



# JAMMU

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A youth delegation from Jammu and Kashmir, participating in the 'Watan Ko Jano' programme organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, called on the Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan at Uprashtrapati Bhavan today. Addressing the delegation, the Vice President said he was pleased to interact with such vibrant, talented, and determined young minds from Jammu & Kashmir.

**@MehboobaMufti**  
Four young men from Rajouri have died in a tragic car accident in Kuwait while another remains critically injured. Urgently request @DrSJaisankar @MEAIndia to kindly help repatriate the mortal remains of Faraed Ahmed, Sarfaraz Ahmed & Mohd

**FORMALISATION OF PANCHSHEEL AGREEMENT:**  
India and China moved towards peaceful coexistence principles on 10 April 1954, later known as the Panchsheel Agreement, shaping early diplomatic relations.

**5 B. ED COLLEGES:**  
In the entire Anantnag district of Kashmir division, five are the total B.Ed College (Private).

**AXLE LOAD LIMIT**  
This sign is usually installed before a bridge. It indicates the load a bridge can bear. The limit of this sign is 4 tonnes, this indicates that only vehicles with axle load of 4 tonnes or less can pass over this bridge.

## Man detained under PSA

**JAMMU:** A man allegedly involved in anti-national activities has been detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, police officials said. The accused has been identified as Romelu Singh. Police said the accused is a history-sheeter and involved in anti-national activities. Singh has been lodged in the Jammu district jail.

## 7 buses damaged in fire

**SRINAGAR:** Seven buses were damaged as a fire broke out at the main bus stand in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said on Thursday. No casualties have been reported in the incident that took place on Wednesday night. Firefighting operations were immediately launched and after several hours of sustained efforts, the fire was successfully brought under control, the officials said. They said a total of seven buses were damaged in the incident. Three buses were severely damaged, while three others sustained partial damage, and a bus was affected by heat and smoke, the officials added. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation, the officials said.

## AIIMS performs complex Re-do Liver Surgery

**EARTH NEWS SERVICE**  
**JAMMU:** In a remarkable medical achievement, the Department of Surgical Gastroenterology at AIIMS Jammu has successfully performed a highly complex re-do liver surgery on a 58-year-old female patient with a recurrent neuroendocrine tumor of the liver, underscoring the institute's growing expertise in advanced hepatobiliary care. The patient had previously undergone a left lateral hepatectomy at an outside hospital in 2021 for a neuroendocrine tumor in segments 2 & 3 of the liver. Following recovery, she developed a recurrence of the tumor in segments 6 & 7 of the liver, necessitating further surgical intervention. She presented to the Surgical Gastroenterology OPD, where after a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting, it was decided to offer resection. High-definition liver imaging and liver volumetry were performed to ensure adequate post-operative liver reserve. Given the challenges associated with prior surgery including dense adhesions, altered anatomy, and increased risk of complications the Surgical Gastroenterology team at AIIMS Jammu undertook meticulous preoperative planning. The patient subsequently underwent a Right Posterior Sectionectomy (removal of segment 6 & 7) to remove the recurrent tumor. The surgery was led by Dr. Sahil Sandal, Assistant Professor and Officiating Head of Surgical Gastroenterology, along with Dr. Akash Salariya, Senior Resident, at AIIMS Jammu, with the anesthesia team led by Dr. Slomi Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Anaesthesia, and team, whose coordinated efforts, expertise, and dedication ensured the successful conduct of the procedure and optimal patient care. This was a technically demanding re-do liver resection. Prior surgery significantly increases the complexity, but with careful planning and a coordinated multidisciplinary approach, we were able to achieve a successful outcome," Dr Sandal said. A multidisciplinary team comprising surgeons, anesthesiologists, and critical care specialists worked in close coordination to ensure comprehensive perioperative care. The patient has been discharged on 9th postoperative day. Prof (Dr) D N Sharma, ED & CEO, AIIMS Jammu has hailed the successful surgery as a significant milestone for AIIMS Jammu, highlighting its capability to manage complex liver cases locally and reducing the need for patients to travel outside the region for specialized treatment.

# CS reviews position of fuel, LPG stocks across districts

### Orders strict monitoring, action against violators

**EARTH NEWS SERVICE**  
**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting with the concerned Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners and District Administrations to review the availability and distribution of essential commodities across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in light of the evolving geopolitical situation in West Asia, with the aim of ensuring adequate buffering against any potential supply chain disruptions. Comprehensive data presented during the meeting indicated that the UT currently maintains stable stocks of Motor Spirit (Petrol), High-Speed Diesel (HSD) and LPG, supplemented by significant stock in transit to further strengthen reserves. The Chief Secretary also reviewed public grievances registered through helplines and their disposal by

## Dulloo directs to maximize impact of digital initiatives

**EARTH NEWS SERVICE**  
**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the progress of key e-governance and digital transformation initiatives being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N). The meeting besides the Secretary, IT, Dr. Pi-yush Singla; and Special Director General, BIS-AG-N, Vinay Thakur; was attended by the concerned Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, senior police



officers, representatives from the National Informatics Centre, and other stakeholder agencies. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary undertook a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in developing various online platforms across departments aimed at enhancing governance efficiency and improving public service delivery. He sought a detailed, first-hand appraisal from BISAG-N regarding the readiness of these platforms, while also directing departments to address bottlenecks hindering their timely completion and rollout. IEC campaigns and strict inspections across districts to prevent hoarding, overpricing and black market-

ing of essential commodities, including fertilizers and food grains. He underscored the importance of ensuring 70 percent supply to commercial and industrial sectors in both divisions and called for expediting e-KYC of all active consumers. Commissioner Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Saubh Bhagat, informed that adequate measures have been put in place to ensure smooth supply across the UT, including availability of 5 kg LPG cylinders for migrant populations and

labourers, and issuance of orders to ensure 70 percent supply to commercial and industrial establishments in accordance with Government of India guidelines. For Jammu Division, the Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar apprised that the Division has an availability of 7,325 KL of Petrol and 27,241 KL of Diesel, besides maintaining a robust 49-day cover for Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) and 12 days for Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), thereby ensuring uninterrupted essential services. Districts including Udhampur, Kathua and Doda reported strong stock levels, while Kishtwar and Ramban are being closely monitored to continuously replenish their 3-4 day buffers through transit supplies. He further added that the division currently has 47,296 LPG cylinders in stock, and over the past 10 days, 7,769 cylinders were delivered to the consumers. The Chief Secretary directed the concerned departments to bridge this delivery-demand gap to avoid any disruption to industrial and commercial activities.

## Shrine Board extends support to 13 SHGs



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**KATRA:** In a significant step towards promoting inclusive growth and community empowerment, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has onboarded more than 13 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for the supply of essential religious materials used in Prasad including raksha sutra (sacred bracelets) and mouli (sacred threads). This initiative is aimed at fostering sustainable livelihoods while simultaneously strengthening grassroots economic structures in the region. The decision has been taken in pursuance of the directions issued during the 76th Meeting of the Board chaired by Manoj Sinha, Lt. Governor, JK-UT, wherein it was resolved to prioritize procurement from SHGs, women and young local entrepreneurs. The objective is to create a robust platform for local communities to actively participate in the economic ecosystem linked with pilgrimage activities, thereby promoting inclusive growth and sustainable livelihood opportunities in the region. Notably, each Self-Help Group comprises around 30 to 35 local women and

cumulatively, these groups have engaged approximately 450 to 500 women across the region. By actively participating in income-generating activities, these women are making meaningful contributions to their household incomes, thereby improving the overall socio-economic well-being of their families and communities. The Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Sachin Kumar Vaishya stated that by integrating SHGs into the supply chain, the Shrine Board aims to ensure a steady and sustainable source of income for these groups while promoting traditional skills and local craftsmanship. He emphasized that the engagement of SHGs in supplying raksha sutra and mouli items of deep religious significance not only enhances the authenticity and sanctity of the offerings but also provides a meaningful platform for local artisans.

## LG Manoj Sinha releases 8th edition of 'Kailakh Sandesh Panchang Calendar'

**■ SAROOR**  
**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday released the 8th Edition of 'Kailakh Sandesh Panchang Calendar' for Vikram Samvat 2083, published by Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, at Lok Bhavan, Jammu. The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailakh Jyotish & Vedic Sans-



than, members of the Trust, editorial team, and everyone associated with the publication. The Panchang Calendar serves as a comprehensive spiritual guide, providing insights about Vedic traditions, festivals, religious rituals and auspicious occasions. Trustees and members of Shri Kailakh Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust including R.K. Chhibber, Rakesh Gandotra and Kulbhushan Jamwal were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO), J&K led by Shri Sandeep Jain called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, today. The members of the delegation briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the various recitation events of the Navkar Mahamantra, on the occasion of Vishwa Navkar Mahamantra Diwas, organized by several Jain organisations in the region.

## Bukhari asks Govt to fulfil promises made to people

**EARTH NEWS SERVICE**  
**JAMMU:** Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari on Thursday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre to fulfil promises made to people of Jammu and Kashmir. Bukhari told reporters here. The former minister said hundreds of persons from J-K were languishing in jails without trial. "They should be nailed out so that justice is upheld," he added.

## BJP pays rich tributes to Daya Krishan Kotwal

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**JAMMU:** J&K Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday paid rich tributes to former J&K BJP President and former MLC Daya Krishna Kotwal on his death anniversary at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. On the occasion, J&K BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma, along with General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, offered floral tributes and remembered the immense contribution of the veteran leader towards strengthening the party in Jammu & Kashmir. J&K BJP General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Gopal Mahajan, along with other party leaders and workers, also paid their tributes. Sat Sharma, while paying floral tributes, said that late Daya Krishna Kotwal was a dedicated organizer and a committed social activist who worked tirelessly for the upliftment of society. He said that Kotwal Ji's life was an inspiration for party workers and that his contributions in strengthening the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir will always be remembered with respect. He emphasized that Kotwal Ji remained connected with the grassroots and served the people with utmost sincerity and commitment. Ashok Koul, in his address, said that Daya Krishna Kotwal devoted his entire life to the service of the nation and society with selfless dedication. He highlighted that Kotwal Ji played a crucial role in strengthening the party during his tenure as J&K BJP President (1996-2002) and worked tirelessly for the welfare of the downtrodden.



## Dr Minhas chairs civil society meet ahead of massive anti-drug drive



**EARTH NEWS SERVICE**  
**JAMMU:** District Magistrate Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Thursday chaired a meeting with the members of the civil society, seeking collective commitment to the 3-month mass public mobilisation campaign against drug abuse set to be formally launched from April 11. Reiterating the government's resolve to mount a massive crackdown on drug menace, the DM said that drug abuse was not merely a law and order problem but a social emergency and that the administration was fully committed to fighting it with every resource and every partner at its command. He said the forthcoming drive would encompass stringent enforcement action alongside sustained public participation, emphasizing that the fight against drugs must be waged at every level of society and that civil society stood at the very heart of this effort. "We have to be forthcoming about this menace that is eating into the fabric of our society. We must end the stigma and encourage open con-

versations about drug abuse within families, among friends and across social circles," he said. The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Joginder Singh; Additional District Magistrates Anusuya Jamwal and Vidhu Shekhar, besides other officers from the district administration. The DM informed that Panchayat-wise and Ward-wise committees would be constituted to ensure grassroots-level monitoring and checks. Helpline numbers are being widely publicised and overall administrative support is being significantly augmented to mount a concerted and coordinated fight against drugs. Reiterating the administration's commitment to protect whistleblowers, Dr. Minhas assured complete anonymity and safety to anyone providing information regarding drug trade. He further affirmed that all possible support would be extended to those seeking help to free themselves from the grip of addiction. The DC also announced that youth clubs would be formed across the district as part of the broader public outreach initiative, channelling the energy of young people into the anti-drug movement.

## JDA retrieves 8 Kanals land in anti-encroachment drive



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**JAMMU:** Jammu Development Authority (JDA) on Thursday carried out a major anti-encroachment and demolition drive on its land at Rathore Dhok (Dhok Waziran), Nagrota and Sidhra near security headquarters. The drive was carried out with the active support of the District Administration. At Rathore Dhok (Dhok Waziran)-Nagrota, one unauthorized structure along with plinths was demolished, retrieving approximately 3 kanal of JDA land. Similarly, five unauthorized permanent structures were demolished at Sidhra. The operation resulted in the retrieval of around 5 kanal of encroached JDA land. In total, about 8 kanal of JDA land was reclaimed during the drive. The anti-encroachment operation was conducted under the directions of Vice Chairman JDA Rupesh Kumar and executed smoothly with full cooperation from the District Administration and JDA enforcement teams.