

In Social

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“Under PM @NarendraModi’s “Mission Mausam”, India’s weather forecast system is being substantially augmented to be of the global best standards. Automated Weather Stations (AWS) and doppler radars are being added across the region to boost real-time weather prediction.

@gnh_jammu
“In continuation to Doctor’s Day, NGO Inner Wheel Club Jammu New Gen celebrated the event at Govt. Hospital Gandhinagar. The members of the club cut a cake and presented mementos to the MS Dr. Narinder Bhatial and senior consultants, honoring their dedicated service to humanity.

In History

Shimla Agreement Signed:
On 2 July 1972, the Shimla Agreement was signed between India and Pakistan by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. This landmark accord followed the 1971 Indo-Pak war and aimed to lay the foundation for peaceful relations and the resolution of issues, including Kashmir, through bilateral talks.

In Numbers

GDP Growth Forecasts:
A Reuters poll of 51 economists puts India’s GDP growth at 6.4% for FY 2025–26, with a slight uplift to 6.7% in FY 2026–27—making it the fastest-growing major economy, assuming government capital spending remains robust.

Traffic Signs

PEDESTRIANS PROHIBITED:
This sign restricts the movement of pedestrian on road or the adjoining area. This could be lane for fast moving vehicles, highways etc. This could be installed at intersection where alternate crossing arrangements like underpass, foot over bridge etc are there for crossing the road.

DC Reasi finalises arrangements for Shivkhori Shrawan Mahotsav

REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik, who also serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board (SSKSB), chaired a high-level meeting at the DC Office Complex to finalise arrangements for the upcoming Shivkhori Shrawan Mahotsav 2025.

The month of Shrawan is set to begin on 11th July, with the inaugural function scheduled for 14th July. The DC reviewed all necessary preparations to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the month-long religious festivities.

The meeting focused on critical areas including security, power and water supply, sanitation, healthcare, transportation and crowd management. The police department was instructed to deploy adequate security personnel, while XEN JPDCL and PHE were directed to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply throughout the festival. BDO Pouni was tasked with maintaining cleanliness in Ransoo Bazar and surrounding areas.

DC Nidhi Malik informed that the Mahotsav will host a range of spiritual and cultural programs such as the Kavay Yatra, Shiv Katha, and Bhajan Sandhya. Renowned singers and local artists will present devotional per-

formances dedicated to Lord Shiva, enhancing the religious ambiance. Daily Rudra Abhishek rituals will be performed at the Shivkhori Shrine and Hawan ceremonies will be conducted at the Shiv Shakti Bhawan premises.

Emphasising the importance of health and safety, the DC instructed the Health Department to deploy a medical team equipped with essential medicines and oxygen cylinders at the shrine and bus stand to provide timely medical aid. The Fire and Emergency Services were directed to station fire tenders, extinguishers and other emergency equipment at key locations.

To ensure food safety and fair pricing, the Assistant Director, Food was asked to conduct regular inspections of Langars and food stalls. The ARTO was directed to prevent over-charging of pilgrims by transporters and the PWD was instructed to ensure road repairs and maintenance for safe travel.

DC Reasi reiterated that the district administration is fully committed to ensuring a safe, spiritual and enriching experience for all devotees attending the Mahotsav. She urged all departments to work in close coordination to make this event successful and memorable.

Legal Metrology Deptt imposes Rs 2L penalty for short delivery

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JAMMU: Acting swiftly on the direction of Controller Legal Metrology, Rajinder Singh Tara, Legal Metrology Enforcement, Jammu, has imposed a penalty of Rs. 2 lakh on a firm for supplying and marketing retail packages of wheat flour (Atta) with average lesser net quantity of 160g in each 10 kg bag.

The department has taken this action following a complaint alleging that a particular pre-packaged commodity sold in the market was lesser than the declared net quantity.

On the basis of the complaint, the matter was swiftly investigated by the department and upon quantity measurement testing, it was established that net content of pre-packaged bags sold in the market was 160g lesser in net quantity on an average

basis against the declared net quantity of 10kg. This was a serious infringement of consumer right and volatile of some of provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. By supplying lesser than declared net quantity, the firm not only breached the customer trust but also violated the legal provisions of laws. In view of this, the Legal Metrology Enforcement Unit, Jammu, under the overall supervision of the Controller, has registered this case against the concerned firm and issued a notice to the defaulter.

On receiving the notice of the department, the concerned defaulting supplier firm admitted violations and applied for departmental compounding which a legal remedy under the Act for

first such offence within three years. The case against the firm was compounded and a penal sum of Rs. 2,00,000/- was realised on assurance from the firm for immediate compliance of net content correction of stocks as mandated under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

In a hand-out issued, Rajinder Singh Tara, Controller Legal Metrology, reaffirmed the department’s commitment to consumer protection and fair trade practices, particularly in the rapidly growing sector.

The Controller further assured that the department will continue its rigorous inspections and enforcement actions to ensure compliance with the regulatory norms. He emphasized the importance of verifiable product

information and net content accuracy with respect to declared net quantity particularly pre-packaged commodities, to protect consumers rights from deception.

As per the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, the manufacturers, packers, importers, suppliers and sellers are legally bound to ensure that the consumers must receive the exact quantity of products for which he/she is paying for. Besides, there should be a set of accurate information printed on all the products.

Further, the Legal Metrology Department has advised the consumers to be aware of while making purchases, and in case of any related grievance/doubt on net quantity front or any declaration on the packages, they can approach the department J&K for redressal.

Kathua Administration welcomes first Batch of Amarnath Yatris at Lakhanpur

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KATHUA: With chants of “Bam Bam Bhole” and “Jai Baba Barfani” echoing in the air, the District Administration Kathua extended a heartfelt and vibrant welcome to the first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris at Lakhanpur—the traditional gateway to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Lakhanpur, transformed into a dynamic and spiritually charged facilitation centre, witnessed an exuberant reception early this morning. The pilgrims were greeted with traditional warmth and devotion by DDC Chairman Col. (Retd) Mahan Singh, Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas, SSP Kathua Shobhit Sexena, Vice Chairman DDC Raghunandan Singh, MLA Kathua Dr Bharat Bhushan, ADC Vishavjeet Singh (Yatra Nodal Officer) and senior civil and police officers.

To ensure smooth facilitation, 12 RFID counters were operational



on-site for issuing RFID tags after eKYC verification, a mandatory step for registered yatris before continuing their onward journey. The arrangements saw enthusiastic cooperation and timely processing, reflecting the administration’s commitment to efficiency and pilgrim-centric services.

Before departing from Lakhanpur at 12:30 PM, the yatris were

immersed in soul-stirring devotional performances—featuring Shiv Tandav stotras and bhajans—curated by artists from the District Information Centre Kathua. The spiritual ambiance energized the devotees, setting a powerful tone for their sacred journey ahead.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC welcomed the pilgrims with open arms, reaffirming the dis-

trict’s full preparedness to provide a safe, seamless and spiritually uplifting experience. He informed that dedicated helplines, service desks, medical aid points and sanitation facilities have been set up as part of a coordinated multi-agency Yatra support framework.

This year, Kathua District has gone the extra mile to turn the Lakhanpur Yatri Facilitation Centre into a symbol of hospitality, devotion, and administrative excellence, ensuring that every pilgrim receives not just logistical support, but also emotional and cultural enrichment. Later, the Jatha was formally flagged off from Lakhanpur amidst chants of devotion and spirited farewells by the district officers, marking the symbolic commencement of this year’s pilgrimage. The Jatha of yatris with proper security will now proceed to the Jammu Base Camp, where the formal commencement of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 is scheduled for July 2.

Director Agriculture inaugurates 9th Crop Insurance Week Campaign under PMFBY

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, today inaugurated the 9th Crop Insurance Week Campaign at the Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The week-long campaign, being observed from July 1 to July 7, 2025, marks a significant step in promoting awareness about the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for the Kharif 2025 season across Jammu Division.

The inaugural event witnessed the presence of Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu, Manohar Lal Sharma, Agronomist (VIS) Vikas Padha, SMS-DL Rajeev Katoch, SDAO Marh Khalid Hassan Tantri, State Head, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, Sonu Kumar Kashyap along with sectoral heads, officers and staff of the department.



As part of the launch, the Director flagged off the Crop Insurance Awareness Campaign Van, which will travel across districts of Jammu Region to sensitize and educate farmers on the key features and benefits of the PMFBY scheme.

The Director emphasized the importance of the campaign in ensuring maximum farmer outreach, particularly focusing on non-loan farmers.

He directed field func-

tionaries to organize awareness camps at the block and panchayat levels in collaboration with insurance companies and banking institutions.

The Director directed Chief Agriculture Officers for active participation of Agriculture Extension Officers (AEOs), Junior Agriculture Extension Officers (JAEOs) and Agriculture Extension Assistants (AEAs) to assist farmers in the enrolment process.

DC Poonch chairs NCORD meeting; reviews anti-drug measures in district

POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal Tuesday chaired a meeting of the District-Level Committee under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) to review the ongoing anti-drug measures and assess the performance of enforcement departments in curbing the drug menace in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of the anti-narcotic activities, including the destruction of cannabis and the progress of the Nasha Mukta Panchayat initiative

across tehsils. Tehsildars presented detailed reports on the ongoing efforts and were instructed to regularly monitor computerized billing in chemist shops.

The District Social Welfare Officer informed the meeting that awareness campaigns under the Nasha Mukta Abhiyan are being held regularly with active public participation.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the inclusion of police, Army and CRPF personnel in these awareness drives to ensure a more impactful outreach.

Heads of colleges and schools shared updates on awareness activities and preventive initiatives conducted in educational institutions.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) provided updates on the counseling services, medical support and sensitization efforts being undertaken by the health department.

The DFO and Tehsildars were directed to take immediate action for the destruction of cannabis in identified areas. Additionally, the ACR Poonch was asked to organize a Nasha Mukta awareness camp at Degree College Mandi.

DC reviews implementation of JK E-Sehat App

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma convened a meeting to review the status of the JK E-Sehat App—a unified digital platform aimed at enhancing healthcare delivery.

The CMO Kishtwar Dr. Rajinder Kumar briefed the DC on the current registration figures in the district.

To accelerate implementation, the DC directed all Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) to ensure immediate registration of their government employees, and instructed the Health Department to deploy dedicated staff for mass registration, including the general public.

SDMs were also tasked with ensuring the rollout at the sub-divisional and tehsil levels.

The JK E-Sehat App



provides a wide range of services including tele-consultation, appointment booking, access to health records, AI-based symptom checking, medication reminders and integration with wearables.

It supports both public and private healthcare access and includes features for patients, healthcare professionals and medical students—such as academic resources, e-prescriptions, secure messaging, ambulance services, in-

surance scheme information and skill development modules like CPR and BLS training. The DC stressed the importance of ensuring widespread adoption of the app to improve healthcare access, especially in remote and underserved areas.

The meeting was attended by CMO Kishtwar Dr Rajinder Kumar, MS DH Kishtwar Dr. Yudhvir Singh Kotwal, BMOs, DMEO (NHM) Manoj Sharma besides other concerned staff.

Udhampur admn conducts outreach camp under DAJGUA in Krimachi

UDHAMPUR: As part of the ongoing “Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan campaign, District Administration Udhampur Tuesday organised public outreach camp under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai here at Panchayat Krimachi.

GM DIC Udhampur Kishore Singh Katoch presided over the camp as chief guest, inspected stalls installed by wide array of departments, including Health, Rural Development, Agriculture, Animal

and Sheep Husbandry etc, sensitized locals regarding various flagship govt. schemes for the welfare of tribals, motivated them to reap benefits under the schemes.

He also listened to scores of public grievances and assures for prompt redressal of public grievances and emphasizes that the aim of outreach camp is to ensure last-mile delivery of essential government services and the saturation of welfare schemes across tribal areas through focused & coordinated outreach.

BTSM holds National Council Meeting, nominates Vivek as Prez of JK, Leh UTs

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JAMMU: The two-day National Council meeting of the Bharat Tibet Sahayog Manch was successfully held in Delhi at Shanti Gyan Niketan School in Goyala Dairy, Dwarka. The event was graced by senior Pracharak and Central Executive member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, esteemed Dr. Indresh Kumar along with respected Rupesh Kumar, the former Prant Pracharak of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh UT, as well as a Central Executive member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

The meeting was conducted under the able leadership of the organization’s General Secretary, Pankaj Goyal.

Numerous dignitaries

and intellectuals attended the occasion, which, inter-alia, including Swami Dipankar, former MP and Minister of the Arunachal Government; Khirmay, Editor of Panchjanya; Alok Goswami, Bodh Bantay, Wangdu Dorji, a member of the Tibetan Parliament and Jigme Jagne, former Central Minister and Chairman of the Kisan Aayog, C.R. Chaudhary. The able guidance of these dignitaries during the meeting provided clarity on the direction of upcoming work. The BTSM primarily focused on the liberation of Kailash, Tibetan freedom and India’s security.

On this occasion, Dr Vivek Sharma was appointed as J&K and Leh (UT) President of Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM).

This was announced by



Dr. Indresh Kumar, Senior Pracharak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Margdarshak of Bharat Tibbat Sahyog Manch.

Dr Indresh Kumar said that China is such a country that has nothing to do with humanity. It keeps on giving tension to many countries of the world in one form or the About the importance of humanity and humane concerns, nothing

can be expected from the side of China.

He mentioned that the BTSM (Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch) was established on May 5, 1999, in Dharamsala. Over the past 26 years, the organization has become one of the major advocates for the Tibetan Movement in India. The ultimate mission of BTSM is to restore freedom to the Tibetan people and facilitate the return of Tibetan refugees to their homeland with dignity and respect.

He announced that BTSM will celebrate various programs on 6th of July, 2025 on 90th Birthday of His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama across the country.

Dr Vivek Sharma expressed gratitude to the High Command for their trust to assign him this important responsibility.