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The Revenue Department has initiated digitization of land records to make Jamabandi records online and easily accessible for the public through the JK Zameen Sudhar portal: <https://jkzameensudhar.jk.gov.in> Citizens are advised to verify their digitized land records and report any discrepancies through the portal or at grievance camps and nearby Revenue offices. This initiative will promote transparency, ease of access and accuracy in land records across Ramban district. #DigitalRamban #LandRecords #Jamabandi #RevenueDepartment #JKZameenSudhar



@ShopianPolice
Shopian Police attached property worth ₹1,43,90,000/- Crores linked to drug trafficking in Trenz Imamsahib under FIR 36/2023 of PS Imamsahib reinforcing strict action against narco networks and their illicit assets. #WarAgainstDrugs



SRINAGAR-MUZAFFARABAD BUS SERVICE FLAGGED OFF:
In a historic confidence-building measure, the first bus service between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad was inaugurated on 8 April, 2005, reconnecting families divided since 1947. The initiative followed a ceasefire along the Line of Control and marked a major step in India-Pakistan peace efforts.



FEMALE:
In entire union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, 70.1 is the percentage of Female population from age 6 years and above who ever attended school according to NFHS-5.



PEDESTRIANS PROHIBITED

This sign restricts the movement of pedestrian on road or the adjoining area. This could be lane for fast moving vehicles, highways etc. This could be installed at intersection where alternate crossing arrangements like underpass, foot over bridge etc are there for crossing the road.



CRPF Jawan killed as service rifle goes off

JAMMU: A CRPF jawan was killed when his service rifle went off inside a camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said.
Constable Abdul Gani, a resident of Samba, was on sentry duty when he suffered a fatal bullet injury from his own service weapon in Poonch town, the officials said.
They said the circumstances leading to the firing are under investigation, with preliminary findings not ruling out any possibility, including accidental discharge or suicide.
His colleagues rushed to the scene on hearing the gunshot and found him dead, the officials said.
Police have initiated inquest proceedings to ascertain the exact cause of the incident, the officials said.

Higher Education Dept carries massive plantation drive



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JAMMU: The Higher Education department carried out a massive plantation drive across Jammu and Kashmir in line with the Green Jammu and Kashmir Mission formally launched by Minister for Education Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo from Jammu.
In alignment with this vision, Directorate of Colleges rolled out a comprehensive action plan for implementation of the plantation drive across colleges in Jammu and Kashmir. Under this plan around 10,000 saplings were planned to be planted in around 145 colleges across Jammu and Kashmir with active institutional participation, identification of suitable plantation sites, monitoring mechanisms, and sustained maintenance of saplings to ensure long-term ecological benefits.
At Srinagar, Commissioner Secretary Higher Education department, Ram Niwas Sharma kick started the plantation drive from Amar Singh college here by planting saplings.
As part of the drive, Special Secretary, Higher Education, Shafiqat Iqbal and Director Colleges, Dr. Sheikh Aijaz Bashir planted the saplings at Government Degree College Bemina and Government Degree College Women, M.A Road Srinagar.
The approach adopted by the Higher Education department positioned colleges as core drivers of this initiative, linking environmental action with student engagement, thereby contributing to long-term ecological outcomes.
The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and institutional leadership, reinforcing a collective commitment towards environmental protection and sustainable development.

Dr Jitendra announces establishment of Doppler Weather Radar for Doda

Permanent Seismological Observatory for Kishtwar announced

EARTH NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU: Minister of State for PMO Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday announced the establishment of a Doppler Weather Radar for Doda to strengthen weather forecasting capabilities and enhance disaster preparedness in the region.
The Minister stated that the Doppler Weather Radar will enable accurate and real-time monitoring of weather conditions. This will improve early warning systems and support disaster management efforts in the district, he added.
Dr Jitendra Singh was chairing the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting along-side Member of Parliament Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo and MLA Doda West, Shakti Raj Parihar and the entire district administration at the DC Office Complex here to review the implementation and progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

(CSS) and key infrastructure projects in the district.
Dr Jitendra informed that the construction of the link road from Kalota to Humbal on National Highway-44 is to be taken up on priority being to improve connectivity and ease of transportation for the local population. He further stated that the road to the Mata Dedani Shrine is also being expedited, with directions issued to accelerate the pace of work to facilitate better access for devotees and promote religious tourism in the area. The Minister directed the authorities to repair the roads ridden with potholes at the earliest.
Dr Jitendra Singh also reviewed the status of infrastructure related to the medicinal and aromatic plants sector. During the meeting, Dr. Wahid, Technical Officer, J&K, Medicinal Plants Board, apprised that the Post Harvest Management Unit for Medicinal Plants at Kotli, comprising

a marketing mandi, storage godowns, and drying sheds for medicinal and aromatic plants, is yet to be fully operational due to shortage of manpower. Taking note of the issue, the Union Minister directed that office space may be provided to local entrepreneurs engaged in the medicinal and aromatic plants sector under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model at High Altitude Medicine Centre Baderwah with necessary approvals from the Ministry of AYUSH in consultation with the District Administration.
The Union Minister called for efficient utilization of resources and removal of bottlenecks. He stressed the importance of effective inter-departmental coordination with local public representatives to ensure last-mile delivery of services. The Minister also reviewed the status of key road projects, including the Thathri-Doda road and Paryote road under Nation-



al Highways, and directed authorities to ensure timely maintenance. Directions were issued to expedite restoration works on the Assar-Baggar road and maintenance of the Khelani-Marmat stretch.
Progress of the Chattergal Tunnel project was also assessed, with instructions to expedite work and submit the Detailed Project Report at the earliest.
Reviewing educational infrastructure, the Minister directed that vacant faculty positions, including that of Principal at KV School

Jodhpur, be filled within a stipulated time frame. On healthcare, he emphasized the need to address staff shortages through a robust policy framework.
Meanwhile, Dr Singh also reviewed key developmental proposals concerning District Kishtwar during the DISHA meeting here, with focus on strengthening disaster preparedness, infrastructure, and local economic initiatives.
The Minister announced that a new permanent seismological observatory is

proposed to be set up in Kishtwar to augment the national seismological network, enhance earthquake monitoring and increase disaster preparedness in the region.
Dr. Jitendra Singh also announced that site selection for installation of Automated Weather Stations at Paddar and Machail has been completed to improve weather forecasting and support disaster management efforts.
He said the installation process would be undertaken soon.

MP Sat, Koul release Special Edition of BJP's monthly magazine 'Kamal Paigam'

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, released Special Edition of its monthly publication, "Kamal Paigam (Volume 6)- Special Edition," at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, as part of its Foundation Day celebrations.
Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), along with Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Gopal Mahajan, and MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal released the special edition of the Kamal Paigam.
The special issue has been brought out by the BJP's Journals & Publica-



tions Department led by its convener of Rajnish Jain. BJP Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta and Development of Publicity Materials & Literature Convener S. Varinderjit Singh were also present on the occasion. Sat Sharma, while releasing the special edition of magazine, asserted that Kamal Paigam is far more than a routine publication, describing it as a powerful ideological instrument that binds the party from the booth level to the top leadership. He stated that the magazine acts as a dy-

namic bridge between policy, governance, and grassroots execution, ensuring that every activist remains aligned with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led governance. He emphasized that through such structured communication, BJP continues to build a politically aware, ideologically strengthened, disciplined, and mission-driven cadre capable of taking the party's agenda of development, nationalism, and good governance to every doorstep.

CS Dulloo assesses flagship urban schemes for sanitation, housing, livelihood generation

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, held a meeting of the Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) to assess the progress of major schemes aimed at transforming urban infrastructure, generating livelihoods, ensuring cleanliness and improving quality of life across the urban areas in J&K.
The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner, Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations (JMC/SMC); Managing Director, J&K Housing Board; Managing Director, AMRUT; Chairperson, Jammu and Srinagar Development Authorities (JDA/SDA); Directors of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for Kashmir and Jammu divisions; Managing



Director, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana (DAY-NULM/Shehri); and other senior officers.
During the comprehensive review, the Chief Secretary took a detailed appraisal of the implementation of key Centrally Sponsored Schemes, including the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), AMRUT 2.0, and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana (DAY-NULM) Shehri.
Emphasizing the critical role of these initiatives in strengthening urban infrastructure and municipal services, the Chief Secretary

directed the department to significantly accelerate the pace of implementation. He underscored the need for expeditious completion of projects, particularly those related to used water management, sanitation, waste disposal, and treatment.
With regard to PMAY (Urban), he stressed the importance of removing bottlenecks and ensuring timely completion of housing units. He called for proactive sensitization of beneficiaries to commence and complete construction promptly, alongside timely release of financial assistance.

Rana inaugurates, lays foundation for multiple devp projects in Mendhar

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JAMMU: In a significant push to strengthen the public infrastructure in border areas, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects in the Mendhar constituency.
These initiatives aim to enhance the essential services, improve connectivity and promote socio-economic development in the area.
The Minister inaugurated a newly constructed Food Store Building at Mendhar, developed



under the FCS and CA sector. Built with an expenditure of Rs. 151.80 lakh, the facility is expect-

ed to significantly strengthen the public distribution system by improving the storage capacity and

ensuring better availability of essential commodities for the local population.
In a significant move to promote education and empowerment among young women, the Minister inaugurated a 100-bedded Girls Hostel (G+1) at Mendhar. Constructed under the SAMAGRA (PAB) 2022-23 programme at a cost of Rs. 259 lakh, the hostel aims to provide safe and improved residential facilities for girl students.
Furthering infrastructure development, the Minister laid foundation stone for a 300-metre RCC motorable bridge and culvert on the Jugal-Salwah road, construct-

ed at an estimated cost of Rs. 120 lakh. This project is poised to enhance the accessibility, facilitate smoother transportation and stimulate economic growth in the surrounding areas.
Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that these projects reflect the government's commitment towards improving the essential infrastructure and ensuring better facilities for the people, particularly in far-flung and border areas. "Our government is committed to bridge the divide between rural and urban areas so as to achieve balanced and equitable development across the region," he said.

Counter Insurgency Refresher Course starts at Tiger Division

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JAMMU: An inauguration ceremony marking the commencement of the Counter Insurgency/ Counter Terrorism Refresher Course for J&K Police Personnel was conducted today at Tiger Division.
The event was graced by Shri Anand Jain, IPS, ADGP Armed J&K and GOC Tiger Division along with other senior officials of the Indian Army and Jammu & Kashmir Police.
The refresher course, scheduled from 07 to 18 April 2026, was jointly conceptualised by senior leadership of the Indian Army and J&K Police. The initiative aims to further enhance operational synergy, coordination and standardisation of procedures in the complex and evolving security environment of Jammu & Kashmir.
A total of 108 police



personnel will be trained at the Miran Sahib Brigade. Training will cover a wide spectrum of operational aspects, enhancing skills for counter terrorist efficacy. Police will also be trained in new generation equipment, drone and counter-drone measures. The course is focused on strengthening junior leadership capabilities, which play a critical role in the execution of small team

operations in counter-terrorism scenarios.
Over the years, numerous joint operations by the Indian Army and J&K Police in areas such as Kathua, Duda - Basantgarh, Doda, Kishtwar, Rajouri have highlighted the importance of seamless coordination, shared situational awareness and mutual trust. This refresher course will further consolidate these strengths and en-

hance interoperability between security forces at the tactical level. Senior officials emphasised that such joint training initiatives are essential for building a coordinated, disciplined and well-prepared response to emerging security challenges. The initiative reflects the continued commitment of the Indian Army and J&K Police towards maintaining peace, stability and security in the region.

DIG reviews security of SMVD shrine, Katra town

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KATRA: After assuming charge of Deputy Inspector General of Police, Udhampur-Reasi Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma visited Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and Katra town to review the security arrangements on the ground, particularly along the route up to Bhanwan.
During the visit, inspections were carried along with CRPF camps, Joint Check Points (JCPs) and security pickets established along the track. A detailed review of deployment at strategic and domination points was undertaken, with special focus on access control, surveillance, and area domination. The DIG also visited Police Stations Katra and Bhanwan, as well as Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), Katra and JCR Bhanwan. The DIG interacted

with officers and personnel, reviewed functioning of the ICCO, CCTNS systems and also assessed operational preparedness of SOG Katra. Also held meeting with the officers of CRPF, Fire Brigade, Medical, Disaster Management and SMVD Shrine Board Authority.
Peripheral security arrangements around the shrine and adjoining areas were assessed to ensure a robust multi-layered security grid. Directions were issued to further strengthen inter-agency coordination, enhance vigilance and maintain a high state of alertness to ensure the safety and smooth movement of pilgrims.
The DIG emphasized the importance of maintaining robust security measures and seamless arrangements to provide a secure and hassle-free pilgrimage experience.