

# JAMMU

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#Cabinet under PM Sh @NarendraModi approves Investment Proposal for construction of 1720 MW Kamala Hydro Electric Project in Kamle, Kra Daadi & Kurung Kumey Districts of Arunachal Pradesh with an outlay of Rs.26,069.50 crore and completion period of 96 months



**@Jammu\_SmartCity**  
Celebrate Tawi Mahotsav 2026 this Baisakhi!  
April 14-16 | Tawi Riverfront  
Enjoy Aarti, Dangal, boating, food & live shows—while promoting a cleaner Jammu under Swachh Bharat Mission.



**LOC TRAVEL:**  
The first Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus was rolled out on 9 April 2005. A landmark moment as cross-LOC travel formally began, connecting Srinagar with Muzaffarabad, reuniting divided families after decades.



**SUB DIVISION:**  
In the entire Rajouri district of Jammu division, 5 are the total sub-divisions.



**BULLOCK CART PROHIBITED**  
The slowest form of transport many a times becomes obstruction to the free flow of traffic hence certain zones have been demarcated where bullock Carts are not allowed to ply.



In Social

In History

In Numbers

Traffic Signs

## JMC, Jammu Smart City Limited announce Grand Tawi Mahotsav to celebrate Baisakhi

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**JAMMU:** Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and Jammu Smart City Limited is preparing for the Swachh Tawi Mahotsav, a major celebration of local heritage and environmental care.

Being organized by the Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the event shall be held at the 4th Tawi Bridge to mark Baisakhi.

The festival aims to highlight JMC's ongoing work to make Jammu a cleaner and more culturally active city under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0.

The details were shared by JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav at a press Conference held today in the presence of Joint Commissioner (H&S) Abdul Star and Joint Commissioner(R&E) Subah Mehta, along with Swachhata Champions, JMC officials, the Secretary and staff members who have worked on the city's cleanliness drives. Their involvement shows the teamwork behind



managing this large-scale cultural and environmental project.

The festival offers a variety of activities for the public, including the Tawi Aarti and boating on the riverfront. To make it a family-friendly event for Baisakhi, JMC is going to organize a traditional Mela, a Dangal (wrestling match) and a Food Festival. There will also be celebrity performances, a laser show, cultural programs and fun rides for children, making the riverfront a main attraction during the mela.

The Commissioner JMC Dr. Devansh Yadav said that the Mahotsav is a way to celebrate local traditions while committing to keep the Tawi River clean for the future. The Commissioner announced that the Tawi Mahotsav would be a three-day event starting on April 14 till April 16. Organized with the coordination of Departments of Tourism and Information, the festival

shall take place on the left bank of the Tawi riverfront, which will be fully open to the public. The event includes the Dangal, food stalls with authentic Dogri cuisine and handloom exhibits. Families can use the dedicated play areas while supporting efforts to keep the "Surya Putri Tawi" clean.

A new feature this year is the introduction of professional boating services using motor-boats and rafts. While entry to the festival and cultural shows is free, boating will cost ₹50 for children and ₹100 for adults. This is a trial run before a final report from the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS) Goa, which would help set up permanent water sports in the coming months.

The Commissioner also informed that JMC has increased fines for littering to keep the riverfront clean, balancing the celebration with strict urban maintenance. JMC invites everyone in Jammu to join the festival and help make the city cleaner and more beautiful.

## J&K Bank commissions two ATMs in Kulgam to enhance customer convenience



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**SRINAGAR:** Continuing its sustained commitment towards enhancing ease of banking through digital channels, J&K Bank Wednesday commissioned two new Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in Kulgam district - at the prominent tourist destination of Aharbal and at Chowgam.

The installation is part of the Bank's efforts to strengthen digital banking infrastructure and extend seamless financial services to people in remote areas.

Zonal Head (Anantnag), Khawar Meraj Handoo inaugurated the ATMs amid a gathering of valuable customers besides senior bank officers, branch heads, elected public representatives, and local residents.

Speaking on the occasion, the Zonal Head reiterated the Bank's commitment to leveraging technology for customer convenience and financial empowerment.

He encouraged people to make optimal use of digital platforms, including ATMs, mobile banking, and internet banking, for secure and

hassle-free transactions.

Taking the total number of ATMs in the district to 35 and in the zone to 126, these newly installed machines are expected to significantly benefit the local population as well as tourists visiting Aharbal, by ensuring round-the-clock access to cash and essential banking services.

The participants appreciated the Bank's continued efforts in expanding its digital footprint, noting that such initiatives promote financial inclusion and contribute to the socio-economic development of the region.

## Div Com reviews stocks, supply position of essential commodities in Jammu region

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar Wednesday reviewed the supply and stock position of essential commodities across the districts of Jammu Province.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of all Districts of Jammu division, Controller Legal Metrology-J&K, Director Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Director Health Services, Joint Director Information Jammu, HODs, Senior officers and representatives from School Education, Industries & Commerce, SMV-DU, Tribal Affairs, Cluster University, Jammu University, SKUAST Jammu, Agriculture, IOCL, HPCL, LPG BPCL and premier educational and medical institutions.

The Divisional Commissioner sought the details of district wise availability of stock of LPG, Petrol, Diesel, Food grains,



provision of food, meals in Hospitals, Hostels of Educational Institutions including Government Medical Colleges and other premier institutions from the respective officers and District Administrations. He also took appraisal of the availability and supply of commercial LPGs to Hotels, Industries, stock availability of fertilizers and urea while seeking the action taken against any hoarding and black marketing.

Concerned Officers and District Administrations were directed to take stringent measures to prevent hoarding of essential

commodities and ensuring fair distributions to the consumers.

The Divisional Commissioner was also apprised on the grievances received regarding the essential commodities and the disposal of the same in each district. He emphasized on the distributors for completing the e-KYCs of the pending customers for smooth and speedy supply of domestic LPG to consumers.

Directions were also issued for keeping a check on the price trends of essential commodities selling in the market to prevent overpricing.

## Welcome ceasefire between US, Iran: Farooq Abdullah

**JAMMU:** National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday welcomed the ceasefire between the US and Iran, saying dialogue was the only option as war has never been a solution.

"I thank God for giving courage to the US and Iran to sit at the table and resolve their issues, because there is no other option than dialogue," Abdullah told reporters here.

"War has never been a solution, and it will never be. So I, and on behalf of our people, congratulate these countries (the US and Iran) and hope they will sit and talk. I pray to God that they talk about peace as this war affected the entire world," he said.

The former J&K chief minister said they want peace as many people from the country, especially from J&K, work in Arab countries.

"We are worried about the plight of the people who work there and earn a livelihood. We want the war to stop," he added.

Abdullah, who was a Union minister in Prime Minister Manmohan Singh-led cabinet between 2009 and 2014, expressed hope that India would play its part to diffuse the tensions.

To a question about the US reportedly accepting Iran's 10-point proposal, Abdullah said there are proposals from both sides, and there will be discussions on them.

"I hope India also lends its help as it is a friend of the US, because it will have a huge impact on us as well," he said. "May God take them to a point where peace gets established," he said.

Asked about Israel keeping Lebanon out of the ceasefire, the NC chief said Israel is also facing losses, and they have not escaped from it.

## CS sets the ball rolling for identification of AAY beneficiaries for 200 units free electricity

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**JAMMU:** The Government of Jammu & Kashmir has initiated the process for identification of eligible beneficiaries under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) category across all districts for providing 200 units of free electricity, in line with its commitment to extend targeted relief to economically weaker sections.



respective district administrations with many of the targeted beneficiaries living in far off areas.

On this occasion Additional Chief Secretary, Power Development Department, Ashwani Kumar, informed that extensive field verification and data validation exercises are underway in close coordination with district administrations to ensure that only genuine beneficiaries are covered.

He highlighted that efforts are being made to address challenges such as discrepancies between ration card and electricity consumer databases, cases of migration, locked or inaccessible households, and reluctance among certain beneficiaries.

Special emphasis is being placed on ensuring inclusion of households in remote and mountainous areas, where logistical

constraints such as scattered habitations and extended power distribution networks pose significant challenges.

Alongside this welfare initiative, the Union Territory has registered significant progress under the rooftop solar programme. The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana is facilitating adoption through consumer-friendly financing options, including access to bank loans at attractive interest rates.

Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Gurpal Singh, informed that over 28,600 applications have been received in Jammu Division, with more than 11,000 installations completed, reflecting a progress of around 67 percent.

Similarly, Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation

Limited, Mehmood Ahmad Shah, stated that Kashmir Division has witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 73,000 applications received and more than 17,700 installations completed, with several districts surpassing their assigned targets.

It was further informed that the scheme is largely being implemented under the RESCO (Renewable Energy Service Company) model, wherein private developers undertake installation and maintenance without requiring upfront investment from consumers, thereby making solar energy accessible to a broader population.

The meeting also reviewed progress under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), a flagship reform initiative aimed at strengthening the power distribution infrastructure.

## Deputy Chief Minister pledges continued focus on public welfare

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**JAMMU:** Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary met with various public delegations in Jammu, reaffirming the government's commitment to pro-people governance and addressing the community concerns.

He engaged with the representatives from different sectors, discussing development initiatives and welfare schemes aimed at improving the quality of life for citizens.

"The present dispensation remains

committed and steadfast towards responsive, transparent and pro-people governance in Jammu and Kashmir", maintained the Deputy CM.

He emphasized that sustained efforts are being made to ensure an amicable resolution of public grievances while facilitating robust, inclusive and time-bound development across all regions of J&K.

Delegations from several districts, including Jammu, Srinagar, Baramulla, Anantnag, Rajouri, Samba, Ramban and other areas apprised the Deputy

CM of a range of issues and demands.

The concerns raised primarily pertained to road development, employment opportunities, industrial expansion and other day-to-day challenges faced by the people.

Responding to the issues raised by the delegates, the Deputy Chief Minister discussed various matters with the concerned officials for prompt resolution. He assured the delegations that all their genuine issues would be taken up with the relevant authorities and addressed on priority.

## Rana chairs facilitation program for tribal livestock beneficiaries

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**MENDHAR:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Wednesday chaired a facilitation programme at Mendhar, organised jointly by the Animal Husbandry and the Tribal Affairs Department.

The event aimed to strengthen the livelihood opportunities among the tribal communities through focused development interventions. It was conducted under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) Scheme, a targeted initiative aimed at uplifting the economically disadvantaged tribal populations.

Under the scheme, the beneficiaries from five remote villages in the Sub-Division Mendhar successfully procured 52 Murrah buffaloes from outside J&K.



The initiative follows a structured funding pattern, wherein 90 percent of the cost is borne by the government while the remaining 10 percent is contributed by the beneficiaries, ensuring both support and participation.

This approach is intended to promote sustainable income generation by en-

couraging livestock-based economic activities among the tribal farmers.

The Minister described the initiative as a meaningful step towards promoting livestock-based livelihoods and highlighted its potential to significantly improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities in the area.

During the facilitation programme, emphasis was laid not only on asset distribution but also on ensuring the long-term productivity and health of the livestock.

Each beneficiary who acquired a Murrah buffalo was provided with a medicine-cum-first aid kit to address basic veterinary needs, along with a certificate of participation acknowledging their involvement in the scheme.

These measures are aimed at enhancing the animal care practices and improving dairy productivity, thereby contributing to the economic stability of the beneficiaries.

The event was attended by the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Poonch besides Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and other departmental officials.