

JAMMU

In Social

@JKNC
The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Vice President, Omar Abdullah, visited the residence of Muhammad Sultan, who had recently passed away, at Tailbal, Shalimar. He expressed his condolences and shared in the grief of the bereaved family members. Accompanying him were @tanvirsadiq, the Chief Spokesperson, and @Shahmiri, the Political Advisor to the Vice President. Together, they offered fatiha for the departed soul, praying for his peace in the afterlife. Their presence provided much-needed support to the family during this difficult time.



In History

@MehboobaMufti
Strongly condemn JK Awantipora Police's handedness. A young man from the area died under mysterious circumstances & his family has been rightfully demanding a probe. Instead of coming to their rescue @JmuKmrPolice has instead assaulted QNS journalist Irshad Hajam for reporting the truth. Urge IGP take action immediately.



In Numbers

BAN ON BOOKS:
On this day in 1674; the Court of Holland issued a ban on the works of notable philosophers and thinkers, including Thomas Hobbes, Baruch Spinoza, and Meyer. The court's decision was driven by the fear that these writings could challenge traditional religious and political beliefs.



Traffic Signs

8 TEHSILS:
In the entire Pulwama district of Kashmir division, eight are the total tehsils.



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Power shutdown

JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JP-DCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Sakta Chack, Barnoti, Flote, Mahi Chack and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 19 and 21 from 5 AM to 9 AM.

The participants also appealed to the women farmers to get themselves trained in the art of fruit and vegetables preservation and set up small processing units with the assistance of the department and also thanked the department for providing such training courses.

DGP Swain, other senior officers interact with probationary IPS officers at PHQ

SRINAGAR: A group of 28 probationary IPS officers (76 RR batch) from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Hyderabad, visited the Police Headquarters J&K as a part of their Study-cum-Cultural tour. During their visit, the officers interacted with R.R. Swain, IPS, Director General of Police, J&K, and other senior officers, gaining valuable insights into the workings of J&K Police.

In his welcome address, Shri M.K. Sinha, IPS, ADGP (Headquarters/Coordination) PHQ/Security J&K, introduced the officers to the geographical uniqueness of the region alongside the distinct policing-related challenges. Thereafter, he underlined the crucial position held by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in the overall security grid.

It was followed by a detailed presentation by Shri Iftikhar Talib, JKPS, SP Operation, Srinagar, who briefed the probationers on the pivotal role played by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of Jammu & Kashmir Police on the anti-terror front. His presentation covered the genesis of SOG, its achievements, and future challenges. His presentation also focused on the capabilities of SOG covering both intelligence generation as well as conducting kinetic operations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director General of Police J&K shared his thoughts on the unique challenges faced by the Jammu and Kashmir Police over the past three decades. He also dwelled upon topics like hybrid terrorism and the coordinating role of the Jammu & Kashmir Police among the various security and intelligence agencies operating in the region. The probationers were also engaged in an absorbing question-and-answer session where the senior officers responded to the queries, fostering a deeper understanding of the UT's law enforcement machinery and its different constituents. Following the interaction, Shri Saurabh A. Narendra, IPS (P) presented the vote of thanks on behalf of the visiting group.



Justice Tashi Rabstan visits District Court Complex; reviews development projects

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SRINAGAR: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Thursday visited the District Court Complex, Mominabad, Srinagar, to review the ongoing developmental projects and address the issues faced by judicial officers, bar members, litigants and other stakeholders.

Jawad Ahmed, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, along with other judicial officers of Srinagar district were present on the occasion.

Justice Tashi Rabstan engaged in an interactive session with the judicial officers, where he expressed his keen interest in the overall efficacy of the justice delivery system. He compassionately listened to the concerns and issues raised by the judicial officers and assured prompt re-

dressal, reflecting his dedication in improving the judicial processes and infrastructure.

During the visit, Jawad Ahmed gave a detailed presentation on the ongoing developmental projects within the District Court Complex. These works included Phase-II construction of District Court Complex, which aims to enhance the capacity and facilities of the judicial infrastructure and installation of CCTV cameras within courtrooms.

He also highlighted the urgent need of upgraded security arrangements within the court complex. He emphasised the efforts to ensure a safe and secure environment for all stakeholders.

The visit of Justice Tashi Rabstan underscored his commitment towards fostering a robust and efficient judicial system.



DC Jammu inaugurates job fair under SANKALP Scheme

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, inaugurated a job fair under the SANKALP Scheme at the District Employment & Counselling Centre Jammu. Assistant Director Employment, Mukhlis Ali was also present at the occasion.

The event took place at the Employment Complex Toph Sherkhania marking a significant step towards empowering the youth and job seekers of the district by providing ample employment opportunities and career guidance. Over 13



companies from different sectors actively participated in the Rozgar Mela, offering more than 200 vacancies. A total of 400 job seekers

attended the event, with 65 individuals shortlisted and 10 selected on the spot. The Job Fair/Rozgar Mela demonstrated a strong

commitment to enhancing employment prospects and supporting the career aspirations of the district's youth.

Ware House Traders call on CE PDD Manhar Gupta

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JAMMU: A delegation of Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market under the Presidency of Mr Deepak Gupta, President met Sh. Manhar Gupta, Chief Engineer PDD Jammu in his office.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the problems faced by traders of Jammu because of unscheduled power cuts in the biggest and oldest food grain mandi of Jammu, known as Ware House Nehru Market. During the meeting Mr. Deepak Gupta submitted a memorandum highlighting the problems faced by traders due to power cuts. Mr. Deepak Gupta apprised the Chief Engineer that we are the largest tax collector for govt. in Jammu and Kashmir and every year crores of rupees as tax paid by traders of the Mandi. He said that the whole Jammu and Kashmir is dependent on Ware House Nehru Market for the supply of essential commodities. But the present scenario of the electricity supply is quite unfortunate because even the

whole mandi has latest smart meters installed. Mr. Deepak Gupta said that despite the installation of smart meters, traders are not getting regular power supply. There are daily power cuts of 5 to 6 hours. Mr. Deepak Gupta apprised the Chief Engineer that now a days all the business transactions are done through computers and because of long power cuts, traders are unable to generate e-way bills and e-invoice, landed vehicles stranded for hours and this is affecting business activities very badly. He said that traders are afraid that in the coming days ration supply will be affected in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir, if curtailment continues. Deepak Gupta appealed to the Chief Engineer to look into the matter and ensure regular power supply in the Mandi from 10 AM to 8 PM for the smooth activities of business. Chief Engineer Manhar Gupta assured the delegation that this problem will be solved and uninterrupted power supply will be provided to business establishments.

One month training program on Fruit & Vegetables preservation concludes at Jmu

JAMMU: The Department of Horticulture Jammu is imparting training to the farmers especially women farmers in the art of processing of fruits and vegetables.

In this context, a one month training programme on Fruit and Vegetables Preservation concluded here today at Fruit and Vegetable Craft Centre, Chand Nagar Jammu wherein Director Horticulture Jammu, Chaman Lal Sharma was the Chief Guest. During the programme, the Director distributed certificates among the 64 women farmers for successfully completing the one month training course in the presence of Chief Canning and Processing Instructor, Gul Sayed and Assistant Director, Satish Kumar.

While addressing a large gathering of women farmers, the Director urged them to come forward and avail incentives under different schemes of the department for setting up of small fruit and vegetables processing units.



BJP all geared up for coming Assembly elections: Chugh

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BANIHAL: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh who is also party In-Charge for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Thursday said that the BJP was all geared up for the coming Assembly elections at Banihal.

Addressing party workers in Banihal Chugh expressed confidence in securing an all-around victory.

"The BJP is ready. Whenever there will be elections, our workers are ready. From Banihal, the BJP is starting the journey of victory," he said.

Chugh exhorted the party workers to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to make the BJP victorious.

He criticized Abdullahs and Muftis for failing to serve the people of Banihal and using the region for their vested political gains "The people of Banihal are already suffering from the atrocities of Rasool Wani. Many have formed governments, but they have not done any good for Banihal," he said.

Highlighting the BJP's

success in recent elections, he said, "In the last three Lok Sabha elections Congress has been exposed. Rahul Gandhi has lost more than a dozen elections."

The BJP leader praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, attributing the transformation of Jammu and Kashmir from a "terrorism capital to a tourism capital" to his development policies. "Today, we have travelled from that terrorism capital to the tourism capital under the visionary leadership of the prime minister," he said.

Regarding militancy and Pakistan's influence, he said that Pakistan is trying to fight the lost battle. These conspiracies will not be allowed to succeed. Those who have weapons in their hands and those who are killing our citizens, will not be forgiven."

He reassured the people of Jammu and Kashmir of their safety and the government's commitment to end militancy. "Our citizens of Jammu and Kashmir are very valuable to us. They will be protected at any cost, he added.

IIT Jammu hosts 50 Vigyan Jyoti students

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu hosted 50 students from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Reasi, Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Reasi and Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Reasi as part of the Vigyan Jyoti Programme.

This initiative aims to promote gender parity in STEM fields by increasing the representation of girls in science and technology.

The outreach section, led by Prof. Abhay Sharma, Dean, and Dr. Nalin Kumar Sharma, Associate Dean, organized the visit to the institute's various facilities, includ-

ing the Tinkerer's Lab, Central Workshop, and Physics Lab, where dedicated staff explained the operation and significance of equipment. The day included informative sessions where Dr. Perwaiz Fathima Khatoon, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Dr. Nalin Kumar Sharma motivated the students towards STEM. The event concluded with refreshments served to all participants. This visit was a pivotal step in inspiring and empowering young girls to pursue careers in STEM, reinforcing IIT Jammu's commitment to fostering educational outreach and support for future generations.

Focus on revenue augmentation, optimal use of technology, 100% return filing: Sidha to Tax officers

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JAMMU: Commissioner State Taxes Department (STD), P.K Bhat alongwith Special Secretary, Finance department, K.K Sidha Thursday jointly chaired a meeting at Excise and Taxation Complex here to review the financial position in first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25 ending this June.

Additional Commissioner Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra, Deputy Commissioners of STD, Assistant Commissioners of STD and all the State Tax Officers (STOs) of Jammu division were presented in the meeting.

During the meeting, the Tax officers of Jammu and Kashmir have been in-



structed to take strict action against cases of tax evasion, tax leakage and tax pilferage in the Union Territory for revenue augmentation besides ensuring 100% compliance in return filing by registered taxpayers.

Addressing the meeting, Commissioner STD expressed his concerns over dip in revenue collection in first quarter and directed

tax officers to gear-up for remaining three quarters, where at-least 20% hike is expected from each circle to meet the revenue targets of FY 2024-25.

The Commissioner instructed officers for usage of analytical portal provided to officers to detect cases of tax evasion. He stressed on the enhanced usability of the GST portal by all the

concerned officers as there are many indicators which could help in early detection of any fraudulent activity.

Special Secretary, Finance K.K. Sidha, advised the officers to get familiar with type of dealers pertaining to their circles thoroughly as it is most important to know the basic fabric of revenue stream. He also stressed the officers to increase the field activity and make taxpayers aware of consequences of non-compliance and tax evasions with a view to create deterrence amongst the taxpayers.

The Special Secretary stressed on proactive information sharing amongst various wings of the department to detect tax evasion and revenue leakage cases.