srinagar. The decision to disallow Eid prayers at Jamia had triggered a backlash from many, including Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

"We are meeting first time after the occasion of Eid, when we were not allowed to offer Eid prayers either at Eidgah or at Jama Masjid. Both places were locked down and I was put under house arrest. For the last

seven years, this action has deprived Muslims of Kashmir of their basic right to practise religious rites," Mirwaiz said.

"I want to ask the authorities - especially the LG sahab as he is the head - that while he extends Eid greetings to people and talks about the spirit of Eid and Islam in a very reverent manner, why are the Muslims of Kashmir prevented from offering Eid prayers at Eidgah, or even at the Jama Masjid? What is the reason? The authorities should spell out their fears and apprehensions if that is what prevents them - or is it to punish Kashmiris?" he asked.

"The reality is that oppressive measures are very much in place and the so-called narrative of normalcy post abrogation of 370 is a myth. There is no political or administrative space available to the people of Jammu and Kashmir-it is shrinking by the day," Mirwaiz said.

He also hit out at the Omar Abdullah-led elected government claiming that so far, they have failed to stand up and safeguard the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Andrabi chairs Professionals Meet at Anantnag



JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

BJP National Executive Member, Minister of State & Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi chaired the meeting with the Community of Professionals at Anantnag in connection with the celebration of "Elevan Years of Excellence of Shri Narendra Modi Ji Led Government". This important & fruitful interactive session was organised by BJP District Anantnag. Senior party leaders were present on the occasion. Dr Andrabi thanked the professionals from different walks of life for their appreciation of the schemes and programmes of Narendra Modi led government which resulted in a huge transformation of our society at the grassroots throughout the country. In her address, BJP National Executive Member said that now

India was recognised globally for many specializations. "Boost to innovation and technology reshaped India's destiny. India is the new global hub of start ups, mobile manufacturing, auto industry, defense equipment, pharma industry and many more", said Dr Andrabi. She said that past eleven years of the government at the Centre has not only established the record of being corruption and scam free but also is known for very bold decisions in the interest of the nation. "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas has ensured holistic growth and development of the nation. Inclusivity and transparency are the characteristics on which this government made India a global economic and political power", said Darakhshan. BJP leaders Sofi Yousuf, Rafiq Ahmad Malik, Rakesh Bhat and others were also present on the occasion.

Arrangements for celebration of International Yoga day discussed in Udhampur



JINNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 13

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai today convened a meeting of officers of line departments to discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements for the smooth celebration of International Yoga day here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur. Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, PO Poshan, Subash Dogra, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umesh Shan, Chief Planning

Officer, Mohd Iqbal and other officers attended the meeting.

Threadbare discussions were held to finalize various arrangements related to the venue of event, participants, stage, refreshment, publicity, parking, security and other necessary requirements. The DC directed the concerned departments to start the execution of respective responsibilities well in advance. She called for inter-departmental coordination and stressed on ensuring mass participation to make the event a grand success.

Mohammad Alyas Khan takes over as DC Ramban



JINNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, JUNE 13

Mohammad Alyas Khan today formally took over as the new Deputy Commissioner of Ramban, succeeding Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary (IAS), who handed over responsibilities to the former here at the DC Office Complex. On his arrival, the new Deputy Commis-

sioner was warmly welcomed by district officers led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak. Senior officers from line departments were also present.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various sections of the DC Office Complex and interacted with officers and staff.

Road safety enforcement drive conducted in Rajouri; violators booked



JINNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, JUNE 13

The Motor Vehicle Department Rajouri conducted an intensive road checking drive here at Panja Chowk and adjoining areas.

The enforcement drive was carried out in the wee hours by MVI, Rahul Singh and other officials of under the supervision of ARTO Rajesh Gupta.

During the drive, 100 vehicles were checked of

which 17 were e-challaned for different violations, with an expected penalty amounting to Rs. 42,000 (Forty-two thousand only). In addition, 6 e-Autos found being operated without valid driving licences were seized on the spot.

The Drive was conducted in line with the directions of Transport Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan and Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma.

Four Day Training on digitization of Jamabandis commences at Kishtwar



JINNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JUNE 13

A four-day hands-on training on the Digitization of Jamabandis was inaugurated today by Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Idrees Lone.

The training is being imparted to Junior Assistants, Patwaris and Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) of the district by 10 trained Master Trainers through Web-HALRIS Portal.

This initiative is a part

of the broader Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) and is expected to significantly enhance efficiency, transparency and accessibility in revenue record management.

The ACR encouraged the participants to take full advantage of the training to improve and update their skills. The training sessions are aimed at ensuring 100% digitization of Jamabandis in a time-bound and efficient manner.

GSI hosts Workshop on Landslide Challenges and Mitigation Measures in JK and Ladakh

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

The Geological Survey of India (GSI), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh unit, organized a one-day workshop on "Landslide Challenges and Mitigation Measures in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh" on Friday in Jammu.

The workshop aimed to address the increasing frequency and impact of landslides in the region, which is characterized by complex geological structures and vulnerable climatic conditions. The workshop highlighted that landslides pose significant threats to life, infrastructure and ecological balance that need a coordinated response and strategic planning on the part of different stakeholders.



The event witnessed participation from several institutions including the State Disaster Management Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Department JK, National Institute of Hydrology Jammu, Central University of Jammu, University of Jammu, University of Kashmir, Cluster University Jammu, Department of Geology

and Mining Jammu and the Central Ground Water Board Jammu. The workshop also featured insights from defense and law enforcement personnel. Brigadier Anuraj Tyagi of the Northern Command and Dr. Mohd Haseeb Mughal, DIG Traffic Police Department, shared practical challenges encountered

on the ground in landslide-prone zones.

Virtual attendees included representatives from GSI-GHRM Cell Kolkata, GSI State Units from Lucknow and Uttarakhand and GSI Srinagar Office. Officials from NHIDCL, CVVP and the Kiru-Kishtwar Hydro Project, along with academicians from various institutions across Jammu and Kashmir, also contributed to the proceedings.

The workshop was conducted under the chairmanship of Shri Rajinder Kumar, Additional Director General and Head of Department, Northern Region, GSI, Lucknow in the presence of Shri Sanjiv Kumar, Deputy Director General. The event was convened by Dr. P. S. Misra, Deputy Director

General, J&K and Ladakh, GSI, with valuable contributions from several retired senior officers of the organization. A key highlight of the event was a panel discussion focusing on landslide disaster management in the Ramban area of Jammu & Kashmir, encouraging open dialogue and sharing of best practices. Presentations by GSI experts and other stakeholders emphasized the role of scientific data, early warning systems and collaborative strategies in enhancing regional disaster management. As per the expert participants, this workshop was a crucial step for promoting inter-agency coordination and adopting evidence-based approaches to mitigate landslide risks in the Himalayan region.

Indian Army conducts Written Mock Test for Agniveer Recruitment Training at Khanetar, Poonch

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In a significant initiative to empower and prepare the youth of Jammu & Kashmir for a career in the armed forces, the Indian Army has been conducting a comprehensive Agniveer Recruitment Training programme. As part of this ongoing endeavour, Indian Army organized a Mock Written Test in Khanetar for aspiring candidates from Poonch District. This initiative, focused on readiness for the upcoming Common Entrance Exam, aims to instill confidence, discipline, and clarity among young aspirants.

The training programme includes structured physical training to assess basic fitness levels, followed by detailed modules covering



the recruitment procedure, examination patterns, and physical standards required for selection. The training also addresses prevalent myths and misconceptions regarding the Agniveer Scheme, ensuring that the youth are well-informed and mentally

prepared. With an enthusiastic response from the local community, this training initiative is proving to be a powerful platform for channelling the energy of the region's youth towards nation-building and a proud future in the Indian Army.

Congress concerned about power, water situation in Jammu region

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Congress has taken strong exception to the power and water situation in Jammu region, during the worst heat wave and criticised the statement of Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar regarding power situation in J&K.

In a statement jkpc has expressed grave concern over the frequent unscheduled power cuts in this scorching heat causing lot of hardships to the people especially aged, infirm and children.

The frequent power cuts and low voltage has severely affected the water supply in Urban and rural areas of most parts of Jammu province.

Party has said that people opposed installation of smart meters but were forcibly installed on the assurance of 24 hours uninterrupted power supply, however the experience of the people has proved worst. People of the region are paying from their noose the hefty bills of smart meters but in return facing the same situation during difficult period of heat wave.

The government befooled and lied to the power consumers and didn't fulfill its promise causing great resentment amongst people, with no solution to their plight JK-PCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said.

The statement of Union Power Minister yesterday has added salt

to the wounds of suffering people and realize how far the Minister is misled or befooling people by making false claims regarding power situation in J&K UT. Minister should order enquiry into the false information provided to him, as people are surprised over the ignorance of BJP Minister despite his party's huge mandate from the region.

The Party has also said that majority of BJP - RSS leaders are enjoying cool of Kashmir region and colder areas of Jammu region on full government facilities due to power at centre and proxy government here while their electorate are suffering heat, day and night. Such BJP leaders fail to apprise their

central leadership and ministers about the real situation and only visit for photo ops

The rural belts of Jammu province are reeling under acute water crisis and people have to pay a lot for getting tanker supplies but there are several areas which are non accessible to tanker services.

The water coverage figures of the government and Jal Shakti department are untrue and contrary to the claims of the government. Government should immediately press more tankers, tractor trollys to supply drinking water to the rural areas of Jammu region besides replacing old machinery & improving men and material for improving water supply.

J&K Students Association Writes to EAM Jaishankar, Seeks Urgent Evacuation of Kashmiri Students Amid Iran-Israel Escalation

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The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association has written to the Union Minister for External Affairs, Dr. S. Jaishankar, seeking urgent intervention for the evacuation of hundreds of Kashmiri students stranded in Iran amid the escalating conflict between Iran and Israel.

In a detailed letter, the Association expressed grave concern over the rapidly deteriorating security situation following Israeli airstrikes on Iran's nuclear infrastructure and the subsequent retaliatory missile and drone attacks by Iran. It stated that the region now stands on the brink

of a full-scale war, leaving students from Jammu and Kashmir terrified and vulnerable.

The volatile environment has left thousands of Indian students, the majority from the Kashmir Valley, exposed to immediate and serious danger. These students had traveled to Iran to pursue professional education, particularly MBBS degrees, attracted by the country's affordable academic infrastructure. Now, they find themselves caught in the midst of a conflict zone, fearing for their lives.

National Convener of the Association, Nasir Khuehami, said that several students are enrolled in universities located near military installations

and strategic sites, placing them at heightened risk. Many have reported hearing airstrike sirens, experiencing tremors, and observing increased military activity in their vicinity. Some are even based in cities where airstrikes have already occurred. The situation, he added, has deteriorated rapidly since last night, leaving students frightened and helpless.

Despite repeated attempts to reach out to the Indian Embassy in Tehran, students have received little clarity or reassurance. Families back home, especially in Kashmir, are extremely distressed and have been making desperate appeals for their children's safety, he said.

"Many students have told us, 'We are very scared. Our parents back home are extremely worried.' We are receiving a growing number of distress calls from families who are in tears, pleading for their children to be brought back safely. Every passing minute without information is unbearable for them," Khuehami said.

He urged the External Affairs Minister to take swift and proactive action. The Association called for the immediate establishment of direct communication channels between the Indian Embassy in Tehran and the students, along with the regular dissemination of verified safety advisories and emergency protocols.

VC, CU Jammu attends Akhil Bharatiya Prant Pramukh Baithak of BSM at Hyderabad

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JAMMU, JUNE 13

Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain who is also president of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prant of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal attended Akhil Bhartiya Prant Pramukh Baithak held at Hyderabad during 13-15 June 2025 along with other members of Prant committee. The Governor of Tripura, Shri N Indrasean Reddy, addressed the inaugural session of the Akhil Bharatiya Prant Pramukh Baithak as the Chief Guest who emphasized that for any nation to progress, technology and cultural values are equally important. The fivefold framework adopted by Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal comprising research, awareness, orientation, publication, and organization presents a relevant and holistic educational roadmap suited to Bharat's needs.

Prof Jain and his karyakarini members who attended the meet are, Prof Vandana Sharma, Dr Rajinder Singh charak, Prof Bharat bhushan, Prof suram Singh. The team is working consistently to make Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal emerge as a transformative force that



is leading the transition of education in Bharat from the colonial Macaulay model to a Bharat-centric approach. He expressed confidence that the twenty-first century belongs to Bharat and that the education sector will be central to the nation's emergence as a global leader in the coming decade.

On this occasion, Dr G Sathesh Reddy, former Chairman of DRDO, who was present as the Guest of Honour, said that Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal is playing a vital role in reshaping the education system of Bharat during this transformative phase led by science and technology. He underlined that technology is a key indicator of any nation's develop-

ment, and the foundation of technology lies in the strength of a nation's education system. Referring to Operation Sindoor, he stated that India has successfully demonstrated its technological capability on the global stage, and this has now become part of the global narrative.

In his welcome address, Dr Sachidanand Joshi, All-Bharatiya Adhyaksh of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, said that the organisation is actively engaged in mentoring the youth and preparing them as intellectual warriors for the cause of nation-building. He further stated that 70% suggestions of BSM have been duly incorporated in the NEP-2020. He remarked that without good teach-

ers, the vision of a well-developed society cannot be achieved. Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal is continuously engaged in orienting teachers through its various Anandshalas across the country.

It is noteworthy that the Akhil Bharatiya Prant Pramukh Baithak of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal is being held from 13 to 15 June at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad (Bhayanagar). A total of 274 participants from 11 regions of the country are participating in this meeting. The objective of the meeting is to review the activities carried out during the past year and to formulate a roadmap for future initiatives.

NSF flays JU for misusing Students' money, no roadmap for providing basic facilities to students

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JAMMU, JUNE 13

National Secular Forum (NSF) today strongly criticized the administration of Jammu University saying that students' money is being misused and demanded high level inquiry against Jammu University authorities from the JK Government.

While addressing the media person, NSF Secretary, Vikshay Vashist said that despite the scorching hot weather, the water coolers have not been provided in the university campus due to which students are facing problems of drinking water. Only one or two water coolers have been installed in the entire campus, which are inadequate to cope up with the drinking water requirement of the large number of students visiting campus daily.

He also said that the administration is not paying any attention to problems of students and money of students is being misused with impunity. He said that vehicles cannot enter the entire campus but the administration is not paying any attention to the issue. How can two-three autos deployed

meeting much away from Jammu University campus to Badharwah campus.

He further said that the undergraduate admissions in Distance Education Department have not been done yet and no attention is being paid to the problems of students, he claimed adding that in the last two years, there has been a decline in the admissions to PG Departments but No attention is being paid to address this burning issue of students, he added.

He further alleged that the Vice Chancellor is busy providing benefits to some blue eyed officials out of the way in the University in a desperate effort to save his chair while VC has no time to focus for providing basic facilities of the students.

He appealed to the Chief Minister and the Higher Education Minister that they should take cognizance of all these issues and the high level investigation should be ordered to probe the matter on priority basis. Among those who were present on the occasion include Gourav Partap Singh University unit president, Roshan Sharma, Abhishek uppal And Ankush.

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DPS Udhampur Student Shines at International Stage

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Miss Aaradhya Sharma, a talented student of Class XI (Medical Stream) at Delhi Public School, Udhampur, has brought immense pride to the nation and the UT of Jammu and Kashmir by winning the 1st prize and a Gold Medal in solo singing competition, at the 5th Mount Everest International Music and Dance Championship held recently at Kathmandu, Nepal.

Aaradhya's outstanding achievement is a testament to her exceptional talent, dedication, and hard work. Her victory has not only brought laurels to her school but also to the country and the state, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and artistic prowess of the region.

The school community congratulates Aaradhya on her remarkable achievement and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors. Dr JC Pro Vice Chairman DPS Udhampur congratulated Aradhya for her outstanding performance. Mr Vivek Gupta MD & Mrs Sucheta Gupta AD DPS Udhampur appreciated Aradhya and her parents for managing academics and co-curricular activities so well.

Indian Army conducts Expedition to Tololing Top as run up to 26th Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas

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In a solemn tribute to the gallant soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the historic Battle of Tololing in the Kargil War of 1999, the Indian Army's 'Forever in Operations Division' conducted a commemorative expedition to Tololing Peak on 11th June 2025. The expedition, flagged off from the revered Kargil War Memorial in Dras, paid homage to the unwavering spirit and supreme sacrifice of the soldiers who recaptured strategic heights from enemy force, marking a crucial turning point in the conflict.

A team of 30 brave soldiers from various units that actively participated



in the Battle of Tololing climbed the Tololing Peak and hoisted the Tricolour, paying tribute to bravehearts of Operation VIJAY. The Indian Air Force also extended its support to this endeavour and fielded Officers and Airmen for the said expedition, exemplifying the spirit of synergy and jointmanship that defines the Indian Armed Forces.

As the Nation looks up to 26th Anniversary

of Operation VIJAY, this expedition stands as a poignant reminder of the valour, patriotism and selfless service that epitomise the Indian Armed Forces.

This expedition is more than just an adventure, it is a journey of remembrance, reflection and reverence, aimed at inspiring future generations with the stories of courage and sacrifice that shaped the nation's history.

Induction of Urdu in Naib Tehsildar Exam unfair and intolerable: Arun Prabhat

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JAMMU, 13 JUNE 2025:

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) today held a massive Silent Protest March from the main gate of Jammu University to Dr BR Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu, in strong opposition to the Jammu and Kashmir Government's controversial decision to impose Urdu as a compulsory subject in the recently notified Naib Tehsildar recruitment examination.

Hundreds of BJYM youth workers alongwith aspirants from across the Jammu Province participated in the protest march, raising their voices against this discriminatory and regionally biased move. The protest march was marked by spirited slogans and placards, asserting the rights of



Jammu's youth to fair and equal access to public employment.

State President BJYM Jammu & Kashmir, Arun Prabhat, while addressing the gathering, lambasted the Omar Abdullah-led government for introducing a policy that sidelines youth from the Jammu region. "This imposition of Urdu is a deliberate attempt to exclude deserving candidates from Jammu. Such regional discrimination will not be

tolerated. We demand an immediate rollback," he stated.

This move is discriminatory, unjustified, and violates the principles of equality, inclusivity, and regional fairness in public sector employment.

The Naib Tehsildar post is open to candidates from all parts of Jammu and Kashmir. However, making Urdu a mandatory qualifying criterion disadvantages aspirants from the Jammu region—most of whom

study in Hindi, Dogri, or English and do not have Urdu as their medium of instruction. This is not only exclusionary but also deprives capable candidates of a fair chance at government employment.

This decision amounts to linguistic imposition and systemic bias, and stands in violation of the Constitution of India, which guarantees equal opportunity in employment and freedom from language-based discrimination.

Moreover, the role of a Naib Tehsildar demands effective interaction with local populations. In most parts of Jammu, the working language is not Urdu. Therefore, proficiency in regional languages such as Dogri, Hindi, or English is more relevant for governance at the grassroots level.

CUJ inaugurates 7 days stock market training and financial literacy program for students

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JAMMU, JUNE 13

The Department of Commerce, School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu, in collaboration with Zerodha Varsity, inaugurated the transformative "Stock Market Training and Financial Literacy Program for the Nxt-Gen Investor" on June 13, 2025.

Organized under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) K. S. Chandrasekar and esteemed guidance of Dr. Vishal Sharma, Dean, School of Social Sciences, the program is a major initiative aimed at equipping students with crucial financial knowledge and investment skills essential in today's rapidly evolving economic environment.

Offered free of cost to all students of the university, the program emphasizes financial literacy as a vital life skill. Spanning over 25 hours of live interactive sessions, the program covers comprehensive modules on stock market fundamentals, personal finance, technical analysis, and fundamental analysis. These sessions will be conducted by industry experts and delivered online.

The inaugural session was graced by faculty members, industry professionals, and over 85 students from various schools and colleges affiliated with the university, demonstrating keen interest in enhancing their financial acumen.

The keynote address, delivered by Mr. Salman, Resource person from Zerodha Varsity, focused on the core principles of personal finance and investment, stressing the importance of early financial planning and informed decision-making.

Grand Launch of All-New TATA ALTROZ held at AM TATA Jammu

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JAMMU, JUNE 13

AM TATA proudly hosted the grand launch of the all-new TATA ALTROZ, India's premium hatchback that blends bold design, cutting-edge technology, and uncompromised safety. The launch event took place at the brand's flagship showroom on NH-44 By-Pass Road, Opposite Radisson Blu, Narwal, Jammu, from 4:00 PM onwards, and marked a new chapter in driving sophistication under the theme "Feel Special."

The ceremony was graced by Mr. Farooq Qaiser, JKPS, Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic), City Jammu, as Chief Guest, whose presence lent great honour to the occasion and reflected the growing trust



in homegrown automotive excellence.

The event was led by the leadership of the AM Group, including Chairman Mr. Jatinder Gupta, Managing Director Mr. Sanjay Mahajan, Directors Mr. Ankur Mahajan, Mr. Tarun Malhotra, Mr. Akshay Mahajan, Mr. Aryan Mahajan, Ms. Sahira Mahajan, and Mrs. Sharmila Mahajan, whose vision con-

tinues to drive AM TATA's growth and customer-centric innovation in the region.

The all-new TATA ALTROZ, with its 5-star Global NCAP safety rating, iRA connected car features, premium interiors, and striking laser-cut alloys, represents the perfect balance of style and substance for today's discerning Indian

driver. It is designed to deliver superior comfort, dynamic performance, and next-gen connectivity.

Speaking at the event, Chairman Mr. Jatinder Gupta said:

"The ALTROZ is a bold statement of Tata Motors' commitment to building safer, smarter, and more stylish vehicles. We're proud to present this remarkable car to the people of Jammu, and we're confident it will redefine the premium hatchback experience."

The event witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of media, auto enthusiasts, families, and dignitaries, all eager to experience the ALTROZ through exclusive demonstrations, test rides, and a premium hospitality experience curated by the AM TATA team.

NSF hails record 22 Sikh MPs in Canada, mourns Giani Mohan Singh Ji's passing

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

The National Sikh Front (NSF) hails the unprecedented election of 22 Punjabi-origin candidates, predominantly Sikhs, in Canada's April 28, 2025, federal elections, marking a milestone for the diaspora's political clout. Concurrently, NSF mourns the loss of Singh Sahib Giani Mohan Singh Ji, former Head Granthi of Sri Harmandir Sahib, who passed away on May 11, 2025.

The 2025 elections saw a record-breaking 22 Punjabi MPs elected to Canada's House of Commons, surpassing previous highs of 20 in 2019 and 18 in 2021. The cohort includes six turbaned Sikh men and six women, representing diverse constituencies across Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, and



Manitoba. Standout victors include Liberal MPs Anita Anand (Oakville East), Bardish Chagger (Waterloo), and Sukh Dhaliwal (Surrey Newton), alongside Conservatives Jasraj Hallan (Calgary East) and Amarjeet Gill (Brampton West). Brampton alone secured five Punjabi seats.

"The triumph of these 22 leaders embodies the Sikh ethos of seva and chardi kala," said NSF Chairman S. Varinderjeet Singh. "From trailblazing entrepreneurs to agricultural and logistics pioneers, Punjabis have

earned Canada's trust, and their political ascent amplifies our voice in this vibrant democracy."

The Sikh community's economic contributions—spanning real estate, technology, agriculture, and trucking—have fortified Canada's social and economic fabric, paving the way for this political breakthrough.

Amid the celebration, NSF grieves the passing of Giani Mohan Singh Ji, a revered figure whose spiritual guidance shaped the global Sikh Sangat. In a profound act of devotion, Giani Ji donated his entire property to Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar, exemplifying his lifelong commitment to selfless service. "His legacy of devotion will forever inspire us," Singh said, offering condolences and prayers for his eternal peace.

DGT and Shell India jointly launch Green Skills-focused EV training program to empower youth

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The Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with Shell India, has launched a Green Skills and Electric Vehicles (EV) training program aimed at equipping students and faculty with future-ready capabilities in green energy and e-mobility. This initiative will be implemented by Edunet Foundation, training partner of Shell, across select Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) in Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka on 12th June 2025.

Under the DGT-Shell India collaboration, green skill training will be delivered through a structured multi-tier model across select NSTIs and ITIs. In the first phase, the program includes a 240-hour advanced EV Technician course at 4 NSTIs, a 90-hour job-oriented EV skills course at 12 ITIs equipped with Shell-supported labs, and a 50-hour foundational green skills module at additional ITIs without physical labs. The curriculum, jointly developed by Shell, Edunet



Foundation, and DGT, covers EV systems, diagnostics, battery technology, digital tools, and safety protocols. The initiative also includes Training of Trainers (ToT) for over 250 instructors, certification co-branded by Shell and DGT, and structured placement support to enhance industry readiness.

A key highlight of the initiative is the establishment of specialised EV skill labs within select ITIs and NSTIs. These labs are designed to offer hands-on training and expert-led sessions aligned with industry standards. Beyond lab-based learning, the program also provides placement support and co-branded certifications

to successful participants, enhancing their employability in the green energy and EV sectors.

The Government of India has been actively advancing Green Energy and Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption in line with its net-zero ambitions. Flagship initiatives like the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme have played a pivotal role in accelerating EV uptake, enhancing infrastructure, and offering targeted incentives. Complementing these national efforts, states like Delhi, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu have introduced their own EV policies to fast-track the transition

to electric mobility, foster local ecosystems, and generate green jobs. These developments underscore the growing demand for a skilled workforce in the green energy and EV sectors.

As the apex national body for vocational training, DGT will play a crucial role in this initiative by mobilizing students and trainers and supporting the institutional ecosystem to ensure alignment with national education and skill development standards.

Speaking on the importance of this initiative, Minister of State (Independent Charge), MSDE and Minister of State for Education, Shri Jayant Chaudhary

said, "Our collaboration with Shell India reflects the government's deeper commitment to aligning skilling with sustainability. Green energy, electric mobility, and the broader climate transition are not just environmental imperatives—they represent a generational opportunity for India to lead through innovation, talent, and enterprise. This initiative is part of our larger vision to create a workforce that is not only job-ready, but climate-ready. We are equipping young Indians with the skills to shape—and not just participate in—the global green economy."

Director General, Directorate General of Training (DGT), MSDE, Smt. Trishaljit Sethi, stated, "This partnership with Shell India is a focused step in bringing cutting-edge training infrastructure and industry-relevant curriculum into our ITIs and NSTIs. By integrating Electric Vehicle technologies into vocational training, we are ensuring that our students gain hands-on experience aligned with real-world demand. With joint certification, trainer upskilling, and placement support built into the program, this initiative will significantly strengthen the employability of our

youth in the green mobility sector."

Speaking on the partnership, Chairperson, Shell Group of Companies in India & Senior Vice President, Shell Lubricants, Asia-Pacific, Mansi Madan Tripathy said, "At Shell, we aim to support local communities by enabling future employment opportunities. Equipping youth with green energy skills is an important step towards building a lower-carbon future. Through our collaboration with DGT and Edunet Foundation, we are providing students with practical and future-ready expertise in green energy and electric mobility. This initiative empowers young people to thrive in an evolving energy landscape and contribute towards India's net-zero ambitions."

This collaboration between DGT and Shell India is a robust move in preparing India's youth for careers in the future green economy. By offering a comprehensive curriculum, specialized labs, and industry support, the initiative will equip students with hands-on skills and certifications, enhancing their employability and positioning them to lead in a sustainable, innovation-driven future.

J&K: ACB arrests revenue official in bribery case



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Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau on Friday trapped and arrested a revenue official in a bribery case in Poonch district.

The official spokesman here said that the

ACB received a complaint where it was alleged that the complainant was in need of a revenue record, i.e., attested copies of the Khasra Girdwari of his land situated in Village Dhara, for which he had already applied via online mode on April 26, 2025, but Patwari Mohammad Jameel was demanding a bribe for providing the attested copies of the same.

Since the complainant didn't want to pay a bribe, he approached the Anti-Corruption Bureau to take legal action against the accused public servants under the law, he said.

The spokesman added

that on receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirmed the demand for a bribe by the public servant, and accordingly, a case was registered in Police Station ACB Rajouri, and an investigation was taken up.

During the course of the investigation, a trap team was constituted, and the team laid a successful trap, and the accused public servant was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe amount of Rs 5,000 from the complainant in the presence of independent witnesses.

The accused person was arrested on the spot by the ACB team after following due process of law, and subsequently, a search was also conducted in the residential house of the accused at Poonch.

Further investigation of the instant case is going on, said the spokesman.

Jewelry Stores in Jammu West area to stay closed from June 18-22: Lovekesh Gondi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

The Swarnkar Sangh Jammu West held a press conference today to inform the public about upcoming shop closures and advise customers to plan their purchases accordingly.

The press conference was led by Mr. Lovekesh Gondi, Additional General Secretary of Swarnkar Sangh Jammu Province, alongside Mr. Raj Kumar, Senior Vice President Jammu West, and Mr. Vimal Verma, Cashier.

The main objective of the press conference was to raise awareness among



customers regarding the Summer Vacation of jewelry shops. The Sangh urged the public to complete any necessary purchases either before June 18th or after June 22nd, as shops will remain closed during this

period. The emphasis was on customer convenience and preparedness.

We understand the importance of jewelry in the lives of our customers, especially during this time of year when many auspicious events and celebra-

tions take place," stated Mr. Lovekesh Gondi during the press briefing. "Our aim in holding this press conference well in advance is to empower our patrons with timely information, allowing them ample opportunity to complete their purchases without any inconvenience. We value our customers and their trust immensely.

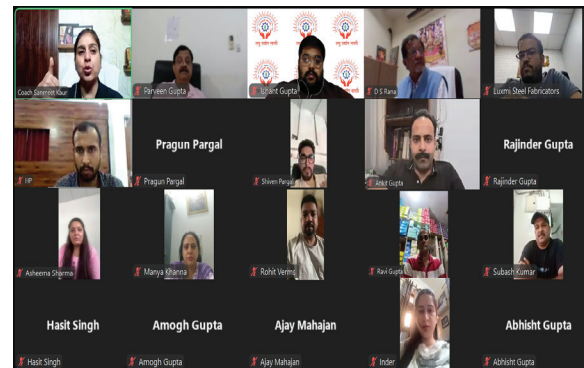
Mr. Lovekesh Gondi has appealed to all the shopkeepers in Jammu to keep their shops closed from the 18th to the 22nd and enjoy this vacation with their families, making these holidays a success.

Laghu Udyog Bharati J&K organizes Workshop on Business Growth with Sanmeet Kaur

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUN 13

Laghu Udyog Bharati, Jammu and Kashmir, organized a one-hour workshop titled "Business on Autopilot" for business owners and entrepreneurs who are members of Laghu Udyog Bharati in Jammu today. The session was conducted by well-known Business Coach Sanmeet Kaur, who is also a member of LUB Delhi and an Executive Member of LUB Delhi Mahila Ekai. The aim of the workshop was to help business owners build systems to grow their businesses without being stuck in daily operations.

The session was specially designed for those entrepreneurs who feel overburdened with routine work, face stagnant sales, team inefficiency, regular cash crunch, delayed payments, and



lack of systems. Sanmeet Kaur shared practical solutions to help businesses move to the next level, improve productivity, manage finances better, and create systems for smooth functioning. Her talk was filled with easy-to-understand tips and real-life examples that kept the participants engaged throughout. The workshop began with a warm welcome and introduction of the speaker by Parveen Pargal, State President of

Laghu Udyog Bharati J&K. He spoke about the need for such workshops and how they can benefit the local business community. He added that Laghu Udyog Bharati J&K remains committed to supporting local entrepreneurs by organizing such impactful learning sessions that promote growth and innovation in the industrial sector. The event was organized under his leadership along with Rajinder Gupta, State Senior Vice Presi-

dent, Ishant Gupta, State Vice President, and Pranav Gupta, State Treasurer.

Ishant Gupta, at the end of the session, delivered the vote of thanks and appreciated the powerful insights shared by the speaker. He encouraged members to implement the knowledge in their businesses to achieve real change. Several prominent members attended the event, including DS Rana, Deepak Gupta, Rohit Verma, Ankit Gupta, Manya Khanna, Asheema Sharma, Inder, Pragun Pargal, Shiven Pargal, Abhisht Gupta, Amogh Gupta, Hasit Singh, Ajay Mahajan, Alankrit, Ravi Gupta, Rahul, Subash Kumar, and others. The attendees found the session highly useful and relevant to the challenges they face in running their businesses.

Grand Reception for MP Khatana at Jammu Airport

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Er. Gulam Ali Khatana received a grand and enthusiastic welcome today upon his return to Jammu Airport, following his participation in a high-level diplomatic mission to brief foreign governments on Operation Sindoore-India's resolute and strategic counter-terrorism response to the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack, orchestrated by Pakistan-sponsored militants.

Er. Khatana was part of a prominent Indian parliamentary delegation led by Senior BJP leader and former Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, which visited major countries including the United Kingdom, Denmark, France, Germany, and Italy. The delegation engaged with foreign governments, think tanks, and members of the Indian diaspora, presenting India's firm stand against terrorism and showcasing the nation's unwavering commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty.

The delegation present-



ed conclusive evidence of Pakistan's direct involvement in nurturing and exporting terrorism across borders, specifically targeting Indian civilians and infrastructure. They called upon the international community to recognize the threat posed by such state-sponsored terrorism and to stand in solidarity with India in the global war against terror.

Er. Gulam Ali Khatana played a crucial role in conveying India's message, focusing on national security, human rights, and regional peace. His articulate and compelling presentations were lauded by various international stakeholders for their clarity, depth, and firm resolve.

Following the successful international outreach, MP Khatana returned to New Delhi and held a detailed

briefing with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, sharing insights from the delegation's interactions abroad and the encouraging support received from global partners.

Addressing the media at Jammu Airport, Er. Khatana stated:

"The international community stands with India in its fight against terrorism. Our message was clear—India will not tolerate cross-border terrorism, and the world must hold Pakistan accountable for its continued support to terror networks. Any act of terrorism by Pakistan against India will be considered an act of war and will be responded to adequately and appropriately."

The arrival of MP Khatana was marked by a grand reception organized by

enthusiastic BJP workers, local leaders, and supporters who gathered in large numbers to express their admiration and appreciation for his efforts on the global stage.

Prominent among those present were:

Ankit Gupta (State Media Incharge BJP), Pardeep ji (Protocol Incharge BJP), Charanjeet Singh Raina (Director, CCB), S. Paramjit Singh Raina (Ex-Corporator), S. Bhupinder Singh Polla, Er. J.P. Singh, S. Prithpal Singh, Sarpanch Bashir Ahmed, Farooq Ahmed Wani (Retd. Ranger), Mohd. Rafeeq (President ST Morcha), Chairman Naseem Ali, Ch. Noor Mohd., Mohd. Rafiq Khatana, Adv. Mohd Rayaz, Shahid Choudhary, Romesh Dutt, Soudagar ji, Ch. Ab Majeed, Ch. Hadayat, Darshan Singh (Transporter), and President Ravinder Singh Jamwal, among others.

The event not only marked a proud moment for the region but also reflected the growing support for India's firm foreign policy and counter-terrorism stance under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and the BJP.

People exhausted due to excessive power, water cuts, public reps become mute spectator: Shiv Sena

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

Despite installing smart meters and paying bills, people have to face hours of power cuts during the scorching heat. People are suffering from severe heat and power and water cuts, while the government and administration including the people's representatives of Jammu division are become mute spectator, stated by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit.



While briefing the media persons at the party's state central office, Sahni reminded the Lieutenant Governor of the promise of 24-hour power supply of Jammu-Kashmir and said that

despite installing smart meters, excessive power cuts are continuing.

Due to which the water supply is also getting affected. The excessive power cuts happening during the scorching

heat have made people miserable. He said that if this is the condition of electricity supply despite installation of smart meters and payment of bills on time, then the mind is scared thinking what will happen when the promise of free electricity will be fulfilled. Sahni also questioned on the BJP MLAs who won from Jammu division are sitting silently. Sahni appealed to the public to plant at least one tree. On this occasion Sanjeev Kohli, Raj Singh, Rohan Malwal were present.

JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E)

SHORT NOTICE TENDER

Fresh E-NIT No. 09 ELC of 2025-26 Dated: 12-06-2025

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu. The Executive Engineer, Electric Division, Municipal Corporation, Jammu is inviting online tenders on PERCENTAGE basis from registered class of Electrical contractors/Firm as per the prescribed format for the works shown here under.

S.No.	Description of Works /Items	Approx. Qty (in Nos)	Adv. Amount (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money 2% of advertised cost (in Rupees)	Completion time
1.	Repair/maintenance of Air Conditioner for the year 2025-26 installed in Town Hall Complex and at allied places of JMC (Ending March 2026)	AS per BOQ	1.95490 Lacs	300/-	3910/-	Ending March 2026

- The complete bidding process will be online.
 - The bid shall be uploaded in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> up to 18/06/2024 till 12:00 hours.
 - The bid received will be opened on 18/06/2024 up to 15.00 hrs same day or any other day convenient to the tender opening committee
- Documents required to be uploaded online for Technical Bid.**
- The Scanned copy of earnest money deposit @2% on advertised cost of work in shape of CDR/TDR/FDR pledge to Executive Engineer Electric, JMC.
 - Cost of bidding document in shape of e-Challan/Single Window Challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer Electric, JMC; JMC/tender fees receipt through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>.
 - Contractor registration card renewed for the current financial year i.e up to 31.12.2025.
 - Scanned copy GST Card and latest clearance certificate Form GST-3B.
 - Scanned copy of Pan Card.
 - Scanned copy of duly filled Annexure "A" and Annexure "B".
 - Note: Non Submission of any of the above documents online shall render the bidder as nonresponsive and his financial bid shall not be open

Sd/
Executive Engineer (E)
Municipal Corporation,
Jammu

DIP/J-806-P/25
Date: 13-6-25



Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the District Sheep Husbandry Officer- Udhampur
Mail: - dshoudh313@gmail.com Ph) No. 01992270401



Auction Notice

Through the medium of this notice, the general public is informed that Sheep Husbandry department District Udhampur is going to auction naturally grown green grass at the various departmental lands in District Udhampur as per the details shown below:

S.No	Location of the land	Jurisdiction	Date of auction	Time	Venue of auction
1	Sudhmahadev	SEC Sudhmahadev	19/06/2025	11 am	District Sheep Husbandry Office Complex Udhampur
2	Meer	SEC Meer	19/06/2025	12:00 noon	Sheep and Wool Development Office Ramnagar
3	Dudu	SEC Dudu	20/06/2025	11 am	
4	Majouri	SEC Majouri	20/06/2025	11.30 am	
5	Kaitha	SEC Kaitha	20/06/2025	12.00 noon	
6	Ramnagar	SEC Ramnagar	20/06/2025	12.30 pm	
7	Bari	SEC Larrana	20/06/2025	1.00 pm	
8	Birnoo	SEC NallahMallian	20/06/2025	1.30 pm	

Any person who is interested to participate in the auction proceed needs to visit the site of standing green grass prior to auction proceed and may contact the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon / Paravet of Sheep Husbandry Department of the concerned area. The auction shall be done at the above fixed venues, dates and time with the below mentioned conditions:

- That the auction proceeds shall be done under the supervision of the committee constituted for the purpose.
- That successful highest bidder during the auction proceed will have to deposit full amount of bid on spot to the committee.
- The bidder should be physically present at the venue of auction proceed and bid shall not be acceptable by virtual mode.
- That the said bidder will manage cutting of the standing grass with in shortest period from the date of auction and in no condition the bidder will be allowed to graze his or her animals in the standing grass.
- The department reserves the right to reject or accept the final bid without assigning any reason.

The date and time of auction may change subject to the weather conditions etc. and shall be communicated separately.

NOTE: FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT 01992-270401/ DSHO Office Udhampur/SDO Office Ramnagar.

(Dr. Farhat Bashir)

DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDR OFFICER
UDHAMPUR

DIP/J-2115/25
Date: 13-06-25

Kashmiri politicians, including CM and ex-CMs, slam global silence on Israel's attack on Iran

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13 (UND)

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and former CM Mehbooba Mufti on Friday strongly criticized the "silence" of global powers over Israel's attack on Iran, calling it a dangerous display of "double standards".

Omar said that as far as he knows, Iran did not give Israel any provocation to launch an attack.

"Israel went ahead on their own, calling it a pre-emptive attack, and waged war on a country. If the global powers remain silent on this, it will be truly unfortunate. What Israel has done is very similar to what Russia did to Ukraine," Omar told reporters in Srinagar.

Omar pointed out the hypocrisy in international responses.

"You raise your voice against Russia, launch campaigns. But when

Israel attacks Iran, America, Europe, and others remain silent. If it is wrong for one country to attack another, it should be wrong also when Israel attacks Iran," he said.

The Chief Minister said the Middle East conflict will, of course, escalate, and it will have an immediate impact on the people in the country.

"It (Iran-Israel conflict) will, of course, escalate and will have an immediate impact on us. It has an impact on our fuel prices. It has an impact on our stock market. It has an impact on the flights that have to fly to the West. But more than that, it has an impact on the sentiment of people," Omar said.

Earlier, in a post on X Chief Minister urged the Ministry of External Affairs to ensure the safety of Kashmiri students in Iran.

Israel on Friday launched a major attack

on Iran, including nuclear sites, killing several top figures. The attack triggered condemnation from several Kashmiri politicians.

National Conference President Farooq Abdullah strongly condemned the Israeli attack on Iran, saying it was condemnable and reprehensible.

"This attack undermines Iran's sovereignty and security and is a blatant violation of international laws and principles," Abdullah said.

Abdullah said that Israel is breaking all records of "oppression and brutality" in Palestine.

He also criticized the United Nations, stating that it has become a silent spectator of Israeli aggression and barbarism, and for the past one year and eight months, it has only issued statements regarding the continued bombings.

Former CM and PDP

President Mehbooba Mufti said that Israel's attack on Iran is yet another "brazen act by a state that appears to have gone rogue".

"The silence of the global community, particularly Western powers led by the United States, is both alarming and telling. This silence amounts to tacit approval," Mehbooba said in a post on X.

"In the case of India-Pakistan tensions, the U.S. never fails to assert that its intervention has been crucial in preventing escalation. Yet when it comes to Israel's relentless bombardment of Gaza or its latest strike on Iran, that same urgency is conspicuously missing," she said.

"These glaring double standards endanger global peace and stability. Equally disturbing is the deafening silence of the so-called Muslim countries, who remain shamelessly non-existent in the face of such grave injustice. Their inaction is not just disappointing, it's a betrayal of the very causes they claim to stand for," Mehbooba said.

Kashmir's Chief Clerk and Hurriyat Conference Chairman, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, said that it was distressing to know about the bombing of Iran by Israel.

"This is highly condemnable. While perpetuating genocide on hapless Palestinians and getting away with it, Israel is now putting the whole of the Middle East in peril. It has become a rogue state and a huge threat to world peace," Mirwaiz said.

"It is the moral duty of the UN and all world nations to put pressure on Israel to stop the genocide and war in Gaza and prevent Israel from targeting other nations. People of Jammu and Kashmir stand with Palestinians and Iranians against Israeli aggression on them, the Hurriyat Chief said.

Dr. R. K. Uppal receives TAOI's Prestigious "The Peacock Honour Award" for Excellence in Education and Research

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

The TAOI has proudly presented the Peacock Award to Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal, Principal of Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Giddarbaha, in recognition of his extraordinary dedication to education, research, and the betterment of society. Dr. Uppal's name is synonymous with excellence in academia and visionary leadership. With decades of service in higher education, he has played a transformative role in shaping modern



academic frameworks and bringing global attention to local challenges through his research. His scholarly work—spanning banking, e-governance, rural credit, and digital transformation in Indian banking—has earned him international recognition and multiple prestigious honors. Beyond the classroom and research journals, Dr. Uppal has actively worked to uplift marginal-

ized communities through knowledge-driven interventions. His contributions have inspired countless students, researchers, and educators across India and beyond. The Peacock Award serves as a fitting tribute to his lifelong commitment to academic distinction, innovation in education, and holistic societal development. Dr. Uppal continues to serve as a beacon of inspiration for the academic community and remains a leading voice in redefining the role of education in contemporary India. Dr. Uppal thanked the jury members.

Dr Shazad demands Judicial Probe after pregnant woman's death in Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

The Jammu & Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK BADC), a registered organization dedicated to the welfare of border residents and tribal communities across Jammu and Kashmir, expressed deep shock and anguish over the tragic death of a pregnant woman, allegedly due to medical negligence of medical staff of District Hospital Poonch last week.

The unfortunate demise of the lady has once again exposed the alarming state of healthcare infrastructure in the border district Poonch and its adjoining rural and hilly areas. Such incidents are not isolated but represent a systemic failure that has persisted for far too long, leaving the people of this region vulnerable and neglected, the organization alleged.

Dr Shazad Ahmed Malik



, the Chairman and former Vice Chancellor strongly demands a time-bound judicial probe into the circumstances that led to this loss of life. He stated "Only an independent, court-monitored investigation can bring out the facts, ensure transparency, and deliver justice to the affected family. We firmly believe that no innocent person should be punished, but those whose negligence or dereliction of duty resulted in this tragedy must be held accountable under the law".

The BADC Chairman asserted that the people

of Poonch deserve clarity, accountability, and above all, respect for their right to life and quality of healthcare.

He also raised serious concerns about the dismal state of medical facilities across Poonch district, especially in its blocks and tehsils. He pointed out that the border district suffers from acute shortages of qualified doctors, specialist staff, functioning medical equipment, and emergency response systems. Despite repeated pleas over the years, healthcare delivery remains far below acceptable standards.

Offering his condolences to the victim's family and relatives he said BADC stands in complete solidarity with the grieving families and the residents demanding justice. We urge the government to take immediate corrective measures to strengthen the healthcare system in border areas.

India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' concludes



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 14

The 17th edition of the India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT concluded today at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Defence Secretary, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh along with Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh, Director General Operational Logistics and Strategic Movement, attended the closing ceremony.

The Indian Army contingent, comprising 45 personnel predominantly from a battalion of the ARUNACHAL SCOUTS, actively participated in the two-week-long exercise. The focus of the joint training was to enhance interoperability between the Indian Army and the Mongolian Armed Forces while operating as a combined task force in semi-conventional scenarios in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under United Nations mandate.

Speaking at the Closing Ceremony, the Defence Secretary commended the professionalism, dedication and conduct of the Indian soldiers during Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT. He said that this

exercise is a testament to the enduring bond of friendship, mutual trust and shared cultural linkages between India and Mongolia. It served as a platform for meaningful military cooperation and demonstrate India's unwavering commitment to regional peace and stability. He further added that the Indian Army's contribution to such joint initiatives not only enhances operational readiness but also reinforces India's role as a responsible stakeholder in global peacekeeping efforts.

The Defence Secretary is also scheduled to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Multinational Joint Military Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2025 at the same location tomorrow, in which Indian Army contingent is also one of the participants. Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2025 will be conducted from 14th to 28th June 2025.

The conduct of Exercises NOMADIC ELEPHANT and KHAAN QUEST marks a significant milestone in India's expanding defence diplomacy and underscores the strategic importance of its partnership with Mongolia.

Arun Sharma, Raju Jandyal pay obesciance, special Abhishek Ceremony at Tirupathi Balaji Temple, Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

Today PSI PP Bawe Shri Arun Sharma Raju Jandyal MD Ganesh Enterprises, RC Subramaniam Supperident Balaji Temple Jammu, Sai Krishna Temple Inspector Pandit Amit Shukla And Ramesh Babu, Today paid obesciance at Tirupati Balaji temple Jammu and participated in the special abhishek of Tirupati. prayed for the welfare of the country. Every Friday the ceremony of abhishek of Lord Venkateswar is performed.

Arun Sharma expressed happiness over the temple said that it is a feeling of pleasure and proud that the Tirupati Balaji temple is established here for the people of Jammu. With this temple we are able to witness the culture of south India and this feeling is heavenly. He appealed people to visit the temple and pay obesciance here. He Said the dedication of Lord Ven-



kateswara temple would give a boost to spiritual tourism

Raju Jandyal Said overwhelmed to share with you all my divine experience at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple which is famous as Tirupati Balaji Temple located amid the scenic Shivalik forests in Majeen, situated in Jammu. I am requesting all Devotee,s who are unable to visit Andhra Pradesh, can come here and offer prayers to the Lord Venkateswara Swamy and seek blessings

Temple Inspector Sain Krishna, during a media interaction, appealed to

the residents of Jammu to take part in the grand celebration of the Annual Day (Varshikutsav) of Tirupati Balaji Temple, Jammu, on June 15. The event will begin at 9:00 AM to 12:30 special havan and puja ceremony and will continue till 12:30 PM. Following the religious rituals, a community langar will be organized for all devotees. Sai Krishna urged everyone to attend the event with their families and take blessings from Lord Venkateswara. The temple management has made all necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the event.

JU, Indian Army host sports camp at Bharderwah Campus

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13 (UND)

The Jammu University and the Indian Army are jointly hosting a ten-day Sports Camp being organised by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education at Bharderwah Campus in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was inaugurated by Colonel Yogesh Chouhan, Commanding Officer, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Major Kavinder was the Guest of Honour.

Addressing the gathering, Col. Yogesh Chouhan laid special emphasis on the role of youth in nation-building.

He encouraged students to adopt discipline, physical fitness, and a sense of responsibility towards society, drawing parallels between sportsmanship and patriotic values.

He lauded the spirit of collaboration between

the Indian Army and academia in nurturing young minds and building stronger communities in the region.

The camp aims to promote a culture of physical well-being, teamwork, and leadership among the youth of the region.

Over the next ten days, a wide range of activities, including adventure sports, athletic competitions, co-curricular events, and leadership-building exercises, will be conducted.

This initiative is a testimony to the Indian Army's unwavering commitment towards youth engagement and constructive community outreach under Operation Sadbhavna, said an official.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, presented the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the Indian Army for their continued

support in youth development.

He emphasized that such collaborations not only promote sports but also instill a spirit of discipline, teamwork, and national pride among young participants.

Arif Haleem Khateeb, External Relations Officer of Bharderwah Campus, also addressed the gathering.

He highlighted the importance of institutional collaboration in creating a well-rounded and resilient generation through platforms that blend sports, education, and civic responsibility.

Students from the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, along with students from various educational institutions across the region, enthusiastically participated in the inaugural event, reflecting the positive response and excitement surrounding the camp.

GDC Ramgarh Hosts Preamble Reading Ceremony to Promote Constitutional Values

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 14

Government Degree College, Ramgarh, organized a special event under the tagline "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimani" with great enthusiasm and national pride, under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college. The programme aimed to honor the adoption of the Indian Constitution and

to foster a deep sense of constitutional awareness among students and staff.

The central highlight of the event was the collective reading of the Preamble, which served as a reaffirmation of the core constitutional values of Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. Students and faculty participated actively, reflecting their commitment to upholding the ideals enshrined in the Constitution.

Ritika pays candlelight tribute to victims of Ahmedabad Plane crash

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 13

Ritika Trehan, Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT, Member Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Government of J&K, Friday paid heartfelt candlelight tributes to the victims of the devastating Ahmedabad plane crash. Several prominent personalities joined her in this solemn gesture who came together to pay their respects to the departed souls. The candlelight tribute was a poignant moment of silence and reflection, honoring the memories of those who lost their lives in the tragic incident. The event served as a testament to the solidarity and compassion of the community, coming together in a moment of grief.

Ritika Trehan in her condolence message expressed her deepest



condolences to the families of the victims, describing the tragedy as "heartbreaking" and "horrifying." She expressed her deep shock and sorrow over the incident, extending her thoughts and prayers to those affected. She emphasized the importance of standing together in times of tragedy, offering support to the families of the victims.

Ritika Trehan's heartfelt prayer for the departed souls and their families reflects her deep empathy and compassion. She sought divine peace for the deceased and strength for

their loved ones to cope with the irreparable loss. Her words conveyed a sense of shock and sadness, emphasizing the importance of preventing such tragedies in the future. Ritika prayed for the departed souls to find peace in heaven. She wished for the families to find the strength to bear their loss. Ritika expressed her hope that such devastating incidents would not occur in the future. Her message conveyed a sense of solidarity with the affected families and a deep sense of sorrow for the loss of innocent lives.

Police arrest drug peddler in Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUN 13

Continuing its drive against drug menace, Police in Kupwara Friday said to have arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

"A Police party of PS Kupwara at a checkpoint established at Gonipora Haihama, arrested a drug peddler identified as Nazir Ahmed Khan son of Momin Khan resident of Gonipora Haihama Kupwara," a police spokesman said in a statement issued

to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). During the search, a substantial quantity of Heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. Preliminary enquiry revealed that the accused was engaged in illicit drug trafficking, police said.

Drug Free J&K initiative

Srinagar admin organizes series of drug de-addiction awareness programmes

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

As part of ongoing Drug Free Jammu and Kashmir initiative, district administration Srinagar hosted a series of drug de-addiction awareness programmes in Shahr-e-Khaas areas and rural pockets of the district to sensitize people about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

The awareness programmes, held on the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, aimed to sensitize communities about the dangers of drug addiction and highlight Government schemes and benefits available to those affected.

These programmes were organized at Marriage



Halls of Munawarabad, Khanka-e-Mohalla and Khawaja Bazaar. The anti drug awareness programmes were also held at Government High School New Theed-A and Panchayat Office, Saidpora.

The events witnessed active participation from multiple departments, including Health, Police, Education, Social Welfare, Excise and Rural Development Department.

Experts from these

departments delivered informative sessions, shedding light on the issues surrounding drug addiction and the support systems in place to help individuals and families.

Rural Development and Education departments played a crucial role in the programmes, raising awareness among students about the risks and consequences of drug addiction. Additionally, counseling sessions were conducted

to support students and provide guidance on overcoming addiction.

During the programmes, awareness sessions on the risks and consequences of drug addiction were held and information regarding Government schemes and benefits for those struggling with addiction were highlighted in detail.

The awareness programmes underscored the commitment of local authorities to address the critical issue of drug addiction and promote community well-being. By engaging with the public and providing valuable information, the programmes also aimed to empower individuals and families to make informed decisions and seek support when needed.

Reasi Admin finalises arrangements for launch of 15-Day “Dharti Aaba Abhiyan”

JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, JUNE 13

The District Administration Reasi has finalized arrangements to launch a 15-day Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan from June 15 to June 30, 2025.

The campaign will begin with a district level launch event at Mahore on June 15 and soon after span across 44 selected tribal villages including 7 in Chassana Block, 5 in Mahore Block, 5 in Thuroo Block, 5 in Jij Bagli Block, 16 in Thakrakote Block, 3 in Pouni Block and 1 each in Bhomag, Reasi and Arnas Blocks.

In this regard, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sukhdev Singh Samyal chaired a meeting to finalize the preparations.

The campaign will fea-



ture delivery of services related to Aadhaar enrollment, issuance of Ayushman Bharat card, caste and domicile certificates and saturation of a host of other social welfare schemes.

To promote livelihood, the tribal community would be provided benefits of agriculture and allied sector schemes, access to drinking water supply through Har Ghar Nal Se Jal scheme, Electricity connections under Power sector schemes, besides offering health services, skill development training, provision of ration under food security schemes, creation of public assets under Rural Development

Department schemes, benefits under forest right Act and other tribal welfare programs.

The Block Development Officers (BDOs) will serve as campaign nodal officers and shoulder the responsibility of planning, organizing and documenting each event – including uploading of photographs and videos on the dedicated portal.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mahore was directed to make adequate arrangements for proper seating, uninterrupted power supply and provision for safe drinking water at the District Level Launch event. Banking institutions were instructed to facilitate

the opening of accounts for eligible individuals on the spot to facilitate direct benefit transfer under the schemes. The CMO Reasi was tasked with ensuring full coverage under health schemes, while agriculture and allied departments will raise awareness and facilitate registration under their respective initiatives.

All District Heads of Departments were instructed to ensure active participation from block and field-level officers to make certain that no tribal household or eligible beneficiary was denied the rightful entitlements.

The meeting was attended by ADC Rakesh Kumar, CPO Narinder Kumar, PO POSHAN Rakesh Kumar, DSWO and other senior officials. SDM Mahore joined the meeting virtually.

DC Ganderbal reviews Medical preparedness for SANJY-2025

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JUNE 13

In view of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatinder Kishore today convened a meeting here at DC Office, Ganderbal to review the medical preparedness in the district.

During the meeting, Chief Medical Officer briefed the chair about the status of healthcare arrangements being put in place along the yatra route. This included the deployment of medical staff, availability of medicines, ambulances, oxygen booths, and accommodation infrastructure for medical personnel.

It was informed that adequate Base Hospitals,



Medical Aid Camps, and Emergency Aid Centres have been established at identified locations, which are equipped with essential medical equipment, medicines, and trained medical and paramedical staff to ensure timely and efficient healthcare services during the Yatra period.

DC stressed the importance of ensuring complete readiness of all healthcare services well before the commence-

ment of the Yatra.

He emphasized the need for robust coordination among all medical teams deployed along the route to facilitate seamless medical care to the pilgrims. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Syed Fahim Bihari; Chief Medical Officer, Block Medical Officer Kangan, and other concerned officials of the Health department.

Health Society Budgam intensifies Tobacco control efforts

JNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, JUNE 13

A comprehensive enforcement and awareness drive under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, was conducted today in the

villages of Iskanderpora, Ichama, and Pirpora of Medical Block Beerwah.

The initiative aimed to curb public tobacco consumption and reinforce compliance with anti-tobacco laws.

The drive focused on

three key objectives vis a vis strict enforcement of Section 4 of COTPA (prohibiting smoking in public places), restricting tobacco sales near educational institutions (Section 6) and ensuring mandatory display of statutory warn-

ings at shops and public points.

Health teams on the occasion inspected markets, shops and public spaces, distributing awareness materials and counseling violators.

Three challans were

issued to individuals caught smoking in public, with fines levied as per COTPA provisions. Shopkeepers were sternly warned against unlicensed sales and non-compliance with signage rules.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana: Poonch administration plans to develop Solar Villages



JNEWS SERVICE
POONCH, JUNE 13

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today chaired a review meeting to assess the status of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district. The meeting focused on evaluating the progress of the scheme, identifying bottlenecks and devising strategies to ensure timely implementation.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to launch a mass awareness campaign to educate the general public about the scheme's benefits and simplify the registration process to maximize public participation.

Highlighting the importance of coordinated efforts, the DC instructed the power department, banks and vendors to work

in close synergy to resolve any technical, financial or procedural issues being faced by the applicants. He emphasized that timely approvals, hassle free processing and handholding of beneficiaries are crucial for the success of the scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the stakeholders to continue to work with dedication to achieve 100% coverage under the scheme, contributing towards the broader goal of promoting clean, affordable and sustainable energy.

The meeting was attended by Superintending Engineer JPDC, ADDC, Executive Engineer JPDC, AEEs, JEs, AEE STD, JEs & Technicians, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Lead District Manager J&K Bank, I/c Draba Grid Station with JEs & Technician

staff, I/c Grid Chandak and all empanelled vendors of Surya Ghar Yojana for District Poonch.

Later, Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting of the District Level implementation Committee for the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana to discuss the selection of villages to be developed as Solar Villages.

The Committee recommended the villages as per the set parameters and the meeting decided to roll out the final list shall after completion of the due procedure.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of the Solar Villages initiative in promoting clean energy, reducing dependence on conventional power sources, and bringing long term socio economic benefits to rural areas.

ANTI MALARIA MONTH : 1ST – 30TH JUNE

India is committed to the goal of “Zero Malaria by 2027”

Malaria is caused by Plasmodium parasite transmitted through the bite of infected female Anopheles Mosquito

MALARIA

- ❖ Malaria is caused by Plasmodium parasite.
- ❖ The parasite is transmitted to the human body through the bite of an infected female Anopheles mosquito.
- ❖ In the Human body the parasite multiplies and causes destruction of the Red Blood Cells.
- ❖ 10 to 14 days after the bite by an infected female mosquito, person develops Fever, Headache, Vomiting and other Flu like symptoms.

PREVENTION

- ❖ Keep surroundings free of stagnant water.
- ❖ Cover all water containers and frequently change the water.
- ❖ Discard all Junk items holding water such as tins/cans/tyres bottles etc.
- ❖ Use mosquito net while sleeping.
- ❖ Wear clothes covering full body.
- ❖ Use mosquito repellents (creams /sprays/mats/coils)
- ❖ Use netted Mosquito screen for doors/windows.

“Early Diagnosis & Complete Treatment” is the key for effective management of Malaria

Free Blood test for Diagnosis & Free treatment for Malaria are available at all Govt. Health Institutions.



STATE MALARIOLOGIST/
PROGRAMME OFFICER NVBDCP, J&K.
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES,
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Date: 13-6-24