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A 70 feet high national flag has been installed at Hidayal Chowk, #Kishtwar today. This flag will stand tall as a symbol of our unity, pride and unwavering commitment to the nation.



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BJP Jammu-Kashmir President and Rajya Sabha MP Shri @iamsatsharmaca former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, Chief Speaker Shri Arun Kant, Chairman Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha Jammu Kashmir Thakur Narayan Singh paid tribute to him on the birth anniversary of Shri Maharana Pratap Ji in the program organized by Shri Amar Kshatriya Sabha and Dharm Jagran Samanvay.



BEGINNING OF POKHRAN-II TESTS:

Pokhran-II, or Operation Shakti, was a series of five nuclear bomb test explosions conducted by India 1998 at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. The tests were conducted on May 11-13. Led by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and scientists.



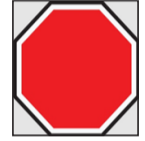
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Over 8000 new artisans were trained by Handicrafts and Handloom Department in GI registered Papier Mache Craft in Kashmir region.



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Dir Gul Syed reviews horticulture activities



RAMBAN: Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Syed on Sunday visited district Ramban and reviewed horticulture activities and awareness camps being conducted in the district. He was accompanied by Chief Horticulture Officer Rajinder Kumar and Assistant Director Sunil Gupta.

During the tour, the Director visited the Horticulture Farm Ramban and later inspected the nurseries at Gool and Sangaldan. The Director exhorted officers and officials to ensure propagation of quality planting material in departmental nurseries for the benefit of orchardists.

He also attended farmers' awareness camps organised by the department and interacted with growers, briefing them about the horticulture schemes and modern cultivation practices. He informed farmers about the Horticulture schemes including HADP, MIDH, CSS and ATMA.

Later, the Director inspected a High-Density Apple Orchard and interacted with orchardist. He stressed adoption of advanced cultivation techniques, scientific orchard management practices and better productivity measures.

Also present on the occasion were Farm Manager, ACHD Pardeep Dingra, concerned Horticulture Development Officers and staff members of the District Horticulture Department.

Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat sees 96% occupancy amid huge demand



JAMMU: Marking a major achievement for the Jammu Division of Northern Railway, the Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express—operating on the newly constructed Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (US-BRL)—has set new records of success within just its initial days of operation.

Over the weekend spanning Saturday and Sunday this week, approximately 11,000 passengers travelled on this modern train, marking a new milestone in regional connectivity. The enthusiasm among passengers is evident from the fact that the train's occupancy rate has reached 96%. Since the commencement of regular service on May 2, 2026, approximately 40,000 passengers have completed their journeys while availing themselves of the Vande Bharat's modern amenities.

According to statistics from the past nine days, the train's average occupancy has stood at 86.5 percent. The Vande Bharat train covers the distance of approximately 267 kilometers between Jammu and Srinagar in just 4 hours and 50 minutes. Not only does this save time compared to road travel, but it also offers passengers a world-class travel experience. During its journey, the train traverses two engineering marvels: the world's highest railway bridge, the 'Chenab Bridge,' and the 'Anji Khad Bridge.' This unique experience has emerged as a major attraction for both tourists and local commuters alike. Passengers traveling on the train have highly praised its modern safety standards, smooth journey, and the high-quality amenities provided on board. Commenting on the successful operation of the train, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Mr. Uchit Singhal stated, "We anticipate 100% occupancy during tourist season."

Space labs, research infrastructure widening India's scientific outreach: Dr Jitendra Says SATHI-BHU emerges as national hub for advanced scientific research,

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JAMMU: The Minister of State (MoS) PMO Dr Jitendra Singh visited the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and inspected the interdisciplinary facility "SATHI" set up with the support of Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Department of Science & Technology (DST) is expanding scientific infrastructure and research support systems across universities and higher educational institutions to democratise access to advanced technology, innovation and scientific facilities in the country.

The Minister said initiatives such as SATHI, FIST, ARRF-linked research support mechanisms and other institutional programmes are helping build a strong ecosystem for research. Dr. Jitendra Singh visited the Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institute (SATHI) at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) for a comprehensive review of the facility, including its infrastructure, analytical capabilities, achievements and future roadmap. During the visit, the Minister was briefed SATHI-BHU has been established with the support of nearly Rs 72 crores from the Department of Science & Technology as a nation-



al-level shared scientific infrastructure facility providing access to advanced instrumentation, analytical services and technical expertise for academia, research institutions, in-

dustries, MSMEs and start-ups. The facility operates through a Section 8 company model within the university ecosystem and has developed into a major multidisciplinary

analytical and research support centre.

He said the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently encouraged institutional research capacity, indigenous innovation and technology-led growth through targeted scientific interventions and collaborative research platforms. The Minister was also apprised that the centre has served nearly 1,100 users from academia, research institutions and industries, processed over 30,000 samples and trained around 1,000 researchers and stakeholders since becoming operational. Around 60

short-term training programmes have also been conducted for capacity building and user sensitisation.

The Minister appreciated the efforts made by SATHI-BHU in achieving NABL accreditation and developing a sustainable analytical services model with strong engagement from industry and research sectors. The facility has also contributed to high-impact research publications, patents and collaborative partnerships with national laboratories and industrial stakeholders, further strengthening the linkage between science, innovation and economic growth.

CM Omar inaugurates projects amounting to Rs 42.38 Cr, reviews Guzhama Bridge work



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday inaugurated and laid foundation stones for multiple development projects worth Rs 42.38 crore across Ganderbal district. The Chief Minister began his tour at Beehama, Ganderbal, where he laid the foundation stone for construction of a Library & Reading Room to be established by the Culture Department at an estimated cost of Rs 4.83 crore. He also e-launched several key infrastructure projects including upgra-

dation of inner links of Ahan Zaana, Waskura and Khojbagh Kondbal; upgradation and construction of link roads from Gutlibagh to Baba Wayil under NABARD-RIDF; construction of Sindh Riverfront Phase-I at Ganderbal; and widening and upgradation of road from Dursuma Market to Misbaga Baba Mohallah, Checkpora Arhama, involving a cumulative estimated cost of Rs 15.36 crore. In the cultural heritage sector, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for restoration, conservation and development of

the historic Masjid Hamam and allied works at Malshahi Masjid, Malshahi Bagh, at an estimated cost of Rs 5.01 crore. The project aims to preserve this architectural and cultural legacy while promoting heritage tourism. At District Hospital Ganderbal, the Chief Minister inaugurated Bone Dexa Scan and Fibro Scan machines procured under CSR support from HDFC Bank at a cost of Rs 1.16 crore. The advanced diagnostic equipment is expected to significantly improve healthcare services and facilitate early diagnosis and

treatment for patients in the district.

Later, at Gadoora, Ganderbal, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for construction of a Youth Hostel at Government College of Physical Education, Ganderbal, to be executed by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs 15.26 crore.

The Chief Minister also visited the work site of Guzhama Bridge where he reviewed the status of this long-pending project and directed the concerned departments to ensure timely execution while maintaining quality standards. He was informed that the technical evaluation process has been completed and the bridge design is presently under progress. Stressing the importance of timely completion, the Chief Minister instructed the officers to ensure that the project is completed within the approved cost and stipulated timeframe so that the bridge is dedicated to the public at the earliest.

Satish visits Kheer Bhawani, Mir Baba Hyder Shrines; reviews arrangements

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Information Technology, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, on Sunday visited the revered Kheer Bhawani shrine at Tulmulla and paid obeisance there. The Minister reaffirmed the Government's commitment towards ensuring better facilities and smooth conduct of religious events across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the visit, the Minister undertook a detailed review of the arrangements being put in place for the forthcoming annual Kheer Bhawani Mela. He interacted with the officers from various departments regarding preparedness for the pilgrimage. He directed the concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements, including sanitation, uninterrupted power and water supply, healthcare facilities, security coordination, cleanliness and transportation facilities are put in place well in advance for the convenience of



devotees expected to participate in large numbers during the mela. Emphasising the importance of hassle-free transportation for the pilgrims, the Minister instructed the Transport Department to ensure seamless bus connectivity to the shrine from different locations, particularly during the festival days. Satish Sharma said that religious and cultural events form an important part of Jammu and Kashmir's rich heritage. The government remains committed towards facilitating the devotees and preserving the spiritual ethos associated with such revered places,

he added. Later, the Minister visited the revered Mir Baba Hyder shrine, where he reviewed the infrastructure and civic amenities available for the devotees. He instructed the concerned officers to undertake solarisation of the shrine complex as part of the government's push towards sustainable and eco-friendly infrastructure development at important religious places. The Minister also directed the authorities to augment other facilities at the shrine, including lighting, sanitation and public convenience infrastructure, so as to improve the overall experience.

Mehbooba slams Omar Govt over silence on public issues

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JAMMU: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday slammed the Omar Abdullah government for its failure to deliver on key promises such as unemployment, alleging job and transfer appointments were influenced through money and political connections.

Criticising Chief Minister Abdullah's "silence" on inflation, closure of educational institutions, alleged surveillance in mosques and Iran, Mehbooba said the National Conference government was given enough time after coming to power, but had failed to address public grievances.

"It has been nearly one-and-a-half years since this government came to power. We remained silent and told our people not to oppose the National Conference. "We said give them six months, one year, and then we will see what they do. Today they have 50 seats, but even now, they only focus on their own interest and nothing else," she said, addressing party workers during an outreach programme in Poonch. Mehbooba, a former J&K chief minister, alleged that employees were being removed from jobs, surveillance was being carried out in mosques and educational institutions.

Prashikshan camps shaped dedicated workers: MP Sat

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JAMMU: J&K BJP president and Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma, addressed a training camp organised under the 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhayan 2026' by Jammu North District of Bharatiya Janata Party. District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta Singh, District President Nand Kishore Sharma, MLAs Surinder Kumar and Devyani Rana, along with other senior leaders, also addressed the camp. District office bearers, Mandal Presidents, executive members, senior leaders, and state office bearers residing in the district participated in the programme. Sat Sharma, while speaking



during the session, said that organisational training is essential for strengthening the party at the grassroots level and ensuring ideological commitment among its cadre. He remarked that BJP functions as a value-based organization committed to public welfare and national progress rather than operating solely with an electoral approach.

He said that party workers must remain connected with the principles of nationalism, public service, and good governance while actively working among the people. Sat Sharma further said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed transformative governance driven by de-

velopment, transparency, and welfare-oriented policies. He stated that several initiatives launched by the Central Government for farmers, youth, women, the poor, and other sections of society are bringing positive socio-economic changes across the nation. He urged party activists to ensure effective awareness and implementation of these schemes at the grassroots level so that the intended beneficiaries receive maximum support. Emphasizing the importance of regular training programmes, Sat Sharma said that such camps help workers improve their communication skills, organizational capabilities, and understanding of party ideology.

Pathania dedicates dev projects worth crores; stresses 'Jan Bhagidari' for rural transformation



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UDHAMPUR: MLA Udhampur East, Ranbir Singh Pathania on Sunday dedicated and inaugurated several major developmental projects in Majalta area and reiterated that public participation remains the cornerstone of effective governance and sustainable development. Amid a tumultuous and enthusiastic welcome by the people of the area, Pathania laid foundation stone of office building of CDPO Majalta completed at an estimated cost of Rs 2.32 crore. He also dedicated newly built Panchayat Ghar projects worth Rs 30 lakh each for Panchayat Sunwal and Panchayat Chore Panjian.

Addressing a large public gathering, Pathania stated that development can become meaningful only when people actively participate in every stage of governance and implementation. He emphasized that people should not remain silent spectators but must become equal stakeholders in the selection of works, demand generation, execution, upkeep and maintenance of public assets.

"Jan Bhagidari is the real foundation of democracy and development. People need to be active participants in the selection process, demand process, execution process and maintenance of developmental works," he asserted. Highlighting the vision of inclusive and sustainable rural transformation, Pathania announced that Thalora village, including Manwal, Devi Bani and adjoining areas, would be developed under the prestigious 'Viksit

Village' Scheme with an outlay of nearly Rs 2 crore. This includes support from other departments/agencies too with implementation of CSSs on saturation mode and thereby giving a new impetus to rural development. He informed that the initiative would focus on women empowerment, Amrit Sarovar development, water conservation, plastic waste management, sports promotion, child development and welfare measures for senior citizens.

Pathania said that the scheme aims to create a model rural ecosystem based on sustainability, social participation and community welfare. He called upon the people to ensure maximum public participation so that developmental initiatives reach every household in an effective manner.

He further appreciated the active role of local residents in identifying public issues and cooperating with the administration for developmental works.

BDO Majalta, Tehsildar Majalta and officers and officials from various departments including Agriculture and Horticulture remained present during the programme and interacted with the public regarding various welfare and developmental initiatives. Prominent among those present included Mohinder Sharma, Mohan Lal Sharma (both Mandal Pradhans), Uttam Singh, Som Nath Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, Devi Dass, Gurdev Singh, Vijay, Anil Sharma, Hem Raj Gupta, Shiv Ram, Mohan Lal, besides a large galaxy of local residents and public representatives.