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JKNC's June 3 meeting has exposed the cracks within the alliance. JKNC MLAs and Independent allies were called, but Congress — its own alliance partner — was reportedly left out.



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White Knight Corps: Partners in Nation Building Educational initiatives supported by #WhiteKnightCorps under the aegis of #NorthernCommand continue to empower talented youth across Jammu & Kashmir, with students from the Akhnoor Ignited Minds Initiative and Petronet Jammu Super-30 achieving outstanding success in #JEEAdvanced2026.



BENGALURU STAMPEDE

On 4 June 2025, a crowd crush occurred in Bengaluru, India, during the celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's maiden Indian Premier League title win. Eleven people were killed and 56 others were injured in the crush, which took place outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, the team's home ground, where a large number of fans had gathered for the team's felicitation event.



FEMALE POPULATION:
In the entire Jammu district, 7.16 lakhs are the total female population.



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Dr Jitendra pitches next-generation India-South Africa tech partnership

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JAMMU: The Minister of State (MoS) PMO Dr Jitendra Singh calls for next-generation India-South Africa technology partnership focused on emerging technologies.

Holding bilateral talks with Dr. Nomalungelo Gina, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of South Africa, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the next phase of India-South Africa engagement must be shaped by emerging technologies, innovation ecosystems, startup partnerships and industry-linked research. He said the two countries possess complementary strengths that can be leveraged to create affordable, scalable and inclusive technological solutions for the developing world.

It is learnt that India and South Africa agreed to scale up bilateral cooperation in future technologies, with Artificial Intelligence, Digital Infrastructure and Advanced Manufacturing emerging as key priorities for the next phase of bilateral engagement.

During talks with South Africa Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Dr Nomalungelo Gina, who called on him accompanied by a



high-level delegation, Dr Jitendra Singh called for taking the relationship beyond traditional research cooperation towards innovation-driven partnerships capable of delivering economic and societal impact at scale.

The Minister said India and South Africa share a unique partnership forged through a common history, democratic values and a shared commitment to inclusive growth. He noted that as influential voices of the Global South, both countries are increasingly contributing to shaping international conversations on science, technology and innovation through platforms such as BRICS, IBSA, G20 and IORA, while also advancing bilateral cooperation across multiple strategic sectors.

The meeting was held at the Kartavya Bhawan in New Delhi. The South African delegation was led by Deputy Minister Dr. Nomalungelo Gina and comprised senior officials from the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation and the South African High Commission.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said India has emerged as one of the world's fastest-growing innovation ecosystems, supported by major national initiatives in Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Technologies, Cyber-Physical Systems, Digital Public Infrastructure and start-up-led innovation. He said these advancements present new opportunities for collaborative research, technology development and innovation partnerships with South Africa.



Amit reviews Census preparations, appeals for public cooperation

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KULGAM: Chief Principal Census Officer (CPCO) and Director Census Operations (DCO), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma on Wednesday visited Kulgam and chaired a meeting with Principal Census Officer, District Census Officer, Charge Officers, Enumerators and Supervisors at the Conference Hall of the Mini Secretariat, Kulgam.

The meeting focused on the ongoing preparations for the Census and the implementation of the first phase of the House Listing Operation (HLO), which is being conducted from June 1 to June 30. During the meeting, CPCO Amit Sharma reviewed the arrangements made by the district ad-

ministration and emphasized the importance of accurate data collection and effective coordination among field staff.

Addressing the participants, Amit Sharma highlighted the significance of the Census exercise and urged enumerators and supervisors to discharge their duties with dedication and professionalism to ensure the successful completion of the House Listing Operation.

Principal Census Officer Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, along with other district officers, was present during the meeting. Various aspects related to census operations, field-level coordination, and public cooperation were also discussed.

During the meeting, the officials of Kulgam

reaffirmed their commitment towards conducting this important national exercise smoothly and efficiently across the district.

While speaking with media especially DD News, CPCO Amit Sharma appealed to the public to cooperate with census enumerators and provide the required information.

He urged people to actively participate in the Census exercise to ensure its smooth and timely completion.

Before leaving, CPCO Amit also assured the public that all information collected during the Census would remain strictly confidential and would not be shared with any individual or agency, as per the provisions governing Census data collection.

IGP Bhim addresses PSIs; exhorts upon to serve with dedication

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JAMMU: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, IPS, on Wednesday addressed the Probationary Sub-Inspectors (PSIs) of the 2024 batch during an interaction session held at District Police Lines (DPL), Jammu.

While addressing the young officers, the IGP emphasized the importance of upholding the values of honesty, integrity, professionalism, and public service. He motivated the PSIs to remain true to the oath they have taken as police officers and to discharge their duties with utmost dedication, commitment, and sincerity.



Bhim Sen Tuti, (IGP) Jammu zone highlighted the crucial role of police officers in maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety, and strengthening the trust between the police and the community. He encouraged the probationers to continuously enhance their professional skills, maintain high ethical standards, and work

tirelessly for the welfare of society.

The session was followed by an interactive discussion during which the PSIs raised various queries and sought guidance on professional challenges, policing practices, and career development. The IGP patiently addressed their concerns and shared valuable insights drawn from

his extensive policing experience.

The interaction proved to be highly informative and motivational, providing the young officers with an opportunity to gain practical knowledge and inspiration as they embark on their policing careers.

Senior Police officers were also present on the occasion.

CS reviews preparedness for rollout of VB-G RAM G

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the preparedness of the Rural Development Department and district administrations for the smooth rollout of the Viksit Bharat Gramin Rozgar Abhiyan Mission (VB-G RAM G) across Jammu and Kashmir from July 1, 2026.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the progress achieved by the department in transitioning from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) framework to the newly enacted VB-G RAM G, which was notified by the Government of India on May 11, 2026.

Stressing the importance of meticulous planning and coordinated execution, the Chief Secretary directed the officers to adhere strictly to the timelines prescribed for operationalization of the scheme and ensure that all preparatory activities are completed well before its commencement on July 1, 2026.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, chaired a meeting to assess the status of hostels constructed by various departments across Jammu and Kashmir and



to devise a roadmap for making all such assets functional and beneficial for the intended beneficiaries at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department; Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Managing Director, Samagra Shiksha; Managing Director, RUSA; Directors of School Education, Jammu and Kashmir, besides other concerned officers. Taking a comprehensive review of the hostel infrastructure created by different departments over the years, the Chief Secretary expressed concern over a number of hostel buildings that are yet to be made operational despite substantial public investment.

He emphasized that assets created through public funds must be put to optimal use and directed all concerned departments to take immediate measures for completion and operationalization of such facilities.

Omar's austerity order is 'Death Certificate' for J&K youth job dreams: Arun Prabhat

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JAMMU: Arun Prabhat, State President, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, Jammu Kashmir, on Wednesday held a strong-worded press conference at the BJP party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, slamming the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference government for what he described as a blatant betrayal of the future of Jammu & Kashmir's youth through the recently issued Government Order No. 198-F of 2026 by the Finance Department, which freezes the creation of new government posts and mandates the surrender of all posts lying vacant for over two years.

Prabhat recalled Omar Abdullah-led National Conference that

they have prominently promised one lakh jobs in its election manifesto — a promise that brought thousands of hopeful youth to the polling booths. National Conference led government's latest circular directing all government departments to execute "economy and austerity measures for the rationalisation of expenditure" not only freezes new recruitment but also orders the surrender of posts that have remained vacant for more than two years. Prabhat called this a direct contradiction of the government's electoral pledges and a mockery of the aspirations of J&K's educated unemployed youth. Moreover Omar Abdullah's own government's Economic Survey 2025-26 reveals that nearly 46% of educated

youth in Jammu Kashmir remain unemployed indicating persistent structural gaps.

During his concluding remarks he said, "The austerity order is an anti-youth policy that crushes employment hopes at a time when unemployment in J&K has already reached a critical level. Rather than cutting the perks and unnecessary spending of the ruling elite and senior bureaucracy, the financial burden of austerity has been callously shifted onto the shoulders of unemployed youth. The government must immediately withdraw the Austerity Order and issue a clear roadmap for filling all existing vacancies on a time-bound basis or be ready for a mass agitation across Jammu Kashmir."

24x7 food, water vending machine commissioned at Katra Station

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JAMMU: Northern Railway, Jammu Division has taken two important steps towards providing passengers with 'fast, transparent and convenient' services. Keeping in view the convenience of lakhs of devotees visiting the shrine, Jammu Division's first Automatic Food & Water Vending Machine (AVM) has been commissioned at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Station. Now passengers will not have to stand in queues at counters for food and water.



The machine will be available 24x7, round the clock. With UPI, card and other digital payment options, transactions have become completely cashless and transparent, which will put a complete stop to complaints like overcharging. The automated process has made service faster and will reduce crowding on the station premises, saving passengers' time and improving travel experience. This initiative puts Railways' Digital India and passenger-first approach into practice on the ground.

Along with this, Jammu Division has also taken the smart and transparent utilization of railway assets to new heights through e-auctions.

The SLR space in Train No. 12472 has been leased out, enhancing its commercial use. This will ensure steady revenue for Railways and better utilization of space.

At Pathankot Railway Station, mobile & mobile accessories kiosk and saloon kiosk have been clubbed and allotted together for the first time. Along with this, retiring rooms operations have also been outsourced for the first time. Clubbing will enable passengers to avail multiple services at one place, make business easier for vendors and improve the quality of services and cleanliness at the station.

On this occasion, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Uchit Singhal said that the Automatic Vending Machine commissioned at Katra Station will now provide every passenger with quick, hygienic and cashless service.

JMC ramps up sanitation efforts for SANJY 2026

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation has formulated a comprehensive sanitation plan to maintain cleanliness along major roads, market areas, pilgrimage routes and public spaces during the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026. To strengthen mechanized cleaning operations, a fleet of specialized sanitation vehicles has been deployed across the city.

The fleet includes three compact road-sweeping machines that vacuum lit-

ter, dust and other waste materials directly from road surfaces. These machines are particularly effective in cleaning narrow stretches and urban roads. In addition, four Italian-made Dulevo 6000 road-sweeping vehicles have been deployed for cleaning major roads and important traffic corridors. Two GVP vehicles equipped with powerful vacuum suction systems have also been pressed into service to collect accumulated waste and debris from roadsides and other public areas.

PSA slapped on man, woman for indulging in criminal activities

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KISHTWAR: To safeguard public order and communal harmony, the District Magistrate Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma has ordered the preventive detention of Mohammad Saleem S/o Nissar Ahmed R/o Bagla Dali, District Doda, under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978. The action was taken on the basis of a dossier submitted by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar - which revealed the accused person's repeated involvement in organized illegal transportation and smuggling of bovine animals across District Doda, District Kishtwar and adjoining ar-

reas. Despite previous criminal involvement, the subject continued to indulge in similar activities, demonstrating a habitual tendency and complete disregard for the law.

The District Magistrate observed that such activities invoked the provisions of the Public Safety Act and ordered his detention.

Meanwhile, in a significant action aimed at safeguarding public order and security, Baramulla Police on Wednesday executed a detention warrant under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA), 1978, against Haseena Begum, wife of Mohammad Yusuf Bhat, resident of Sheeri, Tehsil Narvaw, District Baramulla.

Wagoora Panchayat wins National Panchayat Award

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JAMMU: In a landmark achievement for rural Jammu & Kashmir, Wagoora Gram Panchayat in Budgam district has secured the third position at the national level for the prestigious Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) 2025, winning a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh.

The award, conferred under the category "Socially Just and Socially Secured Panchayat," was presented during the National Panchayat Awards function at the Scope Convention Centre in New Delhi. Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Union Minister of State for Pancha-



yati Raj, Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel, handed over the honour to a five-member delegation from Jammu and Kashmir's Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.

The honour recognises Wagoora's outstanding performance in inclusive governance, social justice, and sustainable rural development. The Gram Panchayat

emerged victorious after a rigorous national-level evaluation process that involved thousands of Panchayats from across the country.

Officials credited the achievement to the visionary leadership of Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar and the sustained guidance of Secretary, Rural Development Department

& Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad.

Under Aijaz Asad's leadership, the department adopted a focused strategy to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions, improve grassroots governance, and ensure effective implementation of welfare programmes. Regular reviews, handholding of Panchayats, and continuous monitoring were instrumental in enabling Wagoora to achieve this national distinction.

The award reflects the collective efforts of Panchayati Raj Institutions, elected representatives, local communities, and field functionaries in strengthening grassroots democracy across Jammu & Kashmir.