



JAMMU

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#Kathua again in Good News: History made at the top of the world! Heartiest congratulations to the @ITBP_official's first all-women expedition team for successfully scaling Mount Everest. A moment of immense pride for Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir, as our very own Anjali Devi (D/o Shri Balwant Singh, resident of Sunkhal) played a historic role in this incredible feat! Encouraged and promoted by PM @narendramodi Ji, India's daughters are redefining India's Nari Shakti on the global stage.



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Those whose politics couldn't extend beyond a few districts... They should not lecture the BJP. Before issuing certificates to the world's largest party, take a look at your own slipping ground as well.



BIRTH OF BACHENDRI PAL

Bachendri Pal, the pioneering Indian mountaineer who became the first Indian woman to successfully summit Mount Everest in 1984, was born on May 24, 1954, in the village of Nakuri in the Garhwal Himalayas



POPULATION:

In the entire Anantnag district of Kashmir division, 10.79 lakhs is the total population (Census-2011)



HORN PROHIBITED

Excessive and unnecessary honking is treated as unruly behaviour in modern society. However there are silence zones where honking is completely prohibited like near hospitals, schools etc. This sign directs driver to respect the silence zone and not to use horn.



Vande Bharat crosses 1 lakh passenger mark in 22 days

JAMMU: Adding a golden chapter to the history of Indian Railways and Jammu & Kashmir, the state-of-the-art Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express has achieved an unprecedented milestone by carrying over one lakh one thousand fifty passengers safely and comfortably in just 22 days — from the commencement of commercial operations on 2 May, 2026 to 23 May, 2026. This indigenous semi-high-speed train has proven itself to be the true lifeline of the region by bridging the geographical distance between Jammu and the Kashmir Valley.

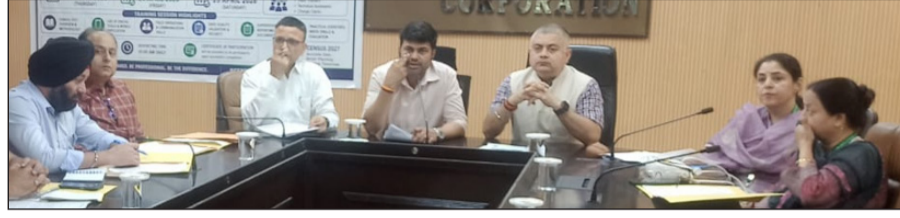
After being flagged off by the Union Railway Minister on 30 April, 2026, regular operations of the train began on 2 May, 2026. Since then, it has set a new benchmark of popularity among passengers.

Historically, travel between Jammu and Srinagar was dependent on National Highway-44, which often faced disruptions due to landslides and inclement weather. Over the past 22 days, the Vande Bharat Express has operated with excellent punctuality and 100% reliability, providing people with a safe and seamless all-weather travel option.

Expressing joy over this significant achievement, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu, Uchit Singh said, "From the launch of services on 2 May, 2026 to today, 23 May, 2026, carrying over one lakh one thousand fifty passengers in just 22 days is a moment of immense pride for Northern Railway. This is not just a number, but a living testament to our commitment to providing world-class infrastructure to the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

We have received extremely positive feedback from passengers regarding the train's comfort, safety, and hospitality. This train has put an end to the traditional fatigue of the Jammu-Srinagar route. Our entire focus remains on maintaining the highest standards of punctuality, immaculate cleanliness, and safety.

DCO Amit Sharma calls for intensified self-enumeration; reviews Census 2027 with JMC



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JAMMU: Amit Sharma, Chief Principal Census Officer (CPCO) and Director Census Operations (DCO), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, on Saturday chaired a detailed review meeting with Principal Census Officer, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS and Charge Officers of JMC regarding the ongoing Self-Enumeration exercise and overall preparedness for Census 2027 in Jammu city.

The meeting was related to review of the progress of Self-Enumeration, House Listing Block (HLB) demarcation and geo-tagging, training of Enumerators and Supervisors, media and publicity activities, mapping and jurisdictional updations, distribution of Census materials and financial preparedness

relating to Census operations in JMC areas.

During the interaction, CPCO Amit Sharma appreciated the efforts of Jammu Municipal Corporation and field-level Census teams in promoting Self-Enumeration and implementing preparatory activities for Census 2027 across urban areas. He observed that Jammu city is witnessing encouraging participation in Self-Enumeration and stressed upon maintaining strong momentum by intensifying the campaign in densely populated localities, residential colonies, commercial areas and major urban clusters of Jammu city during the remaining days of the Self-Enumeration period up to 31st May 2026.

Amit advised that the final days of the Self-Enumeration exercise in urban agglomerations of Jammu

city should be utilised aggressively for public mobilisation, awareness generation and facilitation support so that more households voluntarily complete their Self-Enumeration through the official portal. Special emphasis was laid on thematic campaigns, ward-level outreach activities and co-ordinated IEC initiatives in urban areas.

The meeting also reviewed the status of HLB demarcation and geo-tagging activities, during which it was informed that all identified House Listing Blocks under Jammu Municipal Corporation have been fully demarcated and geo-tagged as part of the preparatory framework for Census 2027 and few officers from ORGI and DCO J&K and Ladakh also assisted online to clarify lot of doubts on the subject.

Satish addresses NCC Cadets at SNIC 2026; hails youth

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Information Technology, ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, today addressed a grand gathering of NCC cadets and Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) from across the country at the Special National Integration Camp (SNIC) 2026 organised at Badamibagh Cantonment, Srinagar.

The prestigious camp, being attended by nearly 340 NCC cadets representing all 17 NCC Directorates of the country, was attended by the young participants from diverse cultural, linguistic and geographical backgrounds on a common platform of unity, discipline, leadership and national integration.

Addressing the cadets, Satish Sharma extended a warm welcome to all participants visiting Jammu & Kashmir and expressed happiness over the enthusiasm and discipline displayed by the young cadets. He said that the National Cadet Corps has emerged as one of the country's most influential youth organisations, playing a piv-

otal role in shaping responsible, patriotic and socially conscious citizens.

The Minister observed that camps such as SNIC provide a unique opportunity to young cadets to experience the cultural richness and diversity of India while fostering brotherhood, unity and national pride. He remarked that the youth are the true ambassadors of peace, progress and harmony and have a crucial responsibility in building a strong, prosperous and inclusive India.

Recalling his personal connection with the armed forces as the son of a soldier, Satish Sharma lauded the role of NCC in instilling values of discipline, dedication, leadership and selfless service among the younger generation.

The Minister urged the cadets to remain committed to the ideals of discipline, integrity and social responsibility.

Highlighting the growing menace of drug abuse among youth, Satish Sharma called upon the cadets to become ambassadors against drugs and spread awareness about healthy lifestyles, fitness and constructive social engagement.

MLA Mankotia holds Public Darbar; assures redressal of woes at earliest



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UDHAMPUR: Continuing his public outreach campaign across the Chenani-Ghordii constituency, Member Legislative Assembly Balwant Singh Mankotia on Saturday held Public Darbar at Panchayat Kotli Balla near Laddan Morh, where a large number of local people from the area gathered to highlight their grievances and developmental concerns.

The programme saw the presence of officers from various government departments, Ex-PRI members, social activists, and prominent citizens, who actively participated in the interaction. Residents from Panchayat Pachote and nearby villages raised several issues pertaining to road connectivity, drinking water supply, electricity,

healthcare services, educational infrastructure and other civic amenities.

Taking immediate cognizance of the demands and complaints projected by the people, MLA Mankotia instructed the concerned departmental officers to take prompt action and ensure that genuine public issues are addressed on priority.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the objective of holding Public Darbars at Panchayat level is to bridge the gap between the administration and the common people by providing governance and grievance redressal at the grassroots level.

He said such programmes are proving highly beneficial as people are able to directly interact with both elected representatives and officials without

having to visit government offices repeatedly. He further added that similar outreach programmes will be organized in every Panchayat of the constituency in the coming days to ensure transparent and effective governance.

MLA Mankotia reiterated his commitment towards the overall development of the Chenani-Ghordii constituency and said continuous efforts are being made to strengthen infrastructure related to roads, healthcare, education, electricity, tourism and water supply in rural as well as urban areas.

The locals appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude to MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia for personally listening to their grievances and taking immediate steps for their resolution.

J&K House gets modern VVIP makeover in Delhi



NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir House at Chanakyapuri unveiled its newly redeveloped VVIP accommodation facilities on Friday, adding critical capacity to the Union Territory's hospitality infrastructure for the dignitaries visiting the national capital.

Resident Commissioner Anil Kumar Sharma and senior officers of the Resident Commission.

The upgrade has come after the reorganization of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, when A and B Blocks were transferred to the Union Territory of Ladakh. That left J&K with only the ageing C-Block, sharply cutting accommodation for the visiting Ministers, MPs, senior civil and police officers, judicial

officers and official delegations.

To address the gap, the administration undertook a comprehensive revamp of the 4th floor. The redesigned level now houses three suites including Pashmina, Hangul and Chinar and two VVIP rooms named as Trikuta and Saffron. These all have been built on contemporary hospitality standards for comfort, security and a professional environment.

Police halt demolition drive briefly to retrieve national flag

JAMMU: Police briefly halted a demolition drive in the outskirts of Jammu city on Saturday to remove two tabletop national flags from the building being pulled down, officials said.

"The police officials stopped the demolition for a brief period and ensured that the Tricolour was taken out of the building with due respect before the operation continued," an official said.

The incident occurred during an ongoing demolition drive against properties allegedly belonging to a suspected drug peddler, identified as Bablu, in the Miran Sahib area on the city's outskirts.

A purported video showing a policeman taking out two tabletop national flags from a room during the demolition drive surfaced on social media.

According to officials, the demolition team, led by Sub-Inspector Rinku Sharma, paused the operation and sent a policeman inside the building to retrieve the national flags before resuming the drive.

Admin finalises transport plan for Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2026

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KISHTWAR: Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kishwar Panjaj Kumar Sharma, Motor Vehicles Department, in coordination with Police and Traffic Police, on Saturday convened a meeting with Transporters of Paddar block to discuss and finalise Transport Plan for smooth conduct of Machail Mata Ji Yatra-2026.

The meeting was attended by ARTO Tasleem Wani, SDPO Paddar Vijay Kumar Bhagat, SHO Paddar Amrit Katoch and SO Traffic Shabir Khan, besides transporters, drivers and other stakeholders of Paddar block.

Transporters and drivers were directed to ensure adequate transport facilities for the convenience of pilgrims during the Yatra period. It was made clear that only fit vehicles possessing all valid documents shall be allowed to ply.

"The vehicles not having valid route permits for the designated route shall not be allowed to operate," the Transporters were told.

The participants were directed to operate strictly according to traffic and transport regulations, particularly avoiding overloading and overcharging.

Instructions were also issued to past approved fare lists on the wind-screens of passenger vehicles to ensure transparency and safeguard the interests of pilgrims.

The meeting further stressed strong coordination among the Motor Vehicles Department, Police and Traffic authorities for the smooth regulation of transport operations during the Yatra. On-the-spot fitness inspection of vehicles was also conducted.

The participants were also imparted awareness regarding the ongoing 100 Day "Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir" Abhiyan, sensitising drivers to the harmful effects of drug abuse. They were exhorted to ensure safe, responsible and disciplined driving.



CS reviews transport deptt performance

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Transport Department to assess the progress achieved in road safety, traffic enforcement, technology integration and implementation of key recommendations aimed at improving traffic management and reducing road accidents across Jammu and Kashmir.

Expressing concern over the recent tragic road accident in Udhampur district in which around 21 people lost their lives, the Chief Secretary directed the Deputy Commissioners to submit comprehensive Annual Action Plans regarding implementation of SCCORS recommendations

in their respective districts. He also called for fixing responsibility in the recent Udhampur accident and directed the concerned authorities to furnish detailed accident reports from each district for proper analysis and corrective interventions.

Reviewing the implementation of the hit-and-run compensation mechanism, the Chief Secretary sought detailed action taken reports in all such cases and stressed upon ensuring timely disposal and assistance to affected families.

While reviewing the functioning of the e-Challaning system, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned departments to identify and address all bottlenecks.