

## Protest turns violent; Police fire gun shots, register FIR

**JAMMU:** Tension prevailed in the Bandi Ragoora area in Jammu on Monday after a group of protesters allegedly resorted to stone-pelting and delivered provocative speeches despite repeated warnings from police authorities, officials said.

According to police, a contingent from Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu, assisted by personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Armed Police, had been deployed in the area to maintain law and order. The deployment came amid concerns over a proposed protest that authorities believed could potentially disturb public order.

Officials said the protesters were repeatedly advised not to carry out the demonstration without obtaining the required permission. However, one Talib Hussain along with his associates allegedly proceeded with the protest and began pelting stones at the security personnel. Police alleged that the group attempted to ▶ P11

## Myanmar assures its territory won't be "used" against India



**NEW DELHI:** Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing assured Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday that Myanmar territory would not be allowed to use against India's security interests, as the two leaders held wide-ranging talks to boost bilateral ties in trade, defence, and energy.

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### 100-DAY NASHA MUKT JK ABHIYAAN

STOP DRUGS

DAY 52

The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

## Sinha leads Padyatra in Kulgam

### 1,000 smugglers, peddlers held since Apr 11: LG

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**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that over 1,000 drug smugglers and peddlers have been arrested and more than 55 traffickers have been detained under PIT-NDPS provisions since Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan began on April 11 to crack down on drug traffickers and narco-terror network.

As many as 923 FIRs have also been registered against drug traffickers in the last 51 days, he said, adding 668 driving licenses have



been cancelled and recommendations have been made to revoke 124 passports under the anti-drug abuse campaign.

LG Sinha today led 'Drug-Free J&K Padyatra' in Kulgam and addressed a public meeting. The Lieutenant Governor said that this people's movement has connected every heart across Jammu Kashmir with a shared purpose to make their village, their town drug-free.

"This campaign belongs to the people. Parents, teachers, religious leaders and young volunteers ▶ P11

## Omar inaugurates new Circuit House block



**■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE**

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday inaugurated the newly constructed additional accommodation block at Circuit

(R&B) Department under the Capex budget at a cost of Rs 781.34 lakh.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Member Legislative Assembly Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan Ahmad (Pardesi), Secretary Hospitality & Protocol Avny Lavasa, Director Hospitality & Protocol Ashwani Kumar and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The newly added facility is a three-storeyed structure comprising a basement, ground floor and two upper floors. The block houses 18 accommodation rooms, including 12 ▶ P11

## Commercial LPG price hiked by Rs 42

**NEW DELHI:** Prices of commercial LPG - the one used in hotels and restaurants - as well as 5-kg market-priced LPG cylinders were on Monday hiked in line with global benchmarks, but rates of cooking gas used in household kitchens were kept unchanged.

The price of commercial LPG was hiked by Rs 42 to Rs 3,113.50 per 19-kg cylinder from Rs 3,071.50 in Delhi, industry sources said.

The latest increase follows a sharp Rs 993 hike implemented on May 1, taking commercial LPG ▶ P11

## Joint team destroy cannabis in Choor

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**SRINAGAR:** In continuation of the ongoing anti-drug enforcement drive under the 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan, Sopore Police carried out action against the wild growth of narcotic plants in the jurisdiction of Police Post Putkha.

On receipt of credible information regarding the presence of wild cannabis (bung) at village Choor, a joint team comprising officials from Police, Excise and Revenue Departments conducted a destruction drive at the said location.

During the drive, wild cannabis spread over the area was identified and destroyed on the spot after completing all necessary legal formalities. Samples were also collected and seized for further analysis.

Sopore Police reiterated that cultivation, ▶ P11

## District Police organises cycle race at Chandosa

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**BARAMULLA:** As a part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, police in Baramulla district, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education, organized a Cycle Race at Chandosa to raise awareness against drug abuse and promote a healthy, disciplined, and drug-free lifestyle among the youth.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students and local youth. Through the programme, participants were sensitized about the harmful effects of narcotics and the importance of staying away from drugs. The initiative aimed to encourage physical fitness, constructive engagement, and community involvement in the collective fight against substance abuse.

Speaking on the occasion, police officials reiterated their commitment towards realizing the vision of a ▶ P11

## Full Court Reference held to mark elevation of Chief Justice Arun Palli to Supreme Court

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**SRINAGAR:** Full Court Reference was held on Monday in the court room of the Chief Justice at the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Arun Palli, to honour him on his elevation as a judge of the Supreme Court of India.

The Full Court Reference, when all the judges of a court assemble, was convened in accordance with the long-standing conventions and cherished institutional traditions of the high court, an official spokesperson said.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Jus-



ice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Justice Mohd Yousuf Wani, Justice Sanjay Parihar and Justice Shahzad Azeem, along with the spouses of the judges of the high court, attended the farewell ceremony.

The proceedings were also attended by former chief justices, former judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, the chief secretary, director general of police and members of the legal fraternity.

The officers and officials and advocates of the high court from the Jammu Wing joined the proceedings virtually.

Mohsin Qadri, Senior Additional Advocate General, Srinagar, gave an address, highlighting the distinguished judicial career, scholarship, administrative acumen and commitment of Justice Arun Palli to the cause of justice.

The senior additional advocate general said the ▶ P11

## Justice Kumar elevated as 'acting' Chief Justice

**JAMMU:** The President of India has appointed Justice Sanjeev Kumar, a Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

According to an official notification issued under Article 223 of the Constitution of India, Justice Sanjeev Kumar will discharge the functions of the Chief Justice following the appointment of Justice Arun Palli, the ▶ P11



## Check-in baggage norms revised for Haj returnees

**■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE**

**SRINAGAR:** Authorities have changed check-in baggage weight requirements for Haj pilgrims returning to Srinagar international airport as there are temporary runway length restrictions and payload limitations due to a NOTAM issued for runway maintenance work at the airport.

The return journey of Haj pilgrims operated by Akasa airlines to the Srinagar Embarkation Point has been planned via Ahmedabad with 35 kg check-in baggage allowed up to Ahmedabad, Union Ministry of Minority Affairs said.

"Thereafter, 5 kg check-in baggage per pilgrim will be carried on the Ahmedabad-Srinagar flight, while the remaining 30 kg baggage will be transported separately by road to Srinagar. There is no change in the cabin baggage allowance," the ministry said in post on X.

"Due to a NOTAM issued for Srinagar Airport and ongoing runway maintenance resulting in temporary runway length restrictions, payload limitations have been imposed on aircraft operations in the interest of flight safety," it said. ▶ P11

## Chief Secy takes stock of supplies

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Monday reviewed the availability and stock position of essential commodities across Jammu and Kashmir with a particular focus on petroleum products, LPG and other critical supplies required for public consumption and the upcoming peak tourism and pilgrimage season.

The review meeting besides ACS, APD; Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA and Commissioner Secretary, Information; Commissioner Secretary, Education Department was attended by the Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir ▶ P11

## J&K leads UTs in Census Self-Enumeration CPCO launches House Listing Ops; seeks public cooperation in survey

**■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE**

**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir is leading among the Union Territories and ranked eighth among states in the country in the self-enumeration phase of Census 2027, a senior Census official said, adding that over 6.67 lakh households voluntarily have submitted their details through the official portal.

He said that 6,67,517 households in Jammu and Kashmir and 7,009 households in Ladakh completed self-enumeration before the commencement of house listing operations (HLO),



which began on Monday.

The official appealed to all residents of Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh to extend full cooperation to enumerators and supervisors visiting households during the month-long census exercise.

"J&K has emerged as the leading Union Territory and 8th among states in the country in self-enumeration under census 2027. Over

6.67 lakh households voluntarily submitted their details through the official Self-Enumeration portal," Chief Principal Census Officer and Director Census Operations for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma told reporters here.

Describing the response as highly encouraging, Sharma said, "Residents across districts actively participated in the exercise, with Pulwama, Jammu and Kulgam recording particularly strong responses".

He also appreciated the participation of residents from Leh and Kargil districts in Ladakh. Sharma ▶ P11

## Selection list of Medical Officers under scanner

**■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE**

**JAMMU:** The Public Service Commission (PSC) selection list for the post of Medical Officers (Allopathic) was released by J&K Health & Medical Education Department on Monday is under scanner due to the disproportionate selection of the candidates from Kashmir Division as compared to the Jammu Division. Sources informed that many of the candidates selected have their registration with J&K Medical Council and completed their MBBS from other countries.

As per the list, 317 candidates are selected from Kashmir Division and 105 from Jammu Division.

The district wise selections included, Anantnag 44; Shopian 44; Srinagar 40; Pulwama 40; Jammu 37; Baramulla 36; Kulgam 33; Budgam 30; Kupwara 22; Ganderbal 15; Rajouri 14; Bandipora 13; Kishtwar 12; Samba

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
 Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu

Subject: Selection list for the posts of Medical Officers (Allopathic) in Health & Medical Education Department - Online Submission of Personal Verification Forms (PVFs) for verification of character and antecedents thereof.

**NOTICE**

The Health and Medical Education Department has received a select list for the posts of Medical Officers (Allopathic) from the J&K Public Service Commission vide communication No.PSC/2024/Medical Officer (Allopathic)/1844/2024 dated 20.05.2026.

Special Secretary to the Government (J&K) Government,

2. Senior Superintendent of Police, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar,

3. Joint Secretary to the Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department,

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5. J&K Civil Servants, with the request to upload the notice on the website for the information of all the concerned.

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