

# JAMMU

**@JKNC**  
Honourable MLAs @sajjadshaheen, @arjunsinghraj, @AdvReyazkhan, Zaffar Choudhary attended the ongoing Provincial Level Lawyers' Sports Meet, organized by Jammu Bar Association. They held a cordial interaction with the lawyers & discussed important legal-administrative matters.



**@diragrijammu**

An intensive enforcement drive was conducted in District Samba. The drive aimed to ensure strict compliance with FCO & to curb irregularities in fertilizer distribution. During the drive, surprise inspections were carried out at various fertilizer outlets. @dirprk @



**TREATY:**

On this day in 1955, a military treaty was signed between the British government and Iraq.

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**CD BLOCKS:**  
In the entire Anantnag district of Kashmir division, 16 are the total CD Blocks.



**HORN PROHIBITED**

Excessive and unnecessary honking is treated as unruly behaviour in modern society. However there are silence zones where honking is completely prohibited like near hospitals, schools etc. This sign directs driver to respect the silence zone and not to use horn.



## 2 inter-district drug peddlers held with heroin in Udhampur

**JAMMU:** Police on Friday apprehended two inter-district drug peddlers and recovered heroin from their possession during checking in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said.

A police team, while conducting routine checking at a motor shed in Chenani, intercepted a Toyota Glanza that was on its way from Udhampur towards the Kashmir valley, they said.

During checking, four persons were found travelling in the vehicle. Upon conducting a personal search of the driver and co-driver, police recovered two transparent polybags containing heroin from two persons, officials noted, adding that the accused have been identified as Tawheed Ahmad Khan and Nayyeem Ahmad Akhoun from Kashmir.

In this connection, a case has been registered at Police Station Chenani under relevant Sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, police said.

## Power shutdown



**JAMMU:** Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jakhbar, Badala, Prithichack and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 05, 09 and 11 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Barnoti, Phlote, Mahichack and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 06 and 10 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Barnoti, Saktachak, Padyari and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 06 and 10 from 9 am to 3 pm.

# J&K clears over 1.05L grievances, achieves 88 per cent disposal rate

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**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir has recorded significant progress in public grievance redressal, with an overall disposal rate of 88 per cent on the JK Samadhan portal, an official spokesperson said.

The information was given at a high-level review chaired by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo and attended by all the administrative secretaries and deputy commissioners, the spokesperson said.

He said the data presented revealed that 1,20,554 grievances have been received cumulatively on the JK Samadhan platform, out of which 1,05,836 have been redressed or closed, while 14,718 remain under process.

The JK Samadhan system alone accounts for over 1.06 lakh grievances, with an impressive 90 per cent disposal rate, while grievances received through CPGRAMS have recorded a disposal rate of 75 per cent, the spokesman said.



He said district administrations have played a pivotal role in ensuring effective grievance redressal, with most districts achieving disposal rates above 90 per cent.

Districts such as Budgam, Doda and Kishtwar have reported disposal rates of 96 per cent, while Kathua, Ramban and Shopian stand at 94 per cent. Even high-volume districts like Srinagar and Jammu have maintained robust performance with disposal rates of 92 per cent and 88 per cent, respectively, the spokesperson said.

Across departments, he said a majority have demonstrated high efficiency in resolving grievances.

Key departments such as Finance and Higher Education have achieved disposal rates of above 95 per cent, while sectors including Jal Shakti, Transport, Labour and Employment, and Rural Development and Panchayati Raj have consistently maintained disposal levels above 90 per cent, the spokesperson said.

He said the review also highlighted that the JK Samadhan portal has achieved 71 per cent household coverage across the Union Territory, with districts like Ganderbal, Shopian and Kishtwar exceeding or nearing full coverage.

However, urban districts such as Srinagar and Jammu were identified as requiring enhanced outreach to improve citizen registration, the spokesman said.

In terms of responsiveness, he said the average time taken for grievance redressal across districts ranged between 11 to 18 days, reflecting a relatively efficient system, although certain departments were advised to

expedite disposal timelines.

Special focus is also being given to urgent grievances, with 860 such cases received since December 2025, and proactive follow-up ensured through direct engagement with complainants and nodal officers, he said.

Citizen feedback on the portal indicates encouraging trends, with a majority of respondents rating their experience as "good" or "excellent" and expressing willingness to use the platform again.

The government has recently introduced a simplified feedback mechanism to better assess citizen satisfaction and improve service delivery, the spokesman said.

He said the Department of Public Grievances is continuously working to enhance the robustness of the JK Samadhan portal, having identified 109 action points for system improvement since February 2026, of which a majority have already been addressed in coordination with BISAG-N.

## Cyber Police acts tough on fraudsters; several held, huge recoveries made

**JAMMU:** The Cyber Police Station Jammu under the leadership of SP Ops Jammu, Kameshwar Puri, JKPS Incharge Cyber Police Station assisted by DySP Rohit Chadgal, JKPS and his team demonstrated significant progress by engaging in high-intensity, coordinated crackdowns against organized cyber fraud networks, resulting in multiple arrests across state lines and the recovery of millions in fraudulent funds during the first quarter of 2026.

A total of 6 cases and 1916 complaints were received during the first quarter of which 11 cases (including backlog) and 1259 complaints were disposed of besides saving an amount of Rs. 3,51,76,914 siphoned off by the fraudsters in such cases. Five accused belonging to different states were arrested by way of concerted effort of the PS teams.

Multiple complaints received through grievances portal were also closed during such period. 42 missing mobile phones worth Rs. 8.4 lakh were also recovered during such period. 23 awareness programs were conducted to educate the public on cyber safety and 10 students from Central University underwent internship at the Cyber Police Station, Jammu gaining practical exposure to cyber policing.

There has been an exponential rise in cyber scams, specifically focusing on "Digital Arrests," AI-driven voice cloning, and investment frauds.

Citizens are urged to remain vigilant, as scammers are impersonating as Law Enforcement Agencies (Police, CBI, Customs, NCB) to create panic and steal money.

In case of any cyber fraud, immediately report to the national helpline 1930 within the "golden hour" to maximize chances of freezing the funds or file a complaint on the official government portal www.cybercrime.gov.in.

## ACB presents chargesheet against Naib Tehsildar, Patwari in trap case

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**JAMMU:** Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jammu & Kashmir, has presented a charge-sheet before the Hon'ble Court against two public servants, namely Altaf Hussain Khan, then Naib Tehsildar Uri, and Pardeep Kumar, Patwari Halqa Uri, for their involvement in a bribery/trap case FIR No 12-2024 of PS ACB Baramulla.

A complaint was received by ACB from a resident of Uri, District Baramulla, on 11.09.2023, alleging that he had purchased land measuring 10 marlas and constructed a house thereon. Owing to a dispute with the seller, the complainant approached the Tehsil office Uri for requisite revenue documents. It was alleged that the accused officials demanded a bribe of ₹10 lakh, which was subsequently negotiated to ₹1 lakh, in lieu of furnishing the required report/documents.

Unwilling to succumb to corrupt practices, the complainant approached Police Station ACB Baramulla with a written complaint seeking legal action. Upon verification, a case was registered, and a trap was laid. During the operation, accused Altaf Hussain Khan was caught red-handed

while demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹50,000 from the complainant. The tainted amount was recovered from his possession, and he was arrested on the spot. He was subsequently remanded to police/judicial custody by the Hon'ble Court from time to time.

Investigation into the matter has prima facie established the involvement of both accused officials, including the role of Patwari Pardeep Kumar, based on evidence collected during the course of investigation.

Upon completion of the investigation and after obtaining the requisite sanction for prosecution from the Government of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the ACB has today filed a charge-sheet (challan) against both accused under Section 7 and Section 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 read with Section 61 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), before the Hon'ble Special Judge, Anti-Corruption Court, Baramulla. The Court has fixed 02/05/2026 as the next date in the case. This is the 7th charge-sheet filed in the year 2026 by Police Station ACB Baramulla before the Special Judge, Anti-Corruption Court, Baramulla in different corruption cases.

## Sakeena dedicates 1.5 Tesla MRI facility to public at GMC Anantnag Inaugurates 3 Modular OTs, Virectomy Machine for eye surgeries

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**JAMMU:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo dedicated the state-of-the-art 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facility to the public at Government Medical College (GMC) on Friday. She also inaugurated three modular Operation Theatres (OTs) and Virectomy Machine in the Ophthalmology department of the Associated Hospital of GMC Anantnag.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister underlined that this significant development of establishing MRI facility at GMC Anantnag reflects the firm commitment of the Omar Abdullah-led Government to modernize healthcare services and ensure equitable access to advanced medical technologies for all sections of society.

"The Government is focused on transforming public healthcare by strengthening diagnostic capabilities at district and medical college levels. The commissioning of this MRI facility at GMC Anantnag will significantly enhance patient care and ensure timely diagnosis of patients closer to homes," the Minister stated.



Crediting Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah for the already functional Cath Lab at the GMC Anantnag, Sakeena Itoo said that this Cath Lab has turned a game-changer for saving the lives of people in South Kashmir districts as well as Pir Panchal region. "Earlier numerous patients referred from this hospital lost their lives as they couldn't reach Srinagar Hospitals in golden hour period, but due to functional Cath Lab now at this GMC people are receiving advanced treatment for cardiac issues here", she said.

She added that with the establishment of Cath Lab, in GMC Anantnag, cardiac care facilities have been boosted in entire South Kashmir.

The Minister highlighted that that improved and advanced diagnostic in-

rastructure forms a critical pillar of the Omar Abdullah led Government's broader healthcare reform agenda, aimed at reducing waiting times, improving treatment outcomes and enhancing overall service delivery across Jammu and Kashmir. Outlining other remarkable achievements made in the health sector of Anantnag district, Sakeena Itoo said that with the personal efforts of Chief Minister, the shifting of Paediatric section from Sherbagh hospital was made possible, adding that this was a long pending demand from people of this area. She also said that a Sarai has also been made functional in this GMC to provide housing and other facilities to the attendants during their stay in the hospital.

MLA Anantnag-West, Abdul Majeed Bhat (Larmi); MLA Rajpora, Ghulam

Mohi-ud-din Mir; MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi; MLA Zainapora, Showkat Ahmad Ganie; MLA Devsar, Peerzada Feroze Ahmad; Principal GMC Anantnag, Dr. Rukhsana Najeeb; Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Jehangir Bhakshi; HoDs of different faculties of GMC, Medical Superintendent, CMO Anantnag, other senior officers of district administration and large number of locals were also present on the occasion.

Calling doctors as life savers, the Minister said that the doctors and paramedics need to be more empathic towards patients, adding that public trust in Government Hospitals depends on conduct and compassion of doctors and paramedical staff.

The Minister also interacted with doctors, technicians, and hospital administrators, appreciating their efforts in improving healthcare services and urging them to maintain the highest standards of patient care and professionalism. She stressed the importance of optimal utilization and regular maintenance of advanced medical equipment to ensure uninterrupted services.

## India is in Goldilocks moment: ICICI Bank CEO

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**JAMMU:** ICICI Bank CEO Sandeep Bakhshi the other day said India is in a "Goldilocks moment" marked by robust economic growth and rising global confidence, reflecting a well-balanced and resilient economic environment.

He highlighted the transformative role of India's digital public infrastructure, including Aadhaar and UPI, in advancing financial inclusion, enhancing efficiency, and fostering innovation across sectors.

Bakhshi was addressing the ninth annual convocation of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu.

A total of 520 students were conferred degrees across programmes, including 289 students from the MBA programme, 77

from MBA (Hospital Administration & Healthcare Management), 31 from the Executive MBA programme, 123 from the Integrated Programme in Management (IPM), and 121 students from the 3rd IPM batch, 2023-2026, marking a proud moment for the institute and its stakeholders.

Also, a female scholar, Dimple, was awarded a PhD in Management in the area of Organizational Behaviour and Human Resources.

"India is currently in a Goldilocks moment, with strong economic growth, macroeconomic stability and rising global confidence coming together in a balanced and sustainable way," Bakhshi, who is also managing director of the bank, said.

Reflecting on the evolution of the banking industry, he noted the shift

from traditional models to technology-driven, data-centric systems built on the pillars of trust and sound governance.

Drawing from his extensive experience, he emphasized that while the country offers immense opportunities, sustained success depends on resilience, adaptability, and the right attitude.

He extended his appreciation to the institute, faculty, and families, and encouraged the graduates to contribute meaningfully to India's continued economic growth and global rise.

Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, Padma Shri Milind P Kamble said India's rise is not just about becoming a large economy, but about building strong industries, advancing AI literacy, and aligning education with national priorities.

## Rana lays foundation for Tawi embankment works

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**JAMMU:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology and Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, on Friday laid the foundation stone for two important flood protection projects along River Tawi aimed at strengthening the riverbanks and safeguarding vulnerable areas from future flood risks.

The projects included restoration of the earthen embankment on the left bank of River Tawi at Bikram Chowk upstream, allotted at a cost of Rs. 3.05 crore and scheduled for completion within six to nine months. The construction of damaged flood protection works on the right bank near Hari Singh Park has been allotted at a cost of Rs. 82 lakh and is expected to be completed within two years.

MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, Chief Engineer I&FC Manoj Gupta, officers from the Irrigation



& Flood Control Department, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department and other concerned agencies besides local representatives and residents were present on the occasion.

Speaking at the ceremony, Javed Rana said that these projects will significantly enhance the flood

resilience and protect critical infrastructure and residential areas from future risks.

Describing River Tawi as the pride of Jammu, he reiterated the commitment of the Omar Abdullah government to undertake all necessary measures for its protection and beautifica-

tion.

"The major river protection initiative along River Tawi underscores our unwavering commitment to flood mitigation and the protection of lives and livelihoods in the region. No effort will be spared to ensure the safety and well-being of every resi-

dent," he maintained.

The embankment restoration and bank protection works are designed to address the longstanding vulnerabilities in the river's flood management infrastructure. The proposed works included construction of crate revetments, strengthening of existing structures with concrete panels and necessary back-filling to stabilise the eroded sections.

The Minister emphasised that such projects form part of a broader strategy to modernise the flood control and water resource infrastructure across the Union Territory, complementing the ongoing efforts under Central and UT-level schemes.

He informed that all damages caused by the recent floods will be taken up on priority, with necessary restoration and protection works being planned to ensure timely relief and long-term resilience for the affected areas.