

# JAMMU

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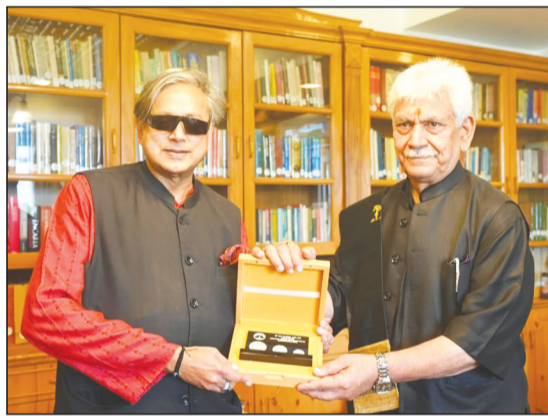
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**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY:**  
June 21 is officially celebrated worldwide as the International Day of Yoga. The date holds special significance as it coincides with the summer solstice, which represents the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and holds symbolic importance in many cultures. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi originally proposed the concept during his address to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2014.

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

**TRUCK PROHIBITED:**  
As sign itself speaks the area designated is a no entry zone for Trucks or HMV. These could be narrow lanes or congested areas where entry of heavy transport vehicle could obstruct smooth flow of traffic.

## Dr Shashi Tharoor calls on LG Manoj Sinha



**SRINAGAR:** Dr Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Lok Bhavan on Saturday. Satabdi Roy, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha met the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Lok Bhavan. A delegation of All J&K Christian Sabha, led by its President Ashu Peter Mattoo, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to discuss various issues and developmental needs concerning the Christian community in the Union Territory. During the meeting, the delegation presented the 5-Year Souvenir Magazine of All J&K Christian Sabha, which was formally released by Lieutenant Governor. The souvenir highlights the activities, achievements, and contributions of the Christian community and the Sabha over the past five years.

## Retired ASI among 3 fraudsters booked

**JAMMU:** The Crime Branch's Special Crime Wing has registered two separate FIRs here against three people, including a retired Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) of police, for their alleged involvement in job fraud, cheating and use of forged documents, officials said. Retired ASI Hamid-ullah, a resident of Ramnagar, was booked following a complaint regarding alleged use of forged educational certificate by him at the time of his initial appointment in J&K Police, Crime Branch said in a statement here. It said a preliminary inquiry revealed that the official had secured appointment in J&K Police by producing a fake 8th pass school leaving certificate. The verification conducted through the Chief Education Officer, Udhampur confirmed that no such candidate existed in the records of the concerned Government Higher Secondary School, Basantgarh, the statement said, adding a departmental inquiry also recommended criminal action.

## Woman discharged from hospital delivers baby on roadside; inquiry ordered

**SRINAGAR:** Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district have ordered an inquiry to examine the circumstances leading to an alleged roadside delivery of a patient after being discharged from a hospital, officials said on Saturday. The family of Hafeeza Begum, a resident of north Kashmir's Chechnar Alosa area, have alleged that she delivered a baby on the roadside after being discharged from Bandipora District Hospital where she was kept under observation, the officials said. They said the incident prompted Bandipora Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to constitute a five-member inquiry committee to probe the matter.

# Legal rights must advocate dignified support for women: Justice Vikram

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**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority under the guidance of National Legal Services Authority today organised a mega awareness programme on “Empowering Women and Strengthening Institutional Legal Support” at SKICC, Srinagar.

The programme was conceived as a common institutional platform to strengthen awareness of the legal rights of women and girl children and to improve coordination among the Legal Services Institutions, Police, Health, Education, Social Welfare, One Stop Centres, Child Welfare Committees and other authorities responsible for protection, legal assistance, compensation, rehabilitation and follow-up support. In his presidential address, Justice Vikram Nath,



Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA, emphasized that the effectiveness of Legal Services Institutions must be judged by whether a person in distress is able to approach the system without fear, be heard with dignity and receive competent assistance without avoidable delay. He called upon all the stakeholders to strengthen the legal literacy, institutional coordination and grassroots outreach so that constitutional

and statutory safeguards become a practical reality for women and girl children. Justice Vikram Nath further stressed that the proceedings and key deliberations of this conference should be translated into vernacular languages and circulated among all concerned stakeholders, so that the knowledge and guidance emanating from the conference are easily understood and effectively acted upon at grassroots level.

Justice S. V. N. Bhatti, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Supervising Judge for the J&K Legal Services Authority, during his special address, highlighted the need for functional grievance mechanisms, trained stakeholders and victim-sensitive procedures. He observed that women and children should not be compelled to navigate a fragmented institutional system or repeatedly recount traumatic experiences before different

authorities. Clear referral pathways, confidentiality and accountability, he stated, are necessary for meaningful legal empowerment. While delivering the inaugural address, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, underscored that access to justice cannot be measured merely by the availability of laws and institutions. Justice Sanjeev Kumar called for stronger grassroots outreach and effective functioning of Front Offices, Legal Aid Clinics, Panel Lawyers and Para-Legal Volunteers so that persons in need are guided to appropriate remedies without procedural hardships. He also stressed the importance of convergence among all stakeholder institutions dealing with women in distress.

## Rusted mortar shell defused

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**JAMMU:** A rusted mortar shell was unearthed in a forward village near the International Border on the outskirts of Jammu on Saturday, officials said. Farmer Girdhari Lal unearthed the mortar shell while ploughing his field with a tractor in Chanana village along the Arnia border belt, the officials said. They said he immediately informed the border outpost Chanaz, and accordingly, a bomb disposal squad was rushed to the scene. The explosive shell was safely defused by the experts, the officials said.

# Chief Secy reviews progress under 4G Saturation, amends BharatNet Prog

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**SRINAGAR:** The 11th meeting of the State Broadband Committee (SBC) of Jammu and Kashmir was on Saturday held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, to review the progress of key digital connectivity initiatives aimed at ensuring universal access to high-speed telecommunications and internet services across the Union Territory.

Reviewing the progress of land allotment and statutory clearances, the Chief Secretary impressed upon all Deputy Commissioners to clear the pending tower sites on a fast-track basis. He directed the Information Technology Department to obtain district-wise status reports and timelines for every identified site proposed for installation of telecom towers in far-flung and uncovered habitations. He further instructed that weekly progress reports be sought regarding feasibility assessments, land identification, statutory clearances and transfer of land to the executing agencies so that project implementation proceeds without delay. The Chief Secretary also emphasized



that all uncovered habitations identified across the Union Territory should be incorporated in the fresh list of sites prepared jointly by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and BSNL. He stressed that every eligible habitation must be brought under mobile network coverage to eliminate connectivity gaps and ensure that no village remains off-air in any part of Jammu and Kashmir. He further directed the Power Development Department, including KPDC and JPDCL, to ensure timely provisioning of on-grid electricity con-

nections to all feasible telecom tower locations. He also reviewed the implementation of the Call Before U Dig (CBUD) platform and the compliance of Standard Operating Procedures governing road cutting and excavation works by various departments and agencies.

Reviewing the implementation of the Amended BharatNet Programme, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned agencies to closely monitor the operationalisation of BharatNet infrastructure at the Gram Panchayat level. He asked the local telecom authorities together with the RDD to ascertain the status of BharatNet Udyamis (BNUs) in all Gram Panchayats already commissioned through the State Network Operations Centre (S-NOC) network. He emphasized that the ultimate objective of the programme is not merely to establish broadband infrastructure but to extend high-speed internet connectivity to households through Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) services. He directed that all commissioned Gram Panchayats should be progressively enabled through BNUs so that aspiring households in rural areas can avail reliable broadband services.

# Dir Horticulture reviews progress of dev schemes



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**JAMMU:** Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Syed on Saturday chaired a review meeting at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Horticulture, Jammu, to assess the physical and financial achievements under various developmental schemes including CAPEX, HADP, CSS, JKICP, NABARD and SASCI for the financial year 2026-27.

The Director reviewed progress under the various schemes and directed field officers to ensure timely implementation of developmental projects, optimum utilisation of allocated funds and effective execution of

the horticulture programme through close coordination to achieve targets within the stipulated timeframe. Gul Syed also called for closer monitoring of ongoing works, improved service delivery to farmers and faster progress on orchard development, nursery production, infrastructure creation and farmer welfare initiatives and reviewed district-wise performance besides seeking updates on implementation challenges.

The Director instructed all officers to submit regular progress reports and ensure transparency, accountability and quality in execution of the departmental programme and reiterated.

# Yoga is India's gift to world, path to healthy, developed nation: MP Sat

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**JAMMU:** Appealing to the residents of Jammu & Kashmir to devote time towards holistic fitness to mark the occasion of International Yoga Day, BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma, along with BJP J&K General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billaoria, participated in a yoga programme organized by the Dogra Seva Sambhal Trust at Gangyal, Jammu. BJP District President Nareish Singh Jasrotia was also present and joined the yoga exercises along with other participants. Sat Sharma, addressing on



the occasion, said that Yoga is not merely a physical exercise but a complete way of life that promotes harmony between the body, mind, and soul. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Yoga has gained global recognition and has become a symbol of India's ancient wisdom and cultural heri-

itage. Sharma emphasized that a healthy society is the foundation of a strong nation and urged people, particularly the youth, to adopt Yoga as a daily habit. “The vision of a Viksit Bharat can only be realized when our citizens are physically fit, mentally strong, and socially responsible.”

# Vijeshwar Devasthan Trust felicitates Rahul Pandit for contribution to national security discourse

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**JAMMU:** The Vijeshwar Devasthan Trust (Regd.), Tehsil Bijbehara, has congratulated and appreciated Rahul Pandit, son of Nancy Raina and Vijay Kumar Pandit, presently residing at Durganagar, Sector-2, Jammu, for his significant contribution to the field of national security and information warfare. The Trust expressed pride over Rahul Pandit's achievement of presenting his book, “Information Warfare: Battleground of the Digital Age,” to General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, Chief of the Army Staff, and engaging in a meaningful discussion on issues related

to India's national security. According to the Trust, the book addresses critical contemporary challenges such as information warfare, cybersecurity, misinformation, psychological operations, and emerging strategic threats in the digital age. The work has been recognized as a valuable contribution towards enhancing awareness and understanding of the evolving security landscape.

The Trust noted that Rahul Pandit's accomplishment is a matter of pride not only for his family but also for the entire Vijeshwar Kshetra community. It further highlighted that Rahul Pandit and his family are Lifetime Members of the Vijeshwar

Devasthan Trust and that the distinguished legacy of his grandfather, Late Jia Lal Pandit, continues to inspire the community.

President Sanjay Tikoo (Demb), Chairman A. K. Koul, General Secretary P. N. Tikoo, Treasurer Varinder Mohan Bhat, and Publicity Secretary Rattan Lal Raina conveyed their best wishes to Rahul Pandit for continued success in his future academic, research, and national service endeavours.

The Trust expressed confidence that his achievements would inspire younger generations to pursue excellence in education, research, strategic studies, and service to the nation.

# Rana reviews dev works, pitches quality, timelines

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**JAMMU:** Aimed at accelerating the pace of developmental works and ensuring quality execution of ongoing projects, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress and implementation status of Jal Shakti, PWD (R&B), Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) and Dharti Aaba works in Poonch district. The meeting was attended by senior offi-



cers of the Jal Shakti Department, PWD (R&B), JPDCL, NTPC, Tribal Affairs Department and other senior officers from district administration. Detailed discussions were held regarding the physical and financial progress of ongoing projects, bottlenecks affecting execution and measures required for their timely completion.

While addressing the meeting, Rana stressed the need for expeditious implementation of all sanctioned works. He directed the concerned officers to ensure strict adherence to timelines without compromising quality standards. He emphasized that all the departments must adopt a result-oriented approach to ensure that developmental.

# MLA Altaf Kaloo facilitates dignified return of KP family

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**PAHALGAM:** In a significant step towards fostering communal harmony and fulfilling the commitment of ensuring the dignified return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, Hon'ble MLA Pahalgam Altaf Ahmad Kaloo on Saturday facilitated the return of a Kashmiri Pandit family to their native village of Logripora, Aishmuqam. The family was warmly welcomed by local residents and representatives of the National Conference, reflecting the spirit of brotherhood, coexistence, and mutual respect that has long been the hallmark of Kashmir's rich cultural heritage. On the occasion, Altaf Kaloo interacted with the returning family and assured them of ev-



ery possible support from the administration and the local community. He emphasized that the return of Kashmiri Pandits to their homeland with dignity, security, and honour remains a priority and an essential step towards strengthening Kashmir's centuries-old tradition of communal harmo-

ny. Speaking on the occasion, Kaloo said that Kashmir is incomplete without its Kashmiri Pandit brethren and that sustained efforts will continue to create an atmosphere conducive to the return and rehabilitation of all displaced families who wish to come back to their roots.