

JAMMU

@SMAltafBukhari
Deeply pained to hear about the drowning of two young boys in the Jhelum River at Bijbehara. My heartfelt sympathies go out to the bereaved families, particularly the parents who are enduring unimaginable pain. May the Almighty Allah grant them patience, resilience, and the strength to bear this irreparable loss.

@JmuKmrPolice
Provision for complaint through e-FIR under the new laws. Now digital evidence is also recognized as evidence as per the law.

AMBEDKAR JAYANTI
April 14 is celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti. It is the 135th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar who is founder of Constitution of India.

11
TEHSILS:
In entire Kathua district of Jammu division, 11 is the total number of Tehsils.

TRAFFIC SIGNS
CYCLE PROHIBITED
In order to ensure the safety of Cyclists, certain roads, which are meant for fast moving vehicles are prohibited for Cyclists. So the Cyclists should not use the roads where this sign has been installed.



Legislators call on Rana

JAMMU: Several legislators, delegations and individuals on Monday called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, here at Civil Secretariat, to apprise him of a wide range of public and sector-specific issues. Among those who met the Minister were legislators R. S. Pathania and Khurshid Ahmed. A delegation of Water Testing Laboratory employees, representatives of the JJM Contractors Association and other individuals raised their issues. During the interactions, the visiting legislators and delegations highlighted a range of pressing concerns, particularly those related to drinking water supply schemes, forest management issues and other matters of public importance affecting local communities.

Ex-Patwari convicted for one-year imprisonment

JAMMU: Hon'ble Special Judge, Anti-Corruption Court Srinagar, Shri Tasleem Arif, on Monday pronounced the judgment in case FIR No. 20/2007 of P/S VOK (now ACB). In the said case, the accused, Gulam Qadir Bhat (then Patwari Halqa Khushipora Zainkot), son of Mohammad Ismail Bhat, resident of Narparistan Fateh Kadal, Srinagar, has been sentenced to one year of imprisonment along with a fine of Rs10,000. The case, FIR No. 20/2007 under Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006 read with Section 161 RPC, was registered on 01-04-2007 at Police Station VOK (now ACB), Srinagar, on allegations that the said public servant had demanded and accepted a bribe of Rs 3,000 for implementing a mutation in favour of the complainant. During the course of the investigation conducted by Police Station VOK (now ACB), Srinagar, the charges against the accused public servant, namely Gulam Qadir Bhat, were proved beyond doubt through oral and documentary evidence on record. The charge sheet was presented by PS VOK on 29-02-2008 before the Hon'ble Anti-Corruption Court, Srinagar, for judicial determination. The accused has been sentenced under Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act to one year of imprisonment along with a fine of Rs10,000. On behalf of ACB Srinagar, the case was argued by Senior Prosecuting Officer Wajahat Jameel.

Dy CM inspects work on bridge project; emphasizes quality, timely completion

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JAMMU: The Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Monday inspected the ongoing construction work on Rs 7.42 crore bridge project being executed on the Satwari-R S Pura road at Meeran Sahib, Jammu. During the inspection, the Deputy Chief Minister reviewed the pace and quality of work being executed on the vital infrastructure project. He emphasised the importance of timely completion of the vital project while strictly adhering to the set quality parameters. Highlighting the significance of the bridge, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the project holds historical importance and will play a crucial role in ensuring seamless connectivity and improved accessibility for the people of the area. Interacting with the engineers and officials, he sought detailed information regarding the construction methods, quality of materials being used and overall progress achieved, so far. "We will closely monitor the project and conduct periodic inspections to ensure that the work is carried out as per the prescribed standards," asserted the Deputy CM.



The Deputy Chief Minister also reviewed the safety features of the bridge, including provision of a footpath for the pedestrians aimed at preventing accidents and enhancing public convenience. Chief Engineer R&B, Rajesh Kumar Agastam, SE and Executive Engineers and other senior officers accompanied the Deputy Chief Minister during the inspection. Earlier, the Deputy Chief Minister visited Sukh Sagar Bhawan Ashram at village Sikandarpur, Bisnah in Jammu and paid obeisance at the temple. He also interacted with the caretakers and reviewed the ongoing works, emphasising their timely completion and quality execution.

Under supervision of DIG Shiv Kumar, admin will become more stronger: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU: A courtesy meeting was held at the official residence of newly appointed DIG of the Udhampur-Reasi Range, IPS Shiv Kumar Sharma, by Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, in his honour. During the meeting, Shiv Kumar Sharma warmly welcomed Mahant Rohit Shastri by presenting him with a bouquet, reflecting his humble, simple, and gracious personality. On this occasion, on behalf of Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri presented a sacred image of Lord Mahakal to him, symbolizing faith, spiritual strength, and good wishes. In his statement, Mahant Rohit Shastri said that Shiv Kumar Sharma is a hardworking, honest, and duty-bound officer who, through his administrative experience and working style, has always set high standards of public service, transparency, and good governance. He expressed confidence that under his efficient leadership, law and order and public safety in the Udhampur-Reasi Range will gain new direction and strength, providing a safer environment for the general public. He further said that the role of the police administration is extremely important in maintaining peace, security, and harmony in society, and under the leadership of such dedicated officers, this responsibility can be carried out more effectively. In conclusion, Mahant Rohit Shastri extended his heartfelt congratulations to Shiv Kumar Sharma for this important responsibility and wished him a successful, inspiring, and bright tenure.



Research outcomes must be simplified for citizens to understand: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: Research outcomes must be presented in simple, easy-to-understand formats so that citizens can clearly see their relevance and impact, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said on Monday. To achieve this, the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) is developing an AI-based platform -- 'SARAL AI' -- that will convert complex technology and research work into simple language social media content, including podcasts and short videos, according to the minister. The ANRF aims to seed, grow and promote research and development, and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout universities, colleges, research institutions, and laboratories, he said. Singh made these comments during a review meeting on the



ANRF's progress and future roadmap. He was informed that to further expand outreach and visibility of Indian research, the foundation had launched the ANRF PMECRG Lightning Talk Series, providing a platform for researchers to share their work in concise and engaging formats. The ANRF has also launched multiple MAHA (Mission for Advancement in High Impact Areas) programmes, designed as large-scale, mission-driven initiatives to deliver high-impact outcomes in priority sectors. These programmes bring together academia, industry and government in a structured manner to accelerate research from the early technology readiness stage with clear national relevance.

Horti Directorate undertakes review of physical, financial achievements under Gol schemes

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JAMMU: A high-level review meeting of the Directorate of Horticulture, Jammu was convened on Monday in the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Horticulture, Jammu, under the chairmanship of Gul Sayed, Director Horticulture, Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Deputy director Central, Chief Horticulture Officers (CHOs), Chief Canning Instructor Jammu, Accounts officer In-charge Mega Fruit Plant Nursery Chakroi, Managers-cum-Chemists (MCCs), NRO and Farm Manager, ACHD Ramban. The primary objective of the meeting was to undertake a comprehensive review of the physical and financial achievements under major Government of India and Union Territory schemes including CAPEX, HADP (Holistic Agriculture Development Programme), CSS (Centrally Sponsored Schemes), JKCIIP (J&K Competitiveness Improvement Programme), NABARD, MIDH (Mission for Integrated Develop-



ment of Horticulture), and SAS-CI, for the financial year 2025-26. The meeting also took up the finalization of the Annual Action Plan (AAP) under CAPEX and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the financial year 2026-27. The meeting deliberated upon a wide range of critical administrative, financial, and operational matters pertaining to the Horticulture sector. The Director Horticulture, Jammu directed all field officers and CHOs to ensure strict compliance with pending data submissions, portal updates, and scheme targets within the stipulated timelines. He emphasized that non-submission of pending reports and delays in achieving scheme targets would be viewed seriously and appropriate action would be initiated against defaulting officers. The meeting was conducted in a structured manner and all officers were given specific timelines for compliance. The Directorate has reiterated its commitment to achieving the targets set under the various Central and UT-level schemes for the benefit of the horticulture community of Jammu & Kashmir.

Dir Info felicitates winners of Nasha Mukta Abhiyaan

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JAMMU: Director Information, Shreya Singhal on Monday felicitated the winners of the 'Talent Vista-Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition on Nasha Mukta Abhiyaan' at Media Complex here.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Information congratulated the winners and applauded all participants for their exceptional creativity and commitment towards the social cause. She emphasized that such awareness campaigns play a crucial role in sensitizing society, especially the younger generation, about the harmful effects of drug addiction and the need for collective efforts to eradicate this menace. The Director further reiterated the Administration's commitment to strengthening public outreach initiatives under the Nasha Mukta Abhiyaan. She encouraged the participants and young minds to continue participating in awareness-driven activities that contribute positively to society. The Director presented certificates and mementos to the winners for their creative efforts and meaningful contributions towards spreading awareness against drug abuse. Pertinently, the competition witnessed more than 3600 entries across Jammu and Kashmir. Sneha Devi from Dewan Devi Public School won in Slogan Writing while Priya Rathore from Udhampur achieved first rank in poster making competition. Information Officers Maheer Thakur and Alka Mishra were also present during the felicitation ceremony.



UFM Committee meet on April 16: JKBOSE

■ SAROOR

JAMMU: The Unfair Means Committee (UFM) of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) is scheduled to hold a meeting on April 16, 2026 to examine cases of alleged use of unfair means by certain candidates of Secondary School Examination (Class 10) and Higher Secondary Examination Part-II (Class 12), Annual Regular 2026 (Summer Zone), Jammu Division. The meeting would be chaired by the Joint Secretary Secrecy/UFM, Jammu Division and commence at 10:30 AM onwards here at the JKBOSE Office Rehari Colony.

Satish unveils Gen Zorawar Singh's bust, pays tributes on legend's birth anniversary

■ SAROOR

REASI: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and Transport, Satish Sharma, on Monday unveiled a commemorative bust of the legendary military commander General Zorawar Singh in Reasi, marking his birth anniversary with great reverence and patriotic fervour. The function was organized by the General Zorawar Singh Memorial Educational and Charitable Trust, drawing participation from senior officials of the district administration and the locals. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister paid glowing tributes to General Zorawar Singh, popularly known as the "Napoleon of the East," and hailed his extraordinary military acumen, courage and unmatched contribution to the nation. He emphasized that the life and legacy of such iconic figures serve as a guiding light for the future generations. "General Zorawar Singh's valour, strategic brilliance and indomitable spirit remain a source of inspiration for all. It is our collective responsibility to preserve and promote the legacy of such heroes so that the youth remain connected to their glorious past," the Minister said. Highlighting the role of educational and cultural institutions, Satish Sharma appreciated the efforts of the Trust in commemorating the General's contributions and fostering awareness among the younger generation about the region's rich history and heritage. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students and staff of various schools, who paid floral tributes and showcased deep respect for the historic icon. Chairman of the Trust, Devinder Singh Kaluria, along with Avtar Singh Jamwal and other members, reiterated their commitment towards promoting the values of courage, patriotism and sacrifice through continued educational and social initiatives. Later, the Minister visited the Sports Stadium in Reasi, where he interacted with the young football players and encouraged them to pursue sports with dedication and discipline. He reiterated the government's commitment to strengthen the sports infrastructure and provide greater opportunities for the youth to excel at national and international level.



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