

In Social

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In a major diplomatic win for India, BRICS condemned the April 2025 terror attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir in its New Delhi Declaration adopted on Saturday and called for zero tolerance towards state-sponsored cross-border terrorism.

In History

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A passenger appreciated Jammu Airport for its cleanliness, spacious terminal, and comfortable travel experience.

In Numbers

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NES:

On this day in 1985; Super Mario Bros, which is one of the best -selling and most influential games ever, was first released for NES in Japan.

Traffic Signs

POLICE STATIONS:

In entire Reasi district of J&K union territory, 8 is the number of Police Stations in the district.

Traffic Signs

“NO WAY” – BOTH DIRECTIONS:

The “No Way – Both Directions” traffic sign indicates that vehicular movement is prohibited in both directions on the road or designated stretch. It means no vehicles are permitted to enter, pass through or continue along the restricted section from either side.

Chief Justice, Executive Chairman inaugurate 3rd National Lok Adalat

23213 cases settled across J&K

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its endeavor to promote access to justice through swift, cost-effective and amicable resolution of disputes, the J&K Legal Services Authority, under the patronage of Dr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority and under the dynamic leadership of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and with the guidance of Justice Sanjay Dhar, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee, organised the 3rd National Lok Adalat of the year 2026 across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Lok Adalat covered a wide range of matters, including MACT claims, matrimonial disputes, cheque dishonour cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act, money



recovery matters, commercial disputes and compoundable criminal offences.

AT SRINAGAR, Dr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, along with Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, jointly inaugurated the 3rd National Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex, Srinagar.

The occasion assumed special

significance as it marked the first National Lok Adalat after Dr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati assumed office as Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh. Upon their arrival, the dignitaries were received by Haq Nawaz Zargar, Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairperson, DLSA Srinagar) and Shazia Tabasum, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority and other Judicial Officers of the District

Judiciary.

A ceremonial Guard of Honour was also accorded to the Chief Justice.

Thereafter, the Chief Justice and Executive Chairman visited different Lok Adalat Benches and interacted with the Presiding Officers, members of the Benches, Advocates and litigants. They appreciated the arrangements made for the smooth conduct of the Lok Adalat and witnessed the settlement of cases at the Benches.

MACT compensation cheques were also distributed among eligible claimants on the occasion, extending timely relief to the beneficiaries. As per the information received from various Legal Services Institutions across the UT of J&K, a total of 32908 cases were taken up by 163 Benches during the day-long National Lok Adalat, out of which 23213 cases were amicably settled and disposed of, involving a total settlement/compensation amount of Rs. 176,22,29,397.

Jammu gets its 1st tech-driven ‘Smart Library’

JAMMU: The Nalanda Library at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) has emerged as Jammu's first smart library, offering students and research scholars a modern, technology-driven learning environment, an official of the institute said on Saturday.

The fully computerised facility is equipped with the KOHA Library Management System and integrated Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, enabling seamless access, tracking and management of academic resources, he said.

IIM Jammu Librarian Shailesh K Lohiya said the library was conceptualised with the objective of creating an ambience that would attract students in an increasingly digital age. "Basically, in today's digital age, students do not always prefer coming to the library.

ACB produces challan against then Patwari

JAMMU: J&K Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) produced charge sheet in case FIR number 01/2023 of P/S ACB Udhampur under section 07 P.C Act 1988 (Amended 2018) before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Anti-Corruption Udhampur against accused persons namely Darbinder Singh the then Patwari Halqa Rasli Gandheran Basantgarh, Udhampur and Nashar Ahmad S/o Mohd Iqbal R/O Basantgarh.

The above mentioned case was registered on the basis of a written complaint lodged by one Bodh Raj S/O Mansu R/O Rasli Gandheran Basantgarh Udhampur at P/S ACB Udhampur-Reasi alleging therein that he had applied for issuance of fard of his land which he wanted to sold out to one Madan Lal. Subsequently, he approached the then Patwari Halqa Rasli Gandheran who demanded bribe from him for issuance of the fard. The complaint was got verified through officer of ACB Udhampur Reasi Branch who submitted the verification report that the complaint is genuine and recommended for registration of FIR.

Accordingly, the instant case was registered and a successful trap was laid, wherein the accused Darbinder Singh Patwari Patwar Halqa Rasli Gandheran, Basantgarh and driver of vehicle bearing Registration No. JK02 BV-9048 namely Nashar Ahmad S/O Mohd Iqbal R/O Basantgarh were caught red handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount from the complainant.

Based on the evidences collected in the case, commission of offence U/S 7 P.C Act 1988 (Amended 2018) was established against the above named accused persons. Accordingly, today charge sheet in the instant case has been produced before the Hon'ble Anti Corruption Court, Udhampur for further judicial proceeding.

Dir CSIR-IIIM Dr Zabeer elected as fellow of NASI

JAMMU: Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, and Director, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI), Lucknow, has been elected as Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) for the year 2026.

The prestigious fellowship is a significant recognition of his distinguished contributions to drug discovery, biomedical research, translational science and technology-led innovation.

The National Academy of Sciences, India is one of the country's premier scientific academies, with a long-standing mandate of promoting and advancing scientific knowledge and providing a national forum for scientists and researchers across disciplines.

Election to the Fellowship of the Academy is regarded as an important recognition of sustained and significant contributions to science and technology.

Pertinent to mention, Dr. Ahmed has more than 29 years of research experience in the area of drug discovery and has made significant contributions towards understanding and developing interventions for inflammatory and metabolic disorders. He is also steering the Phytopharmaceutical Mission under which two INDs for Rheumatoid Arthritis and Alzheimer's disease have been filed, one candidate for the Pancreatic cancer is under clinical trials. His research work has particularly focused on important health conditions including diabetes, obesity and rheumatoid arthritis. Through his scientific pursuits, he has contributed towards strengthening research in areas of direct relevance to human health and the development of potential therapeutic solutions.

Dr. Ahmed has also played a significant role in the implementation of several major Government of India missions through the CSIR system. He has been closely associated with important national initiatives including the CSIR Phytopharmaceutical Mission, CSIR Aroma Mission and Floriculture Mission. These initiatives have sought to harness India's rich biological resources, scientific expertise and traditional knowledge for the development of value-added products, technologies and livelihood opportunities.

His contribution to the Purple Revolution, particularly through the promotion of lavender cultivation, has been widely acknowledged. Through scientific interventions, technology support and promotion of lavender-based entrepreneurship, the initiative has helped establish lavender as an important alternative crop and created opportunities for farmers and entrepreneurs, particularly in the Himalayan region. The initiative has also demonstrated the potential of integrating scientific research with agriculture, entrepreneurship, local economic development with strong market linkage.

SSP Anuj directs strengthening of security grid, reviews operational preparedness

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SAMBA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba, Anuj Kumar, IPS on Saturday chaired a meeting at Conference Hall DPO Samba to review the prevailing security scenario and assess the operational preparedness of field formations.

The meeting was attended by Addl. SP Samba, SDPO Bari Brahmana, DySP Hqrs Samba, SDPO Vijaypur, DySP SOG Samba, all SHOs of District Samba, Incharge PCR Samba, Incharge DSB Samba, all Incharges Police Posts/Border Police Posts and other officers of the district. During the meeting, SSP Samba emphasized the need for strict implementation of the VDG's SOP. He directed the concerned officers to conduct regular firing practices and maintain continuous inter-



action and coordination with the members of VDGs to keep them operationally prepared and motivated. SSP Samba also directed that regular firing practices be conducted for all the SOG and BPPs personnel.

While addressing the participating officers, SSP Samba directed them to review the tactical positioning of morchas, identify vulnerable points and take necessary corrective measures. He stressed upon the need for regular CASOs,

LDP, SDP and strengthening of nakas, patrolling & the overall security grid around Police establishments, camps and other vital locations.

Incharge PCR Samba was specifically directed to update and maintain the contact numbers of all security forces and concerned agencies to facilitate seamless communication and better inter-agency coordination in the event of any untoward incident or emergency.

BJP won't allow people's genuine issues to be ignored: LoP Sharma

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JAMMU: Leader of Opposition in the J&K Legislative Assembly Sunil Sharma, accompanied by MLAs Pawan Gupta, Adv. R.S. Pathania, Baldev Raj Sharma, Balwant Singh Mankotia, and Kuldeep Dubey, held an extensive public outreach programme in Reasi and Udhampur and interacted with delegations representing different sections of society, including the Baridar Sewa Committee, PHE Casual Labourers, PHE Daily Wagers, Chamber of Trade, Tourism & Industry Katra, PHE Union, NHM employees, Teachers' Association, Beopar Mandal, Mazdoor Sangh, Safai Karamcharis and Village Defence Guards (VDGs).

Sunil Sharma gave a patient hearing to the delegations and assured them



that their genuine concerns would be taken up at the appropriate forums, including the forthcoming Assembly Session. He directed the concerned department representatives to pursue the issues and assured the delegations that the BJP legislators would strongly pursue their legitimate demands until they receive a concrete response. Sunil Sharma, addressing on the occasion, said the people of Jammu & Kashmir had voted for change, development,

employment, accountability and better governance, but the National Conference government had so far failed to live up to the expectations of the people. He said employees waiting for regularization, daily wagers seeking justice, NHM workers demanding security, teachers and labourers seeking relief, traders and the tourism sector seeking support, and VDGs safeguarding vulnerable areas cannot be made to wait indefinitely for solutions.

Saroori takes up several issues during Kuchhal visit

KISHTWAR: Senior Congress leader and former minister G. M. Saroori today undertook an extensive visit to Kuchhal in Tehsil Mughalmaidan, where he met local residents and interacted with several delegations representing different sections of the area.

During the visit, Saroori heard the grievances of the people and discussed a range of issues affecting their daily lives, particularly electricity supply, smart meters, power bills, employment and development. Addressing the gathering, Saroori said that people were now being compelled to assess the difference between the promises made to them during the last elections and the situation prevailing on the ground.

NHM employees extend stir by 72 hours

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JAMMU: Following the completion of the earlier 72-hour peaceful strike-cum-protest, National Health Mission (NHM) employees of Jammu Division have decided to further intensify their agitation by extending the strike for another 72 hours on Saturday, under the banner of the UT Level Coordination Committee of National Health Mission Employees Association J&K.

The decision to continue the agitation has been taken in view of the absence of any positive response, concrete assurance or meaningful intervention from the Government and concerned authorities towards resolving the long-pending and genuine demands of NHM employees.

The protests across Jammu Division continued at various District and Block Headquarters, with employees belonging to different NHM programmes and categories participating in the agitation.

The employees reiterated that despite rendering dedicated and uninterrupted services to the public healthcare system for years, their genuine concerns relating to job security, social security and other service-

related issues continue to remain unresolved.

The agitation is being carried forward under the leadership of Provincial President, All JKNHMEA Jammu Division, Dr. Vikas Sharma, with the participation of NHM employees from various districts and blocks of Jammu Division.

NHM employees, including Doctors, Paramedical Staff, Management Staff and employees associated with NTEP and other NHM programmes, have extended their support to the ongoing democratic agitation.

The major demands reiterated by the employees include a comprehensive job policy, job security, golden handshake, retirement and social security benefits, EPF coverage for all eligible categories, loyalty benefits for left-out NHM employees, and other genuine service-related issues.

The Association stated that the decision to extend the agitation for another 72 hours was not taken lightly. The employees had observed the earlier 72-hour strike with the expectation that the Government and concerned authorities would respond positively and initiate meaningful dialogue.

8.5L diyas, blood donation camps to mark launch of Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan on Sep 17

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JAMMU: BJP will launch its month-long 'Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan' on September 17, marking the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and commemorating his 25 years of dedicated public service, with 8.5 lakh diyas to be illuminated across J&K and blood donation camps organized across the Union Territory as the opening initiatives. The campaign, continuing till October 17, will take a series of service-oriented programmes to every section of society, with special emphasis on youth participation and grassroots outreach.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, accompanied by BJP J&K General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, BJP J&K General Secretary and Sewa Sankalp



Abhiyan Incharge Gopal Mahajan, and Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, addressed a press conference at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, and outlined the extensive programme.

Dr. Nirmal Singh said that the Abhiyan reflects the spirit of 25 years of Narendra Modi's public life, marked by uninterrupted dedication to the nation, first as Chief Minister of Gujarat and subsequently as Prime Minister of India. He said that

under Modi's leadership, India has moved with confidence towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, adding that the objective of the campaign is not merely to commemorate a birthday but to connect people with the larger national development journey.

He said that the ambitious programme will be taken from the national level right down to every booth, involving common citizens and particularly the youth.

Satish lays foundation stones for projects worth over Rs 7 Cr

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, Science & Technology and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, on Saturday undertook an extensive tour of the Chhamb Assembly Constituency and took stock of ongoing developmental activities besides laying foundation stones for a number of new projects aimed at strengthening civic infrastructure and improving public amenities.

During the tour, the Minister interacted with local residents, public representatives and officers and reviewed the pace of development works in different areas. He directed the concerned departments to ensure timely execution of projects while maintaining quality and transparency. At Khour Town, the Minister laid the foundation stone



for the construction of storm-water drains in different wards of Khour Town, being executed at an estimated cost of Rs.4.50 crore. The project is aimed at improving drainage infrastructure and addressing water logging and related problems faced by residents. Satish Sharma also laid the foundation stone for construction of lanes and drains in all wards of Municipal Committee Khour, at a cost of Rs.99.06 lakh, with the objective of improving local connectivity, sanitation and civic infrastructure across the town.