

JAMMU

@JmuKmrPolice
New Criminal Laws - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita & Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam - set specific time limit for procedures in the Criminal Justice System.



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ADDC @Thakurss111 chaired a meeting to review the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Pension Yojana (PM-SYM) for unorganised workers in district Jammu and directed all concerned district officers to make concerted efforts to enroll eligible workers falling under their respective departments.



SHER SHAH SURI DIED
Sher Shah Suri was the Sultan of Hindustan, as the first Sur Emperor died on May 22, 1545, during the Siege of Kalinjar in Bundelkhand. The fatal accident happened when an incendiary rocket or explosive shell he had ordered his artillery to fire at the fortress gates misfired and accidentally ignited a stockpile of gunpowder near his position.



SEX RATIO:
In the entire Reasi district of Jammu division, 890 is the total sex ratio.

890



NO ENTRY
Certain pockets of an area or road are demarcated as no entry areas for traffic. This could be entry to a restricted area or no traffic zone. So the driver should obey it and divert his route.



In Social

In History

In Numbers

Traffic Signs

UMMID demonstrates how science, public policy can transform lives: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: The Minister of State (MoS) PMO Dr Jitendra Singh on dedicated the UMMID (Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders) Programme for Rare Genetic Disorders/ Diseases to the Nation and said India is steadily entering an era where healthcare, diagnosis and treatment will increasingly become genome-based, precision-driven and individualized according to the genetic profile of every patient.

Dr Jitendra Singh said inherited and rare genetic disorders remained neglected for decades because diagnosis itself was difficult, treatment inaccessible and medicines either unavailable or prohibitively expensive, making it essential to build a coordinated national mechanism to make diagnosis and management feasible, affordable and accessible



for all families.

On the occasion, the Minister also released the UMMID Compendium and launched the UMMID Dashboard aimed at strengthening nationwide access to diagnostics, counselling, outreach and programme monitoring for inherited disorders.

Referring to the healthcare reforms introduced under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership over the last decade, Dr Jitendra Singh said the Gov-

ernment has consistently focused on healthcare that is affordable, accessible, preventive and citizen-centric. He said India has expanded wellness centres, strengthened health insurance coverage and widened access to affordable medicines while simultaneously building systems for early detection and preventive healthcare.

Appreciating the Department of Biotechnology for taking up a difficult but socially transformative

mission, Dr. Jitendra Singh said UMMID demonstrates how science, compassion and public policy can come together to reduce suffering through timely intervention and preventive healthcare.

The Minister said inherited and rare genetic disorders represent a silent but deeply challenging public health burden, where families often spend years moving from one hospital to another in search of diagnosis and treatment.

DIG Sandeep Wazir reviews border security along LoC

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JAMMU: Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri-Poonch range, Sandeep Wazir on Thursday visited the forward areas along Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district to review the security situation and operational preparedness in the border area.

The DIG interacted with police personnel deployed in the forward belt in Salotri sector and reviewed the existing security arrangements, deployment patterns and coordination mechanisms aimed at maintaining peace and vigilance along the border, officials said.

During the visit, Wazir stressed the need for maintaining high alertness, seamless coordination among security agencies and proactive policing in sensitive ar-

reas. The visit was aimed at overseeing the preparedness of police to strengthen security measures and ensure effective policing in forward villages along the LoC.

The DIG also chaired a conference to review the prevailing security scenario and deliberated upon various operational, investigative and administrative aspects of policing, they said.

Addressing the officers, Wazir asked them to remain vigilant and proactive in tackling emerging security challenges, cyber-related offences and other criminal activities, while underscoring the need for better coordination among various police units and security agencies to strengthen the overall security grid in the district.

Sakeena inaugurates PGRP Conclave-2026

SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo on Thursday inaugurated the Post Graduate Research Programme (PGRP) Conclave-2026 at Government Dental College (GDC) Srinagar.

Addressing a large gathering of doctors, academicians, researchers and students on the occasion, the Minister underscored the importance of research and innovation in strengthening the healthcare sector and improving patient care. She said that platforms like the PGRP conclave provide an opportunity for young medical professionals and scholars to showcase their research work, exchange ideas and contribute towards advancements in medical science.

Sakeena Itoo lauded the efforts of the faculty, students and organisers for conducting the conclave and encouraging a culture of scientific inquiry and academic excellence. She said that research-based learning is essential for addressing emerging health challenges and ensuring quality healthcare services for the people.

"Doctors play a pivotal role in society and the profession of medicine is one of the noblest professions meant to serve humanity with dedication, compassion and commitment," the Minister said.

Over 60 sheep, goats killed in lightning strike

SRINAGAR: More than 60 livestock animals were killed in a lightning strike in Pahalgam area of Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said on Thursday.

The lightning struck Lanidagen in the Pahalgam area on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday during heavy rain and thunderstorm, they said.

More the 69 livestock animals, including sheep and goats, perished in the incident.

MY Bharat deputation calls on Amit Sharma; discusses youth engagement for Census 2027

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JAMMU: A delegation of Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Jammu & Kashmir (erstwhile Nehru Yuva Kendra), on Thursday called upon Amit Sharma, IAS, Chief Principal Census Officer and Director Census Operations & Citizen Registration, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and discussed collaboration for youth engagement and experiential learning initiatives in connection with Census 2027. The delegation comprised Nitin Hangloo, State Director, MY Bharat Jammu & Kashmir, Sushil Singh Charak, State Resource Person, MY Bharat J&K, Vivek Kumar, District Youth Officer, Jammu and Anmol Bajaj, Programme Advisor, MY Bharat Jammu.

During the visit, the delegation submitted a memorandum to CPCO Amit Sharma seeking collaboration with the Directorate of Census Operations for onboarding youth of both the UTs of J&K and Ladakh, through the Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) under MY Bharat, so as to get them trained towards this prime most national duty towards the na-



tion to be performed during Census 2027.

While interacting with the delegation, Amit Sharma highlighted the importance of youth participation in Census 2027, which is going to be India's first fully digital and paperless Census exercise incorporating features such as Self-Enumeration, mobile-based digital data collection and real-time monitoring systems. He informed the delegation about the ongoing Self-Enumeration exercise through the official portal "se.census.gov.in" from 17th May to 31st May, 2026 and encouraged MY Bharat volunteers and youth networks to actively participate in the exercise and motivate citizens to complete their Self-Enumeration within the notified timelines.

CPCO Amit Sharma fur-

ther stated that educational institutions and youth organisations can play a major role in spreading awareness regarding Census 2027 and generating public participation for accurate demographic data collection essential for governance and developmental planning.

The delegation appreciated the interaction with CPCO Amit Sharma and his team including Manmeet Singh Loomba, Deputy Director and Balbir Singh, Assistant Director and expressed willingness to support awareness generation and youth mobilisation activities relating to Census 2027 and Self-Enumeration across Jammu & Kashmir in the times to come by exploring possibilities of inking an MoU with DCO J&K and Ladakh in this behalf soon.

Chief Secretary reviews afforestation progress; emphasizes accountability

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday reviewed the physical achievements and implementation progress of afforestation and ecological restoration works being undertaken across Jammu and Kashmir under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), emphasizing sustainable restoration of degraded forests, scientific monitoring and enhanced protection of vulnerable forest landscapes across the UT. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed the Forest Department to ensure complete digitization of forest maps and boundary pillars for effective demarcation and protection of forest land. Stressing the need for improving the survival rate of plantations, he called for linking payments to contractors with the survival of planting material and directed the Finance Department to vet future tenders for incorporation of suitable clauses in this regard. The Chief



Secretary also reviewed year-wise trends in forest diversion and compensatory afforestation. The presentation revealed that diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes has sharply declined after 2020, while the area treated under afforestation and ecological restoration programmes has nearly doubled in recent years, reflecting the administration's increasing emphasis on ecological conservation and restoration. The meeting was informed that since inception of CAMPA activities in 2010-11, more than 1,06,023 hectares of degraded forest area across Jammu and Kashmir has been treated through afforestation, assisted natural regeneration and ecological restoration measures.

Adjudicating Officer FSSA imposes over Rs 14 lakh fine on traders

JAMMU: To ensure food safety and protect public health, the Adjudicating Officer Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA) Jammu has imposed Rs 13,78,000/- on several business establishments operating in the district for violating food safety norms.

The penalties were imposed in a series of enforcement actions carried out between December- 2025 and May 2026. Fines were levied on manufacturers, distributors and retailers for violation of the standards prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, including selling or distributing substandard and misbranded food products, expired food, rotten meat and operating without valid licence etc.

Additionally, the licenses of 25 Food Business Operators (FBOs) have been recommended for suspension. These defaulters failed to deposit penalties previously imposed for serving unhygienic food, working without a valid license and dealing in substandard and misbranded products.

Advisor to CM holds interaction with Industrial, Trade Assns

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JAMMU: Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani on Thursday held an interaction with representatives of Industrial and Trade Associations of Jammu province to discuss various issues concerning the industrial sector in Jammu & Kashmir.

During the interaction, representatives of the Industrial Associations raised several issues pertaining to growth and sustainability of industries in the Union Territory. Addressing the participants, the Advisor emphasized the Government's commitment towards improving Ease of Doing Business and making industries in J&K more vibrant and competitive. The Advisor further emphasized the need to support existing industrial units and encouraged industrialists to actively contribute towards sustainable industrial development in Jammu & Kashmir.

The representatives also advocated for ex-



tension of benefits under NCSS and highlighted the need for leveraging Artificial Intelligence, promotion of e-commerce, and according special focus to the service sector in the Union Territory.

Later, several delegations and individuals also called on Advisor to Chief Minister at Civil Secretariat, Jammu and highlighted their issues before him seeking early intervention for redressal.

A delegation of the Non-Teaching Employees Union, University of Jammu, raised service matters of non-teaching staff. Chairman, All J&K Transport Welfare Association, Karan Singh called on the Advisor, put forth demands of the

transport fraternity. Former President, Jammu Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Rakesh Gupta also met with Advisor and highlighted issues regarding amendment in the Society Act, J&K.

A delegation from Mohalla Welfare Committee, Gujjar Nagar, sought early release of compensation for flood-affected families of last year.

The delegation requested expedite release of relief and rehabilitation assistance.

The Advisor gave a patient hearing to all the deputations and individuals. He assured them that genuine demands would be examined and redressed on priority.

ACB traps 2 irrigation officials for accepting bribe

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SRINAGAR: Anti Corruption Bureau received a written complaint from the complainant stating therein that Zildar namely Nazir Ahmad Wani S/o Mohd Akbar Wani R/o Utrasoo Najjigund Anantnag and Patwari namely Bilal Ahmad Wagay S/o Abdul Rehman Wagay R/o Shepora Anantnag posted in Irrigation Division Anantnag are demanding a bribe of Rs 1,00,000 from him for disposal of an application/complaint which has been filed against him regarding the alleged encroachment of Govt. land at Ashajipora near Dabruna Anantnag. Accused officials told him that they would settle or reject the application/complaint at their level if he pays a bribe equal to cost of one Marla of land at that location which is Rs 4 Lakh approx. On his repeated requests the bribe money was finally settled for Rs 1 Lakh.

The complainant chose not to pay bribe and instead approached Anti Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the

said officials as envisaged under law.

On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted. During verification it was found that the land in question was not state land but is proprietary land of the complainant and the demand of bribe by accused public servants was also confirmed, accordingly Case FIR No. 05/2026 u/s 7 of P/C Act 1988 read with amendment Act-2018 was registered in PS ACB Anantnag and investigation was taken up.

During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted. The team laid a successful trap and caught the said Govt. employees red handed while demanding and accepting bribe. They were arrested on spot and bribe amount was also recovered from their possession in presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team.

Subsequently, search of residential houses of the accused Govt. employees was carried out in presence of Executive Magistrates and independent witnesses.

J&KBOSE revises extension dates for exam forms

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (J&K BOSE), has re-notified extension of dates for the submission of permission cum examination forms for Class 10 and 12 Annual/Private/Bi-Annual-2026 examinations for Kashmir and Jammu Divisions (both winter and summer zone areas) of UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

As per the notification, the revised cutoff date for submission of permission cum examination forms for Class 10 and 12 (both online and offline) on payment of the normal prescribed fee is now May 23. The revised cutoff date with a late fee shall remain May 26, as previously notified.

All other terms and conditions as stipulated in the main notification dated 24-04-2026 shall remain unchanged.

Ittija Mufti slams NC Govt over demolition, terms it 'Yogi model'

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JAMMU: PDP leader Ittija Mufti on Thursday accused the NC Govt of failing to protect the families affected by an anti-encroachment drive on forest land in Jammu and alleged that the 'Yogi model' of demolition was being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir.

Police and Forest Department teams on Tuesday conducted an anti-encroachment drive in the Raika Bandi forest belt of the lower Shivalik range on the outskirts of Jammu city, demolishing over 30 structures and retrieving nearly 60 kanals of prime forest land valued at several crores, officials said.

Ittija Mufti, who visited the affected families on Thursday, alleged that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is "ironic and appalling" as demolitions are being carried out despite the absence of a BJP government in the Union Territory.

"The unfortunate part is that unlike Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, there is no BJP government here.

Here, the government is a local party, a Muslim-dominated party, the National Conference. Yet they are implementing the BJP's agenda," she told reporters here.

Ittija Mufti claimed that there was a "nexus" between political narratives, alleging that the poor were being targeted under demolition drives while the powerful "land grabbers" were not being acted against.

"Because Kashmir is not Uttar Pradesh, where Yogi ji sends his JCB machines, or West Bengal, where Suwendu Adhikari is now the Chief Minister—someone who allegedly persecutes Muslims. Here, the government is led by a party which is predominantly Muslim, and yet somehow they are working against the very people they were given a massive mandate to protect," she said.

She also accused the ruling National Conference government of presiding over the introduction of the 'Yogi model' of demolitions in Jammu and Kashmir.