

# JAMMU

## @KashmirPolice

Today on the occasion of World environment day Shri Nalin Prabhat-IPS, DGP J&K started a tree plantation campaign by planting the Cedar tree (Cedrus deodara) at Anantnag to support environmental conservation, increase green cover and promote environmental awareness among employees and the public.



## @MehboobaMufti

Mufti sahab envisioned & laid the foundation for AIIMS Awantipora in 2015 & today I'm delighted to see his dream come to fruition. Much progress has been made on this crucial institution - a project initiated by the PDP over a decade ago. AIIMS Awantipora has the potential to emerge as one of the leading centres of healthcare, medical education and research in J&K. Request Union Health Minister @JPNadda ji to kindly expedite completion of this vital institution so that quality healthcare services can reach the people of J&K at the earliest.  
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## SHIVAJI MAHARAJ CROWNED FIRST CHHATRAPATI OF MARATHA EMPIRE

On June 6, 1674, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was formally crowned as the first Chhatrapati of the Maratha Empire at Raigad Fort. This historic event established the sovereign Hindavi Swaraj (Maratha self-rule) and marked the beginning of the Maratha era.



## 16

### CD BLOCKS:

In the entire Anantnag district of Kashmir division, 16 are the total CD Blocks.



### GIVE WAY

This sign is used at roundabouts where a specific lane discipline is to be followed. This sign directs the traffic to give way to the fellow traffic on your right side.



## Govt focused on developing offbeat destinations: Sakeena

**KULGAM:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo on Friday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the tourism potential of the picturesque Panchanpatri area in Kulgam district. During the meeting, the Minister took detailed assessment of various measures to be taken for bringing the Panchanpatri area of Kulgam on tourism map of Jammu and Kashmir. She directed the officers to establish all kind basic amenities in this picturesque area so that maximum visitors are attracted towards it. The Minister directed the Tourism department to assess the scope for strengthening tourism infrastructure in the area for visitors. "Panchanpatri possesses immense natural beauty and holds tremendous potential to emerge as a major attraction for nature lovers, trekkers and adventure tourists", she stated. Sakeena Itoo highlighted that the Government is focused on identifying and developing offbeat destinations to diversify the tourism landscape of Jammu and Kashmir and generate new livelihood opportunities for local communities. "Promotion of unexplored tourist spots not only enhances visitor experiences but also contributes significantly to rural economic growth through employment generation and entrepreneurship", she stated. Reaffirming the Government's vision for inclusive tourism development, Sakeena Itoo said that emerging destinations like Panchanpatri will play a vital role in strengthening Jammu and Kashmir's position as a premier tourist destination and creating long-term economic benefits for local residents.



## ACB registers case against financial irregularities in dev works

**SRINAGAR:** The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jammu and Kashmir, has registered a case following the outcome of a Joint Surprise Check conducted into allegations of corruption, financial irregularities, procedural violations, and abuse of official position in connection with development works executed by the Horticulture Department at Zawoora Garden, Srinagar.

The Joint Surprise Check was initiated by Police Station ACB, Srinagar, to examine allegations relating to the development of the Centre of Excellence at Zawoora Garden, Srinagar. The enquiry revealed prima facie evidence of serious irregularities in the tendering and execution of works undertaken under the project. During the verification, it surfaced that NIT was allegedly framed in a manner that lacked specific quality parameters and technical specifications, thereby creating scope for arbitrary decision-making. It was further found that the financial provisions incorporated in the tender were substantially higher than those envisaged in the approved Detailed Project Report (DPR). The enquiry also revealed that the eligibility criteria relating to financial turnover were allegedly fixed at an unusually high threshold, despite the actual requirement being significantly lower. This restrictive condition is alleged to have curtailed fair competition and favoured a particular bidder. The findings of the Joint Surprise Check prima facie indicate abuse of official position, criminal misconduct, and criminal conspiracy involving public servants and the beneficiary private firm, resulting in undue pecuniary advantage to the contractor and corresponding loss to the Government. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 09/2026 has been registered at Police Station ACB, Srinagar, under Section 5(1)(d) read with Section 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt. 2006 and Section 120-B RPC against the then Director Horticulture Kashmir, members of the District Level Purchase Committee (DLP), members of the Inspection Committee, the beneficiary contractor M/S Fruit Master Agro Fresh Pvt. Ltd., and other involved persons.

## CPCO Amit visits Budgam, chairs review meet on Census operations

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Chief Principal Census Officer (CPCO) and Director Census Operations (DCO), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Amit Sharma, along with Deputy Commissioner-cum-Principal Census Officer Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, chaired a review meeting at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, Budgam to assess the preparedness and progress of the ongoing House Listing Operations (HLO) being conducted from June 1 to June 30, 2026, as part of the Census exercise.



Athar Aamir Khan, informed in the meeting that all necessary administrative and logistical arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth conduct of Census-related activities across the district.

He also directed all field-level officers to extend full support to census personnel and ensure strict adherence to the prescribed guidelines.

During the Meeting led by CPCO Amit Sharma, detailed discussions were held on ensuring comprehensive coverage of all households,

including migratory populations, and strengthening field-level census operations across the district.

Addressing the officers, CPCO Amit Sharma appreciated the dedicated efforts of the field staff and encouraged enumerators and supervisors to discharge their responsibilities with utmost commitment and professionalism.

He emphasized the importance of effective coordination among census functionaries, quality and timely data collection, and strict adherence to census

guidelines to ensure accuracy and completeness of the enumeration process.

Amit Sharma directed all concerned officers to extend full support to census personnel and take necessary measures to facilitate the smooth conduct of House Listing and Housing Census activities throughout the district.

CPCO Amit Sharma further informed that any query or clarification related to Census 2027 in the district, citizens can contact the dedicated toll-free helpline number 1855.

## 4 tourists injured after vehicle plunges 100 feet into gorge

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Four tourists from Punjab were injured on Friday after their car skidded off the road and plunged nearly 100 feet into the Halaon river on the Bhaderwah-Pathankot interstate highway in Doda district, police said.

The tourists were travelling in a Kia Sonet vehicle when the accident occurred around 11 kilometres from Bhaderwah town, they said.

"The driver reportedly lost control, veered off the road and fell nearly 100 feet into the river," police said.

They said police were verifying the purpose and route of the tourists' visit.

Several popular tourist destinations, including Thanthera, Guldanda and Chattergalla, are located along the highway, which also serves as a key road link to Punjab, they said.

According to eyewitness Mohammad Ashraf, a labourer working with the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), the vehicle suddenly rolled down the

hillside and landed in the fast-flowing waters of the Halaon River.

"We didn't waste a minute and ran towards the river. We immediately rescued all four passengers from the vehicle, which was trapped in the ice-cold gushing water," Ashraf said.

He said BRO personnel were alerted immediately and an ambulance from the nearby Nalthi camp was rushed to the spot. The injured tourists were subsequently shifted to the sub-district hospital (SDH), Bhaderwah.

Block Medical Officer (BMO) Bhaderwah, Dr Versha Sharma, said all four injured people are undergoing treatment and responding well.

"As of now, all the injured are out of danger," she said.

The injured, Ashwani Kumar (48), son of Govinder Sharma; Navneet Sharma (46), son of Jagdish Chander; Ajay Kumar (47), son of Rajinder Singh; and Amarjeet Singh (56), son of Sai Das, are residents of Pathankot, Punjab.

## Directorate of Tourism observes World Environment Day



EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** On the eve of World Environment Day, the Directorate of Tourism Jammu organised a plantation drive at the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC), Jammu, as part of its commitment towards environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The plantation drive was undertaken to promote environmental awareness and encourage collective action for creating a greener and healthier environment. Officers and officials of the department actively participated in the programme by planting saplings within the office

premises.

Speaking on the occasion, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Aijaz Qaiser, underscored the importance of protecting and preserving the environment through sustained afforestation efforts. He emphasized the vision of a Green Jammu and a Green Planet and called upon citizens to actively participate in plantation drives and adopt environmentally responsible practices in their daily lives. He noted that planting trees is one of the most effective ways to enhance ecological balance, improve air quality and contribute to a sustainable future. He urged upon Jammuites to

join a cleanup campaign at Patnitop on 6th Of June at 11 am which is being organised by department of tourism in collaboration with Sangharsh RTI Movement. The idea and intent is to ensure sustainable tourism in Jammu and to spread a message/awareness among visitors to keep their trash close to them instead of disposing it off in meadows thereby disturbing the ecology & environment. The initiative also highlighted the role of government institutions in promoting environmental stewardship and spreading awareness about the significance of conserving natural resources for future generations.

## Dr Jitendra listens to public problems, reviews dev works

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**DODA:** The Minister of State (MoS) PMO Dr Jitendra Singh, on Friday convened a public outreach camp at Malhori, Kalotha in Doda district.

The Minister held an extensive interaction with the public representatives, district officers and local residents to review the developmental issues and address the public grievances.

The camp was attended by MLA Doda west Shakti Raj Parihar, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Krishan Lal, concerned officials, Ex-PRI members and others.

A large gathering of people from Malhori, Kalotha and adjoining areas participated in the camp, making it a significant public outreach programme aimed at strengthening the citizen-government

engagement.

During the event, several deputations representing different villages, youth groups, women's organizations, farmers, traders and social activists met the Union Minister and projected their demands and grievances.

The deputations highlighted issues pertaining to upgradation of roads, augmentation of drinking water schemes, improvement of healthcare and educational facilities, strengthening of power infrastructure, expansion of mobile and internet connectivity, promotion of tourism potential, employment generation and timely implementation of welfare schemes. The deputations sought immediate intervention for resolution of long-pending public issues and requested inclusion of additional developmental projects to

improve the quality of life in the region.

During the programme, the Minister reviewed the developmental scenario of the area and sought suggestions from the public.

The Minister directed the concerned departments to ensure time-bound execution of ongoing projects, speedy redressal of public grievances and better coordination among the departments for improving service delivery. He stressed the need for strengthening healthcare and educational infrastructure, improving road connectivity, ensuring uninterrupted power and water supply and accelerating the developmental works in underserved areas.

The Union Minister assured the people that all their genuine issues highlighted during the camp would be taken up for redress on priority.

## CS calls for implementation of Agri Credit Schemes

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday chaired a review meeting of the Agriculture Production Department (APD) to assess the implementation and progress of various agricultural credit schemes being extended across the districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Reviewing the performance of different credit-linked schemes, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for giving a major push to agricultural financing, observing that accessible and affordable credit remains the most effective means of unlocking the vast potential of the agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

He called upon the district administrations and banking institutions to pursue these schemes with greater ambition and commitment so that eligible farmers, entrepreneurs and producer groups are able



to derive maximum benefit from them.

Highlighting the significance of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme, Dulloo stressed the need for saturation of KCC coverage, timely renewal of existing accounts and prompt disbursement of repayment incentives to eligible farmers in accordance with the scheme guidelines.

He directed the concerned departments and banks to undertake extensive awareness campaigns regarding the incentives available under the scheme and the conditions required for availing them, enabling farmers to fully leverage the benefits of this credit scheme.

## Tarigami chairs House Panel meet on Environment

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Commemorating the World Environment Day, the House Committee on Environment of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Friday held its introductory meeting under the chairmanship of MLA Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami at the Legislative Assembly Complex, Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by members including Professor Gharu Ram, Baldev Raj Sharma, Daleep Singh, Showkat Hussain Ganai, Javid Ahmad Mirchal, Dr. Sajjad Shafi, Javid Reyaz (Bedar), Dr. Rameshwar Singh and Devyani Rana.

Tarigami expressed gratitude to all the members for becoming part of a committee entrusted with a matter of universal concern affecting the human beings, wildlife, flora and fauna and so the future generations. He stated that environmental protection is not merely an administrative responsibility towards society and nature.

The Chairman highlighted several pressing environmental concerns confronting Jammu and Kashmir, including increasing pollution in water bodies, unscientific

waste dumping, deforestation, excessive use of plastic, degradation of wetlands and shrinking green cover. He expressed serious concern over the deteriorating condition of Anchar Lake and other water bodies of Kashmir, stating that continued pollution, encroachments and negligence pose a grave threat to the ecological balance of the region.

Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami also stressed the urgent need for restoration and conservation of lakes, rivers and forests in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions. He observed that unchecked urbanization, environmental degradation and climate change are adversely affecting the biodiversity, public health and the fragile ecology of the Union Territory.

All the members of the Committee gave their valuable suggestions and unanimously resolved that the Committee holds immense significance in safeguarding the environmental future of Jammu and Kashmir. The members emphasized that the administration should extend full cooperation and necessary institutional support for effective implementation of the recommendations of the Committee.

## Satish hails RMC inauguration as major boost to public safety

**JAMMU:** Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, on Friday described the inauguration of the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Jammu as a landmark achievement that will significantly strengthen the weather forecasting capabilities, disaster preparedness, scientific research and public safety across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the Minister congratulated the Ministry for Earth Sciences, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and all stakeholders involved in establishing the Centre. He termed the elevation of the Meteorological Office Jammu into a full-fledged Regional Meteorological Centre as a recognition of the unique geographical and climatic challenges faced by the Himalayan region. "Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are among the most climatically sensitive and meteorologically complex regions in the world. The establishment of this Centre marks a transformative step towards providing accurate, localized and timely weather services that are crucial for safeguarding lives, supporting livelihoods and strengthening disaster management systems," the Minister said. Highlighting the importance of scientific infrastructure in a region prone to avalanches, flash floods, cloudbursts and extreme weather events, Satish Sharma said that the Centre would provide dedicated expertise in mountain meteorology, cryosphere studies, avalanche forecasting and high-altitude weather services.