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#BREAKING: Pakistan Army provided cover fire for an attempted terrorist infiltration in Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir, last night. Alert Indian Army troops detected suspicious movement, responded swiftly, and successfully foiled the infiltration attempt. #JammuAndKashmir #IndianArmy #BorderSecurity #CounterTerrorism #BreakingNews

ATLANTIC:

Atlantic: On this day in 1942; the Second Happy Time of Hitler's submarines comes to an end, as the increasingly effective American convoy system compels them to return to the central Atlantic.

2651 Sq Kms

In the entire Kathua district of Jammu division, 2651 Square Kilometers is the total area.

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Shabir assumes charge as FPO; Parvaiz takes over as Youth Information Officer



SRINAGAR: Following the recent reshuffle in the Information Department, Shabir Ahmad Bhat today assumed charge as Field Publicity Officer (FPO), Kashmir, while Parvaiz Ahmad Lone assumed charge as Youth Information Officer, Kashmir, at the Joint Directorate of Information, Kashmir.

Joint Director Information Kashmir, Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari, Deputy Director Information Headquarter Kashmir, Deputy Director, PR, Cultural Officer, Kashmir and other officials of the department welcomed both the officers on assuming their new assignments.

Soon after assuming charge, the newly appointed officers held an introductory meeting with the officials of their respective wings. They interacted with the staff and reviewed the functioning of the offices, besides taking stock of the ongoing activities and outreach initiatives.

Calling for a collaborative and result-oriented work culture, the officers urged the officials to work with renewed commitment and a sense of responsibility to further strengthen the department's outreach across Kashmir.

The officers assured the officials of their full support and cooperation in the efficient discharge of their responsibilities and stressed the importance of close coordination to strengthen the department's outreach across Kashmir.

Chief Secy Atal Dulloo reviews Data Management Strategy and Action plan

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Saturday reviewed the proposed Data Management Strategy and Action (DMSA) plan, which is aimed at creating a data ecosystem for government departments to advance digital governance and ensure hassle-free delivery of public services to people.

"The proposed initiative seeks to establish an integrated framework for secure sharing and harmonisation of government data, enabling departments to access authenticated information through authorised digital platforms instead of repeatedly seeking the same documents from citizens," an official spokesperson said.

Dulloo said that while government departments generate large volumes of valuable data, its true potential can only be realised when such information is managed under a common governance framework and shared securely across departments.

The chief secretary stressed that the government's endeavour is to ensure that citizens are not required to submit the same information repeatedly for availing benefits under different schemes.

Dulloo directed administrative departments to extend full cooperation in the implementation of the strategy and ensure standardisation of departmental datasets in accordance with the prescribed data governance framework.

He also called for adoption of uniform metadata standards, robust quality assurance mechanisms and secure interoperability protocols to facilitate seamless exchange of information across departments.

Rath Yatra a timeless symbol of spiritual awakening: RS Pathania

Jagannath Rath Yatra goes off with great devotion, fervour on Dhar Road Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Amid an atmosphere resonating with chants of 'Hari Bol' and 'Jai Jagannath', the annual Jagannath Rath Yatra commenced with immense religious fervour, devotion and public enthusiasm from Roun to Gole Mela on Dhar Road, Udhampur.

The yatra was flagged off by MLA Udhampur East, Ranbir Singh Pathania, who described Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra as a timeless symbol of spiritual awakening, continuity of Sanatan Dharma, selfless service and the soul's journey towards ultimate consciousness.

Referring to the sacred tradition of 'Chhera Panhra'—where even the King humbly sweeps the path of Lord Jagannath's chariot—he said that Sanatan Dharma teaches that before the Almighty, every individual is equal and that true leadership is rooted in humility and service.

Addressing the gathering, Pathania delivered an inspiring discourse on the timeless relevance of the Bhagavad Gita. He observed that in today's turbulent world, the Gita offers guidance for every individual, every challenge and every phase of life.

"For every dilemma, there is a message in the Gita; for every crisis, there is a path of Dharma; and for every seeker, there is the light of eternal wisdom," he said.

He called upon people to imbibe the ideals of selfless action, unwavering faith, inner discipline and universal brotherhood.

The yatra witnessed an overwhelming participation of devotees who danced with unrestrained joy, sang devotional hymns and immersed themselves in divine ecstasy. The vibrant atmosphere reflected the spirit of unity, devotion and collective faith, with devotees appearing spiritually elevated in their celebration of Lord Jagannath's blessings.

The programme was organised by the Hare Rama Hare Krishna Mission, Udhampur, in collaboration with the wholehearted support of local residents.

Prominent among those who coordinated the event were Samer Singh, Krishan Singh, Sarpanch, Dara Singh, Sonu, Makhan, Ashok Padha, Ravi Padha, Janu Bandral, Dhanveer, Ajay Singh and Ansh Ranyal, along with several other respected citizens and public representatives, also remained present on the occasion.

Pathania appreciated the organisers and the local community for preserving and promoting India's rich spiritual heritage through such grand religious events.

He said that Jagannath Rath Yatra is not merely a religious procession but a living celebration of India's civilizational ethos, inspiring humanity towards humility, service, harmony and devotion.

The event concluded with collective prayers for peace, prosperity and the welfare of all, as the echoes of 'Haribol' and 'Jai Jagannath' filled the entire Dhar Road, transforming the yatra into a memorable celebration of faith, unity and spiritual consciousness.

Speaker visits fire affected families at Pakherpora; asks for immediate relief

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BUDGAM: Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, Saturday visited Pakherpora in Budgam district to meet the families affected by the unfortunate fire incident that caused extensive damage to the residential houses and property.

Expressing profound grief over the incident, the Speaker interacted with the affected families, enquired about their well-being and assured them of all possible support during this difficult time.

During his visit, the Speaker directed the district administration to undertake an immediate and comprehensive assessment of the damage to residential houses, household belongings and other property so that the extent of the losses is accurately determined.

Taking note of the immediate hardships being faced by the affected families, whose houses have been rendered uninhabitable, the Speaker instructed the administration to make prompt arrangements for temporary accommodation by providing tents and ensuring the supply of free ration and other essential relief material without delay.

Bovine smuggler among two detained under PSA in J&K's Rajouri, Kathua

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JAMMU: Two persons, including an alleged bovine smuggler, were detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Rajouri and Kathua districts of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Saturday.

The PSA is an administrative law that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases.

Mohd Mustafa, a resident of the Thanamandi area of Rajouri, was detained for his persistent involvement in illegal bovine smuggling activities, a police spokesman said.

He said that, considering his repeated involvement in bovine smuggling and his activities being prejudicial to the maintenance of public order, a formal detention order under the PSA was issued.

Pursuant to the order, the accused has been detained and lodged in the district jail in Rajouri.

In another case, the police in Kathua booked Bagh Hussain alias 'Bagha', a resident of Marheh, under the PSA and lodged him in the district jail Baderwah.

A history sheeter habitual of indulging in criminal activities, Hussain was detained under the PSA on the orders of the district magistrate Kathua after police prepared his dossier, the spokesperson added.

Lok Adalat settles 57 cases in Jammu

JAMMU: A Special Lok Adalat for cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 was organised by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jammu, under the guidance of Principal District & Sessions Judge/Chairman, DLSA Jammu Ravinder Nath Watal and the supervision of Civil Judge (Senior Division)/Secretary, DLSA Jammu Maleeka Sharma, at District Court Complex, Jammu.

A total of 18 benches were constituted for the Special Lok Adalat, taking up 314 cases, of which 57 were settled amicably for ₹1,01,83,993. The Lok Adalat ensured speedy justice and provided relief to victims of road accidents through quick settlement of claims.

Similar Lok Adalats were held at TLSC Bishnah, Akhnour and RS Pura.

JMC Commissioner reviews monsoon preparedness, directs fast-track drain desilting

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JAMMU: In view of the onset of monsoon and forecasts of heavy rainfall in Jammu city, Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr Devansh Yadav has directed officers to intensify cleaning and desilting of major drains and nallahs to ensure smooth flow of rainwater and minimise the risk of waterlogging across the city.

Dr Devansh Yadav inspected several wards to review progress of desilting operations and assess the condition of the city's drainage network. He also reviewed construction of new drainage infrastructure being executed by the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED) under the SASCI Scheme at Jallo Chak, Digiayna and Greater Kailash.

The Commissioner instructed executing agencies to safeguard construction materials during the monsoon and ensure all ongoing works are carried out with strict quality control and adequate protective measures, so that construction activities continue despite adverse weather.

Dr Devansh Yadav said regular desilting of drains, timely completion of drainage infrastructure and continuous monitoring are vital to preventing urban flooding, protecting residential areas and ensuring uninterrupted flow of stormwater during the monsoon.

The Commissioner said the Corporation has put in place measures to safeguard the lives and property of citizens during the monsoon and appealed to the public to avoid dumping garbage, plastic waste, construction debris or other material into drains and nallahs, as such practices obstruct

Fortress Check held at Jammu Station to curb ticketless travel

32 cases detected, Rs 23630 penalty realised

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JAMMU: With the objective of providing smooth, safe and reserved travel facilities to passengers and to safeguard railway revenue, Northern Railway, Jammu Division conducted a special Fortress Check drive Saturday at Jammu Railway Station.

The main objective of this drive was to curb ticketless travel. During the drive, members of the Ticket Checking Staff, RPF, GRP and Scout & Guides were also present.

During the drive, a thorough inspection was carried out at all entry and exit gates, platforms, foot-over bridges and inside trains to detect passengers traveling without tickets and with irregular travel documents.

During this drive, a total of 32 cases of ticketless travel were detected and a penalty of Rs 23,630 was collected as per rules. Passengers found traveling without valid tickets were also warned to travel with valid tickets in future.

Such drives provide several direct benefits to the Railways. First, passengers with valid tickets are able to get seats and other facilities easily and overcrowding is reduced. Second, railway revenue increases, which is utilized for the development and maintenance of passenger amenities. Third, by curbing ticketless travel, discipline is maintained in trains and the security system is improved.

Speaking on the occasion, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu, Uchit Singhal said, "Jammu Division is committed to providing better facilities to passengers. The main objective of the Fortress Check is to protect revenue as well as to ensure a comfortable journey for genuine passengers. Jammu Division appeals to passengers to purchase tickets from the counter or through the UTS App before traveling. Traveling without a ticket is not only punishable, but it also causes inconvenience to other passengers."

NC leader urges Centre to table JK statehood restoration bill in Monsoon Session

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JAMMU: Two days ahead of his party's proposed protest in Delhi next week, senior National Conference (NC) leader Rattan Lal Gupta on Saturday urged the Centre to introduce and pass the Statehood Restoration Bill during the Monsoon session of Parliament.

Jammu NC president Gupta emphasised that the demand transcends political affiliations and represents the collective aspiration of J&K people. "Any further delay will only deepen public disappointment and raise serious concerns about the Centre's commitment to democratic values and the federal structure of the country," he said.

Addressing a meeting of party functionaries at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan here ahead of the proposed protest in Delhi on July 20, Gupta launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led Union government over the continued delay in restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, saying the people have been subjected to "broken promises, constitutional discrimination" despite fulfilling every condition laid down by New Delhi.

He said the Centre has repeatedly shifted the goalposts on the issue of statehood. "First, we were told that delimitation had to be completed. Then it was said Assembly elections must be held. Later, peace and normalcy became the excuse. Today, all these conditions stand fulfilled.

"...tourism is witnessing unprecedented growth and crores of devotees are undertaking the Vaishno Devi and Amarnath Yatras peacefully. What excuse remains now?" he asked.

Gupta said the BJP owes an answer to the people of J&K for "reneging on repeated public assurances" made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the restoration of statehood.

He urged both the PM and the home minister to demonstrate their commitment by introducing and passing the Statehood Restoration Bill during the Monsoon session of Parliament starting on July 20.

Referring to the statehood protest in Delhi, Gupta said the agitation is aimed at reminding the BJP leadership of its solemn commitments.

"We will continue to hold the BJP accountable until it honours the promise repeatedly made by the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to restore full statehood without any further delay," he said.

Gupta urged party workers to hold strong protests in each district headquarters on July 20 in support of the demand, asserting that the NC will continue its peaceful and democratic struggle until justice is delivered to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.