

JAMMU

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Accident just happened right in front of me at the damaged road near BJP office Trikuta Nagar. The current condition of this road patch is a literal death trap for commuters. Requesting urgent assistance and immediate repair work. #Jammu @dmjammuofficial @JmuKmrPolice

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No need to worry—there is no shortage of LPG in J&K. Adequate stock is available to meet everyone's needs. Citizens are advised to stay calm, avoid panic booking, and rely only on official information. Book your LPG refills through authorized channels and help ensure smooth and timely delivery for all.

APOLLO:
On this day in 1970; Apollo 13 was launched to Moon; unable to land, returns in 6 days.

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FOREST AREA:
In the entire Samba district of Jammu division, 19,589 hectare is the total forest area.

COMPULSORY SOUND HORN
There are some conditions when blowing horn becomes compulsory. While maneuvering a blind turns especially in hilly roads blowing horn before turn is one of the safety measure. So whenever you see this sign blow horn to let oncoming traffic know your presence on road.

Police solve Burglary case, arrest 2 accused

JAMMU: Jammu (Rural) Police have solved a burglary case registered at Police Station Domana on 9.04.2026 under FIR No. 77/2026 U/S 331(4)/305 BNS. The incident occurred within the jurisdiction of Police Post Chinore.

During investigation, a team led by IC PP Chinore, through sustained efforts, apprehended two accused persons:

Ifham Bilal S/o Bilal Bhat R/o Harnag Anantnag A/P Bagani Talab, Raipur Domana
Saabar Hussain S/o Khadam Hussain R/o Kangar Kot Bhalwal.

During interrogation, both accused confessed to the crime. On their disclosure, stolen property comprising 7 gas cylinders and 01 battery was recovered.

Further investigation is underway.

Jammu Police remains committed to maintaining law & order and protecting public property.

'Suspicious' person detained at security force formation in Jmu

JAMMU: Security forces on Thursday detained a "suspicious" person at an Army formation in Jammu and a probe into his activities has been launched, official sources said.

"A suspicious individual has been detained. The matter is under investigation," a source said.

The sources added that further details are awaited.

Reports, however, claimed that a driver of a van belonging to an Army Public School near the Sunjwa formation was found to have three Pakistani contacts on his mobile phone.

J&K Resident Commission's Samuhik Charcha fuels professional growth during Sadhana Saptah



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NEW DELHI: The Resident Commission of the Jammu and Kashmir government organized a "samuhik charcha" as part of the Sadhana Saptah observance, which was held from April 2 to April 8 with extension upto April 10, 2026.

The event was conducted in the Resident Commission office to review the activities related to the Karmayogi Portal.

The participation and response of the employees was encouraging which highlighted the success of the programme in promoting professional development and inter-departmental coordination.

The discussion included a structured review of the office's hourly progress with the employees

being informed about the key courses under the programme. It emphasized their significance for professional development and capacity building.

The samuhik charcha provided a platform for open interaction, wherein the officials shared their experiences and discussed various issues faced while accessing and undertaking the courses.

These issues were suitably addressed and the individual concerns were resolved on a one-to-one basis to ensure smooth participation.

The initiative aimed at enhancing awareness, promoting active engagement and enabling the employees to derive maximum benefit from the learning modules available on the Karmayogi Portal.

Govt committed to equitable development of Jammu, Srinagar cities: Deputy Chief Minister

Meets delegations; assesses key civic, development issues

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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, Friday reiterated the Government's firm commitment towards ensuring balanced and equitable development of both Jammu and Srinagar cities.

The Deputy Chief Minister made these remarks while interacting with various public and individual delegations at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

A delegation led by former MLC, Rattan Lal Gup-

ta, along with Tejinder Pal Singh (Aman) called on the Deputy Chief Minister and highlighted several issues and demands pertaining to the development of Jammu city.

Giving a patient hearing to the delegation, the Deputy Chief Minister assured that the Government is focused on holistic and robust development across all regions, with special emphasis on key urban centres like Jammu and Srinagar.

He stated that a series of progressive initiatives are

being undertaken, ranging from city beautification to creation and upgradation of essential infrastructure, including roads and civic amenities, aimed at enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.

The Deputy Chief Minister issued necessary directions to the concerned departments for prompt and effective redressal of issues impacting day-to-day life in the Jammu region.

During the interaction, several other delegations and individuals also met the



Deputy Chief Minister and raised concerns related to road and bridge construction, employment opportunities, industrial growth,

water supply, electricity, and other public welfare issues.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured that all genuine

issues raised by the delegations will be taken up with the respective departments for timely and appropriate resolution.

Chairman ICC Jammu chapter Rahul Sahai calls on LG Sinha

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JAMMU: Rahul Sahai, Chairman of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Jammu Chapter, Friday called on the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, and held a detailed and constructive interaction on a range of socio-economic and industrial issues concerning the Union Territory.

At the outset, Rahul Sahai expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor for his recent communication addressed to him, wherein he sought active participation and leadership of civil society in the implementation of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA).

Sahai appreciated the visionary appeal made by the Lieutenant Governor emphasizing community-driven efforts, Jan-Bhagidari, and the crucial role of social and religious institutions in combating drug abuse and ensuring a drug-free Jammu & Kashmir.

During the meeting, Sahai extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Lieutenant Governor for actively promoting and reviving the rich cultural and



spiritual heritage of Jammu. He particularly appreciated the recent visits and initiatives related to prominent religious sites such as Bawe Wali Mata Temple, Raghunath Temple, and Sukrala Mata program, which have been widely welcomed by the people of the region.

He also suggested that similar initiatives, including a visit to Tirupati, could further strengthen cultural exchange and spiritual tourism.

Sahai lauded the administration's strong stand against drug abuse and termed the ongoing an-

ti-drug initiatives as a significant and timely step. In line with the vision highlighted in the Lieutenant Governor's letter, he recommended the formation of an advisory committee comprising key stakeholders such as the Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners, and members of civil society to further strengthen and institutionalize these efforts.

Highlighting key industrial concerns, Sahai raised the issue of pending applications under NCSS, stating that delays have caused considerable stress among the industrial community. He expressed optimism that the upcoming industrial policy for local industry would address these concerns and provide much-needed clarity and relief.

Further, Sahai drew attention to several pending matters affecting industries, including the need for a comprehensive industrial local policy, resolution of issues related to Gair mumkin khad (land), and lease deed complications. He emphasized that timely resolution of these matters would significantly boost investor confidence and industrial growth in the Union Territory.

Underscoring the importance of inclusive governance, Sahai stressed that greater involvement of civil society in government programs and policymaking processes would enhance transparency, public participation, and the overall effectiveness of initiatives—echoing the Lieutenant Governor's call for collective societal responsibility.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with the Lieutenant Governor assuring continued support towards industrial growth and holistic development of Jammu & Kashmir.

Parl Standing Committee, delegations call on LG Sinha



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JAMMU: Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy, led by its Chairman Shrirang Appa Barne called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, today. The Committee is on a study visit to Jammu.

Shyamkumar Daulat Barve, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha; Javed Ali Khan, Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha and Officers of Lok Sabha Secretariat, Parliament of India were present during the interaction.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by Gaurav Gupta, BJP Spokesperson called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and thanked him for the remarkable transformation of the Tawi riverfront.

Subsequently, a delegation of Purmandal Uterbehni Teerth Seva Nyas also called on the Lieutenant Governor. Rahul Sahai, Chairman,

Indian Chamber of Commerce Jammu Chapter called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

S. Chandee Singh, International Para Athlete called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Chandee Singh for bringing laurels to J&K by winning Gold at the 4th National Para Taekwondo Championship. He also assured all possible support and assistance for his preparation for the upcoming Asian Championship.

A public delegation from Samba led by Yash Paul Kundal, former Minister called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Rajinder Premi, social activist and son of freedom fighter, social reformer and litterateur Sarwanand Kaul Premi called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and projected various welfare issues of Kashmiri Pandit community.

'Unfortunate': Farooq slams talks of Noble for Pak PM, Asim Munir amid US-Iran peace talks

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SRINAGAR: National Conference supremo Farooq Abdullah on Friday said it is "unfortunate" that someone is demanding a Nobel Peace Prize for brokering peace between the US and Iran, asserting that the cause of humanity is much bigger.

He was asked about the calls within Pakistan for the Nobel Peace Prize for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chief of Army

Staff Field Marshal Gen Asif Munir, and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

"One doesn't work for the Nobel Prize, one works for humanity. Those who demand the Nobel Prize, (it is) unfortunate.

There is a better cause than the Nobel Prize. (It is) the cause of humanity," Abdullah told reporters after offering Friday congregational prayers at Hazratbal shrine here.

Only 3 families return to Kashmir under Rs 1618 Crore UPA Migrant Package: RTI

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has outlined details of a rehabilitation package for Kashmiri migrants, including housing, employment, and financial assistance components, in response to a Right to Information (RTI) query, official documents show.

According to the reply issued by the Office of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants), the government had approved a package in 2009 for the return and rehabilitation of

Kashmiri migrants to the Valley, with a financial outlay of Rs 1,618.40 crore.

The RTI response states that the scheme includes multiple components such as housing assistance, transit accommodation, continuation of cash relief, scholarships for students, employment opportunities, assistance to agriculturists and horticulturists, and waiver of interest on loans.

Under the housing component, financial assistance of Rs 7.5 lakh has been disbursed for fully or partially damaged houses, while Rs

2 lakh is provision for dilapidated or unused houses. Additionally, Rs 7.5 lakh is provision for purchase or construction of houses in group housing societies for those who had sold their properties before the enactment of relevant legislation.

The document notes that only a limited number of families have opted for return to the Valley under the package so far. On employment, the government had targeted providing jobs to 6,000 unemployed migrant youth, out of which 5,880 appointments have been made, while the re-

maining posts are at various stages of recruitment.

Regarding transit accommodation, the reply states that 6,000 housing units are being constructed for Kashmiri migrant employees in the Valley. As of April 1, 2026, 4,118 units have been completed and 1,882 are under construction.

The government has also enacted legal provisions to safeguard migrant properties and prevent distress sales, designating District Magistrates as custodians of such properties, according to the document.

SSP prioritises tourist safety, communal harmony and security in Bhaderwah valley

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BHADERWAH/JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Kartik Shrotriya, on Friday said that maintaining peace and brotherhood and providing fool proof security to tourists, especially at high-altitude destinations of Bhaderwah valley, will be their first priority.

Shrotriya, who has recently taken over as the district police chief of Doda following a massive reshuffle of the police administration by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on April 2, laid focus on ensuring a safe environment for visitors, which is paramount to maintaining the region's hospitality and economic growth.

"I have specifically set two targets, especially for Bhaderwah, as I came from Anantnag, where I joined as ASP immediately after the Pahalgam terror attack. So tourist security, social coordination among locals and communal harmony should be maintained at any cost," Shrotriya told reporters here.

"When I joined Anantnag in the month of May, just one week after the



Pahalgam terror attack, it was painful to see the condition of locals there as they had lost their only source of livelihood generated from the arrival of tourists. So I hope such a situation doesn't arise anywhere in India again, especially in Jammu and Kashmir, be it due to communal discord or terrorism," he said.

Laying his focus on building a terror-free ecosystem, he further said, "So, I have promised to myself that

my focus should always remain on increasing business opportunities for tourism activities and for that I need your help and cooperation."

Urging people to make the beautiful Bhaderwah valley more attractive for visitors, he said, "It can happen only if you share inputs, information and truthful opinions regarding unscrupulous and anti-national elements in society, as there is no other way to keep our booming tourism industry going."

Govt to leverage Aadhaar Data Vault to ensure timely delivery of welfare benefits

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JAMMU: In a significant move towards strengthening digital governance and ensuring fiscal prudence, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has launched a Centralized Aadhaar Data Vault (ADV) to streamline public service delivery and enhance oversight of social security schemes across departments and financial institutions.

The decision was taken in a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, who underscored the transformative potential of the initiative and directed the concerned departments to identify and onboard additional government services that can be brought under the ambit of the Aadhaar Data Vault to maximize its impact and utility.

The meeting was also attended by ACS, Finance, Shailendra Kumar; MD, J&K Bank, Amitava Chatterjee; Commissioner Sec-

retary, Information and Planning Departments, R Alice Vaz; DG, E&S, Ather Hussain Qadri; Scientists from NIC (J&K Chapter); Representatives from SBI and other Banks along with senior officers from the PD&MD.

Importantly, the Chief Secretary urged the banks to leverage this platform to streamline insurance claim settlements under PMJJBY and PMSBY by enabling instant verification of death records, thereby facilitating timely disbursement of benefits to rightful nominees.

Simultaneously, he underscored on the necessity that the system should be utilised in automatically identifying cases where government benefits such as pensions, social security assistance, and rations under Public Distribution System (PDS) continue to be availed even after the death of beneficiaries, thereby plugging leakages and safeguarding public resources.