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Asim Munir's Army is committing serious human rights violations in PoJK. In last 24 hours, 19 people have reportedly been killed and 35 injured in firing. Why are political parties in Jammu & Kashmir silent? And why are India's left-ists who are often the first to raise the issue of pellet guns in India silent about what is happening in PoJK?

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#WhiteKnightCorps| #HigherCommand-Course HCC Student Officers Visit Headquarters White Knight Corps A delegation of Student Officers undergoing the prestigious Higher Command Course visited Headquarters #WhiteKnightCorps as part of their professional military education. The delegation was apprised of the Prevailing Security Environment, Operational Dynamics along the Line of Control and the Corps* Integrated Approach towards Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Infiltration Operations in the hinterland.

BIRTH OF JRD TATA

Born on 29 July 1904, Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoi Tata was a French-born Indian industrialist, and aviator, who was the chairman of Tata Sons and Tata Group from 1938 to 1991. Born into the Tata family, he was the son of noted businessman Ratanji Dadabhoi Tata and his French wife Suzanne RD Tata.

28915 Hectare

In the entire Doda district of Jammu division, there is 28915 hectare cultivable area.

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SSP Anuj Kumar reviews security for SANJY, Independence Day

SAMBA: In order to ensure foolproof security arrangements for the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026, SSP Samba Anuj Kumar on Tuesday chaired a security review meeting at the Conference Hall DPO Samba.

The meeting witnessed the participation of Addl SP Samba, SDPO Bari Brahmana, DySP Hqrs Samba, SDPO Vijaypur, DySP DAR Samba, DySP SOG Samba, all SHOs/Incharge PPs, Incharge PCR Samba of District Samba and other police officers.

During the meeting, SSP Samba conducted a detailed review of the existing deployment plan and assessed the preparedness and alertness of all security personnel deployed for the smooth and secure conduct of SANJY-2026. He stressed that every officer and jawan must remain highly vigilant particularly at lodgement centres, langar sites, QRTs, naka points and other vulnerable locations, considering the prevailing security scenario.

SSP Samba directed all supervisory officers to conduct regular point-wise briefing and debriefing sessions with the deployed personnel so that every officer and jawan remains fully aware of their assigned responsibilities, SOPs and response mechanisms.

PDP announces protests on Aug 5 for restoration of Article 370

SRINAGAR: People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday announced that her party would hold peaceful protests at district headquarters across Jammu and Kashmir on August 5 to press for the restoration of Article 370 and "resolution of the Kashmir issue".

The Centre revoked J-K's special status by abrogating Article 370 of the Constitution on August 5, 2019. "All our people, who are sitting here, will hold peaceful protests in their districts on August 5 for the restoration of Article 370, 35A, and peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue," Mehbooba Mufti said at a press conference at the party headquarters here on the occasion of the PDP's 27th foundation day.

The announcement comes close on the heels of National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, ministers, MLAs and party workers holding a protest in the national capital on July 20, demanding the immediate restoration of statehood to the Union Territory.

Mehbooba Mufti, the former chief minister, said that August 5 was the day "everything was stripped from us".

She said the party, on its foundation day, has passed a resolution including on "resolution of Kashmir issue". "The party hereby resolves to reaffirm its belief in 'peace with dignity' as the only sustainable path towards lasting peace, through dialogue, reconciliation, confidence-building and meaningful democratic engagement among all stakeholders," the resolution read.

MP Sat Sharma pitches for world-class healthcare, raises issues with JP Nadda

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JAMMU: BJP Jammu & Kashmir President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA), accompanied by Rajya Sabha MP Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, called on Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers J.P. Nadda in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on strengthening healthcare infrastructure and streamlining fertilizer supply in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sat Sharma thanked the Union Minister for the National Medical Commission's approval of 50 additional MBBS seats for Government Medical College, Jammu, besides a similar increase for Government Medical College, Srinagar. He said the decision reflects the



Modi government's unwavering commitment to expanding quality medical education and healthcare facilities in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sat Sharma said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the health sector in J&K has witnessed unprecedented trans-

formation through the establishment of AIIMS Jammu, AIIMS Kashmir, new medical colleges, increased MBBS seats, upgraded hospitals and improved healthcare infrastructure. However, he asserted that the aspirations of the people demand that this momentum be accelerated.

Criticism is democratic; abusive remarks can't define India's Gen Z, says Gaurav

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JAMMU: BJP Spokesperson and Convenor, International Affairs, J&K, Gaurav Gupta expressed concern over a video circulating on social media that purportedly shows some participants at the recent Jantar Mantar protest using objectionable language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and referring disrespectfully to his late mother, Heeraben Modi.

Gupta said the authenticity and complete context of the video should be properly examined by the competent authorities before responsibility is fixed. At the same time, he maintained that personal abuse particularly



against a deceased family member who had no connection with politics could not be defended as legitimate democratic expression. "Students and young people have every right to raise concerns over examination irregularities, paper leaks, employment and accountability. Their genuine

grievances deserve a patient hearing and a time-bound institutional response. However, disagreement with the government should remain focused on policies and decisions, not descend into personal attacks against political leaders or their families," Gupta said.

He stressed that the reported conduct of a few individuals should not be used to discredit the entire protest or portray all Gen Z participants negatively. "India's young generation is thoughtful, creative and deeply conscious of public issues. The objectionable conduct of a handful of people must not be attributed to every student present at Jantar Mantar. Equally,

Div Com, IGP review arrangements for Independence Day celebrations

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone Bhim Sen Tuti on Tuesday held a high level meeting of senior officers to review the arrangements for Independence Day, 2026 celebrations at the meeting Hall of the Divisional Commissioner's Office.

DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua, DCs/SSPs from Jammu Division, Commissioner JMC; MD JPDCL, Director School Education Jammu, SSP Traffic attended the meeting in person and virtual mode. Besides, officers from Health, PWD, Jal Shakti, JPDCL, Information, Transport and other concerned departments also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was



held on various aspects to ensure that Independence Day 2026 is celebrated in a grand, organized and befitting manner. Key areas reviewed included security arrangements, traffic management, parade, cultural programs, stage setup, lighting, drinking water, medical facilities, sanitation and other essential arrangements at the main venue and other district headquarters.

The Divisional Commissioner directed all concerned departments to complete their assigned responsibilities well in

time and to maintain close coordination among themselves. He stressed that the convenience and safety of the general public shall be the top priority during the celebrations. He also emphasized punctuality, discipline and proper protocol during the events at M.A Stadium Jammu and other venues across the Jammu division.

Briefing on security arrangements, the IGP Jammu said that foolproof security arrangements will be put in place at the main venue and in the surrounding areas.

Sakeena visits family of Martyr Head Constable Ashiq Hussain

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BUDGAM: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited the residence of Martyr Head Constable Ashiq Hussain Qureshi at Lalpora, Beerwah to express solidarity with the bereaved family following his supreme sacrifice in the line of duty during the recent terror attack in Anantnag.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Beerwah, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, MLA Khansahib, Saif-ud-Din Bhat, and MLA Tangmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah and other concerned officers.

The Minister offered heartfelt condolences to the family and paid rich tributes to the martyred constable.

Interacting with the family members, the Minister conveyed that the Government stands firmly beside them during this difficult time. She assured them that every possible assistance and welfare support will be extended to ensure the family's well-being and dignity.

The family members expressed their gratitude to the Minister for visiting them and for conveying the government's support and solidarity in their hour of grief.

Satish reaffirms commitment to renewable energy, innovation led development in UT

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, on Tuesday reviewed the progress of key renewable energy, science and technology initiatives being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir, reiterating the Government's commitment to accelerate sustainable development, clean energy adoption and scientific innovation across the Union Territory.

The Minister had a comprehensive review of the flagship programmes being executed by the Department of Science & Technology, Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) and the Jammu & Kashmir Science, Technology & Innovation Council (JKSTIC). These included rooftop solarisation



of government buildings, small hydro power projects, PM-KUSUM implementation, biotechnology infrastructure and science outreach initiatives. Commissioner Secretary Science and Technology Babila Rakwal, CEO JAKEDA P.R.Dhar and other senior officers were present in the meeting. Reviewing the progress under the flagship Solarization of Government Buildings Programme, Satish Sharma expressed satisfaction over the remarkable achievement registered under the CAPEX and RESCO models. He was

informed that 8,181 government buildings have already been solarized with a cumulative installed capacity of 85.8 MW, placing Jammu and Kashmir 3rd among 31 States and Union Territories in the country in terms of the number of government buildings solarized.

The Minister was informed that under the CAPEX mode, 65 MW capacity has been allocated for 5,600 government buildings, of which 3,388 buildings have already been solarized with an installed capacity of 46.8 MW.

CS reviews JKCIP implementation; asks to maintain pace, accountability

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation of the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) being implemented by the Agriculture Production Department across the districts of the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department; VC, SKUAST-Kashmir/SKUAST-Jammu; Secretary (Technical), APD; Mission Director, JKCIP; MD, Horticulture Planning & Marketing; Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry; Convenor, UTL-BC besides senior officers of the Agriculture Production Department.

Emphasising that agriculture continues to be one of the most critical sectors of Jammu & Kashmir's economy, the Chief Secretary said that JKCIP has been conceived as a transformational initiative aimed at enhancing farmers' incomes through climate-smart agriculture, promotion of niche crops, value addition, entrepreneurship development, market integration and sustainable livelihood generation.

He observed that the project has created a strong institutional framework for modernising the agriculture and allied sectors and stressed that every implementing agency must now shift its focus from approvals to tangible outcomes on the ground by ensuring timely establishment of beneficiary units and measurable improvement in rural livelihoods.

The Chief Secretary fur-

ther directed the Deputy Commissioners to institute a roster-based mechanism for regular field inspections by designated officers to assess the quality of implementation, verify the functionality of beneficiary units established under JKCIP, and obtain first-hand feedback from applicants. He instructed that the field visits should also focus on identifying implementation bottlenecks and addressing the challenges faced by beneficiaries in a timely manner to ensure effective execution of the programme. The Chief Secretary further observed that the implementation of the programme must concentrate on improving the pace of establishment of sanctioned units, strengthening field-level supervision and ensuring that approved beneficiaries are provided all necessary support for timely completion of their enterprises.

AIIMS performs advanced plastic surgery to restore burn-deformed hand

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JAMMU: The Department of Burns and Plastic Surgery at AIIMS Jammu has successfully restored hand function in a patient with a severe post-burn deformity of the right hand, highlighting the institute's growing expertise in advanced reconstructive plastic surgery and comprehensive burn care.

The patient had developed severe post-burn contractures that resulted in marked deformity, restricted finger movements, and significant difficulty in carrying out routine daily activities. Following a thorough clinical evaluation, the surgical team devised a customized single-stage treatment plan aimed at achieving maximum functional recovery while avoiding multiple surgical procedures.

The procedure combined extensive contracture release, K-wire fixation of the finger joints, split-thickness skin grafting, application of an artificial dermal substitute, and

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) in a single operative session. This multimodal approach provided durable wound coverage, enhanced graft uptake and stable wound healing, and reduced the overall treatment duration.

The patient has shown satisfactory postoperative recovery, with healthy graft uptake and stable wound healing. A comprehensive rehabilitation programme comprising physiotherapy, splinting, and hand therapy has been initiated to optimize functional recovery and facilitate a return to normal daily activities.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rahul Gorka, Associate Professor & Officiating Head, Department of Burns and Plastic Surgery, AIIMS Jammu, said:

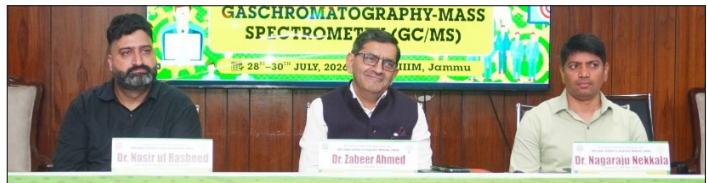
"The management of complex post-burn hand deformities requires meticulous planning, precise surgical execution, and coordinated rehabilitation. By combining multiple reconstructive procedures in a single stage,

our objective is not only to correct the deformity but also to restore hand function, improve independence, and enhance the patient's quality of life. Early and structured rehabilitation remains essential for achieving the best long-term outcomes."

Prof. (Dr.) D. N. Sharma, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, congratulated the Department of Burns and Plastic Surgery on the successful outcome and said:

"This achievement reflects AIIMS Jammu's commitment to providing advanced, patient-centred super-specialty healthcare through clinical excellence, innovation, and compassionate care. The dedication and expertise of our healthcare professionals enable us to deliver sophisticated reconstructive services within the region. We remain committed to strengthening specialised healthcare facilities so that the people of Jammu & Kashmir can access high-quality treatment and comprehensive rehabilitation closer to home."

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry training begins at CSIR-IIIM



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JAMMU: The CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu on Tuesday inaugurated a three-day Skill Development Training Programme on Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) under the CSIR-Integrated Skill Initiative, aimed at equipping students, research scholars and young professionals with practical expertise in one of the most advanced analytical techniques used in research and industry.

The programme, being held from July 28 to 30, has attracted participants from academic institutions, research organisations

and industry across different parts of the country.

Designed as an intensive hands-on training programme, it focuses on enhancing participants' practical knowledge of GC-MS and improving their employability in scientific and industrial sectors. Addressing the inaugural session, Director, CSIR-IIIM Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed said the institute has evolved into a multidisciplinary scientific organisation that not only carries out cutting-edge research but also actively contributes to societal development through skill-building initiatives, entrepreneurship support and farmer-centric programmes.