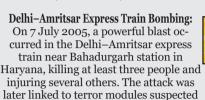
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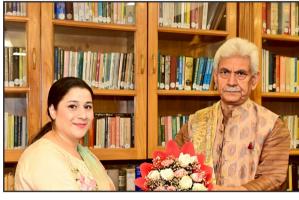
of targeting public transport. **Consuming social video:** The proportion of people consuming social video across all markets in 2025, up from 52% in 2020. Consumption of any video content rose from 67% to 75% in the same period.



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Advocate, delegation call on LG Sinha



JAMMU: Advocate Heena Sultan, President, J&K Women Lawyers Association called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Sunday. Subsequently, a delegation of Baramulla Sports Association also called on the Lieutenant Governor and apprised him of various issues pertaining to the development of sports infrastructure in the district.

Smuggling bid foiled, 31 bovines rescued

JAMMU: Under the ongoing drive against bovine smuggling, Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu Police has successfully foiled an attempt to smuggle bovines in the Nagrota Sub-Division. Acting on a tip-off, a team from Police Post Sidhra intercepted a truck bearing registration number JK02AL/2195, which was found to be illegally transporting 31 bovine animals. The animals were found tied cruelly with ropes, without access to grass or water, and were being transported towards Srinagar without the mandatory permission from the District Magistrate. The driver of the vehicle managed to flee from the scene. The police have seized the vehicle and rescued all 31 bovines. In this regard, a case has been registered at Police Station Nagrota under FIR number 146/2025, under Section 223/11 of the PCA Act, and further investigation is currently underway.

Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates 'National Biobank', **Longitudinal Population Data study at CSIR-IGI**

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JAMMU: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Vice President of CSIR, Dr. Jitendra Singh, inaugurated the state-of-the-art Phenome India "National Biobank" at the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) in the capital today.

The newly launched facility marks a significant stride towards building India's own longitudinal health database and enabling personalised treatment regimens in future.

The Biobank will serve as the backbone of a nationwide cohort study, collecting comprehensive genomic, lifestyle, and clinical data from 10,000 individuals across India. Drawing inspiration from the UK Biobank model, the Indian version is tailored to capture the country's unique diversity-across



"Today, we hold the promise of a future where

every Indian may receive individualised treatment tailored to their genetic makeup, lifestyle, and environment," Dr. Jitendra Singh said while addressing the scientists and researchers at IGIB. "This transition to personalised healthcare is no longer theoretical—it is becoming reality, driven by indigenous innova-

Reflecting on the unique health challenges faced by Indians, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted the high prevalence of central obesity, a risk factor often underestimated. He highlighted past research showing that seemingly lean Indians may carry disproportionate fat around their waist, underlining the need for population-specific health strategies. "Our

conditions are complex and deeply heterogeneous. This is where the Biobank becomes vital-it allows us to decode that complexity," he said.

The Minister emphasised that India's scientific landscape is evolving rapidly, citing recent advances in quantum technology, CRISPR-based genome editing, and the fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR). "India is no longer lagging behind—we are among the early adopters, sometimes even ahead," he said. The Biobank, he added, will complement these efforts by generating the kind of high-resolution data that can power AI-driven diagnostics and gene-guided therapies.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also called for deeper collaboration between research institutions, government departments like the Department of Biotechnology, and industry partners,

particularly in areas such as AMR and drug development. "Research must extend beyond the lab-it must find takers in the market and beneficiaries in society," he noted.

The Phenome India Project, under which the Biobank has been launched, is designed to be a longterm, data-rich study tracking the health trajectories of individuals over several years. It will help scientists uncover disease patterns, gene-environment interactions, and response to therapies—all within the Indian context.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Souvik Maiti, Director of CSIR-IGIB, reflected on the institute's pioneering role in genomics over the past two decades. "We were the first institute in India to begin decoding the human genome at a time when sequencing tools were practically non-existent," he said.

Modi Govt must table Statehood Bill in upcoming Parliament session: Gupta



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JAMMU: Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC), expressed optimism that the Modi-led Central Government will bring the Statehood Bill for Jammu and Kashmir in the upcoming Parliament session.

Addressing the daylong convention of Zone, District, Block Presidents and party functionaries of Udhampur District at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here, the senior NC leader said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have full confidence that the Modi-led Central Government will bring the Statehood Bill for Jammu and Kashmir in the upcoming Parliament ses-

Gupta asserted that the present dual power structure is not in the interest of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and has only administrative confusion and chaos. "This arrangement undermines democratic accountability and delays redressal of public issues," he stated.

The senior NC leader further assured that once statehood is restored, Omar Abdullah-led Government will promptly implement all promises made in its manifesto. "Our roadmap for equitable development, safeguarding the rights of the people, and ensuring democratic empowerment will be activated without delay," he said, reiterating the NC's unwavering stand on the restoration of full statehood with dignity and the return of democratic rights to the people including right of Jobs and right of lands.

He also asked the party cadre to strengthen the hands of Party's President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in their ongoing mission to safeguard the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and to restore its democratic and constitutional rights.

The District Presidents (Organization Udhampur) Sunil Verma and Ramparshotam Sharma threw light on the negligence of far-flung areas over the last ten years under BJP's rule. They said people are facing immense hardships due to the hollow policies of successive regime. They maintained that roads are in deplorable condition, health centres and educational institutions in far-flung areas of Udhampur are facing a dearth of manpower. They urged the present NC Government to fill vacant posts of doctors and teachers in these regions, stressing the need to focus on roads and health centres.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Secretary Jammu said that the Omar Abdullah Government is giving due focus to such areas which were neglected in the last 10 years.

FTII Traders Conclave 2025

Satish advocates digital empowerment, youth led entrepreneurship

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Youth Services and Sports, and Information Technology, Satish Shrama, on Sunday underlined the importance of digitally empowering the local traders and integrating youth into entrepreneurial initiatives.

He was speaking at the FTII Traders Conclave 2025.

The conclave organized by the Federation of Trade and Industry of India (FTII) at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, was held under the banner of "Vocal for Local", to promote indigenous trade and entrepreneurship.

The conclave was attended by Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Povush Goval: Chairman National Traders Welfare Board, Sunil Singhi; Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Ghulam Ali Khatana; Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh and other senior officers.

"The convergence of trade, digital technology and youth innovation holds the key towards building



a self-reliant and prosperous Jammu & Kashmir. Through our IT initiatives, we aim to simplify trade processes and ensure transparency in consumer services. At the same time, we are working to encourage our youth to become job creators instead of job seekers," Satish Shrama main-

He highlighted that the enartment of FCS&CA is actively modernizing the public distribution and consumer grievance redressal mechanisms using IT tools. He added that improved digital infrastructure is also enabling the department to empower both consumers and traders alike.

Satish emphasized the critical need to create a youth-driven economic culture through entrepreneurship cells, skill training under sports and youth

welfare programs and digital skilling platforms. "We must tap into the potential of our youth to transform the border districts and trade hubs into innovation centres," the Minister add-

The Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment towards safeguarding the consumer interests, streamlining digital services and expanding platforms for youth engagement in business and sports

He also lauded FTII for hosting the conclave in Kashmir and fostering a platform for local voices to be heard nationally.

The program featured interactive sessions with policymakers, business leaders and youth entrepreneurs followed by networking and business linkage facilitation.

BJP pays tributes to Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee on his birth anniversary

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JAMMU: The Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu & Kashmir paid rich floral tributes to its ideologue and nationalist stalwart, Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, on his birth anniversary on Sunday.

Tribute programmes were held at the mandal level across the Jammu & Kashmir by BJP leaders, party cadre, and supporters to honour the life and legacy of the great patriot.

BJP National General Secretary and J&K BJP Prabhari Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, BJP National Secretary and MLA Dr Narinder Singh, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, former Minister Priva Sethi, former Dy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria, Ayodhya Gupta, Brig Anil Gupta, Tilak Raj Gupta, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Arun Prabhat, Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, Sanjay Baru, Rekha Mahajan, Ankush Gupta, Shailja Gupta, and other party leaders paid their tributes to the great ideologue, at party



headquarter, Trikuta Nagar in a programme organized by BJP District Jammu

Speaking on the occasion, Chugh hailed Dr. Mookherjee as a committed nationalist and visionary who selflessly dedicated his life to the service of the nation. He highlighted

role during the partition in protecting vast regions of Bengal and Punjab and saving countless. He said that Dr. Mookherjee's remarkable academic and political achievements at a young age, including his tenure as Vice-Chancellor and his presence in India's first cabChugh

recalled Mookherjee's strong objections to the Nehru-Liaquat Pact and his warnings about the safety of minorities in Pakistan, where their population drastically declined over the decades. "Had Nehru acted wisely, innumerable lives of minorities could have been saved," he remarked. He also drew parallels between the ideological stance of Dr. Mookherjee and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, both of whom resigned from Nehru's cabinet due to their dissatisfaction with his policies.

J&K BJP President Sat Sharma emphasized Dr. Mookherjee's unmatched contribution to national integration.

He underlined that it was due to his fierce opposition to the discriminatory "Do Nishan, Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan" policy that India eventually saw the abrogation of Articles 370 and

"It is under the leadership of PM Modi that Dr. Mookherjee's dream of one Constitution, one Flag, and one Head of State has finally been realized," Sharma said.

Dr. Narinder Singh remembered the circumstances of Dr. Mookherjee's arrest by Sheikh Abdullah on May 11, 1953, when he entered Jammu and Kashmir without a permit in protest against the special status granted to the state.

Two drug peddlers nabbed with heroin

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers & peddlers, Samba Police has arrested two drug peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered 13.21 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from their possessions.

A Police party of PS Bari Brahmana during patrolling in Bari Brahmana area, intercepted an Alto Car bearing registration No. JK20A-9454 for its checking. During checking, 13.21 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of two persons travelling in the said car. The drug peddlers identified as Rahul Singh S/o Rajesh Singh Rakha R/o Chak Avtara Bishnah District Jammu and Sunil Kumar S/o Rashpaul R/o Lower Canal Bishnah District Jammu have been arrested and contraband item has been seized. The said car has also been seized in the instant case. A case FIR number 93/2025 under Sections 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police

Station Bari Barahmana and

investigation started.

Dy CM flags off bus service to Kalasara via Sunderbani



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JAMMU: Acting promptly over the long pending demand of people living in far flung area of village Kalasara regarding transport facility, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today flagged of a bus from Jammu to Daddal Kalasara via Sunderbani Bajabhain.

While speaking on the occasion, the Dy CM said that this daily bus service will benefit thousands of people who faced difficulties in up-down travel from the designated area earlier. He said that the service

will cater to the transportation needs of the people travelling to the far flung areas of the constituency. Surinder Choudhary

emphasized that J&K government is committed to establish a sustainable public transportation system in UT.

He also exhorted that the government intended to improve transportation in Jammu, especially in far flung and border areas with the aim to enhance mass mobility, providing increased safety and sustainability, along with greater access and convenience for commuters.