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# J&K Police SI recruitment scam: CBI conducts searches at 7 locations

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU/NEW DELHI: The CBI on Tuesday conducted searches at seven locations in Jammu, Pathankot, Rewari and Karnal in connection with the police sub-inspector recruitment scam in Jammu and Kashmir; officials said.

The searches were conducted at the premises of arrested mastermind Yatin Yadav and CRPF constable Surender Singh among others, they said.

The CBI had taken over investigation into the case on August 3 on a reference from the Jammu and Kashmir government and registered a case on the request of J&K Government against 33 accused including then Medical Officer, BSF Frontier Hqrs, Paloura; then Member, JKSSB; then Under Secretary, then Section Officer (both of JKSSB); Ex Official of CRPF; ASI of J&K Police; Owner of a coaching centre,



Akhnoor; private company based at Bengaluru; private persons and unknown others on the allegations of irregularities in written examination.

The case pertains to the leak of question paper for the examination through which 1,200 posts of sub-inspectors were to be filled by the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB), they said.

The agency has arrested 13 persons so far in connection with the case, they said.

A Rewari resident, Yatin

Yadav, had allegedly leaked the question paper with the help of an employee of the printing press in Okhla.

Yadav allegedly used illicit services of touts based in Jammu and Kashmir, including constables of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), for luring candidates who were charged anything between Rs 20 lakh and Rs 30 lakh approximately for the paper, they said.

The candidates were allegedly taken to Karnal in Haryana in vehicles provided

by CRPF Constable Surender Singh and a question paper was provided to them at a hotel there, the CBI said.

The leaked question paper was also allegedly provided to the candidates in Jammu.

On July 8 this year, Jammu and Kashmir administration had cancelled the police sub-inspector recruitment following allegations of irregularities and recommended a CBI probe into the selection process. Taking to Twitter, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had assured that the culprits will be brought to justice soon.

Earlier, Sinha had ordered an inquiry into the selection of police sub-inspectors after allegations of fraud in the recruitment process surfaced. The list of successful 1,200 successful candidates was declared by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board on June 4. Over 97,000

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Justice Chandrachud to become 50th CJI today

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Senior-most Supreme Court judge and CJI-designate Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud is all set to become the 50th head of the Indian judiciary on Wednesday when President Draupadi Murmu would

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'Hybrid' terrorist arrested in Pulwama

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Tuesday arrested a suspected "hybrid" terrorist of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Pulwama district, an official said.

Abid Ahmad Sheikh was in touch with LeT commanders and involved in transportation of arms and ammunition, he said.

"Police alongwith security forces have arrested a hybrid terrorist of proscribed

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Lunar Eclipse 2022 seen in Jammu on Tuesday. (Pic by Deepak Yadav)

## Centre grants 265 DNB medical seats to J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: In sync with Prime Minister's vision of Health for All, the government has granted 265 Diplomat of National Board (DNB) postgraduate medical seats to several government hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir across 20 districts.

The step will not only benefit people of Jammu and Kashmir, but the doctors

there there will also get an opportunity of being trained in their own region, a health ministry statement said.

Tapping into this home-grown medical workforce would lead to an effective healthcare delivery system in the Union Territory, it said.

"With the vision of providing trained specialists in almost every district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Government of India took

this as a challenge in a mission mode," read the statement.

"The Ministry of Health along with National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) took a lead role and ensured that several postgraduate seats of NBEMS are granted to various government hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir," it said. As a consequence,

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## Patwari suspended over bribe charges in Kishtwar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A revenue official was suspended and an inquiry was ordered after a video, purportedly showing him taking bribe, went viral on social media in Kishtwar district, an official said on Tuesday.

Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Devansh Yadav ordered the immediate suspension of Patwari Vineet Kumar following a preliminary report submitted by Tehsildar Paddar showing "possible misdemeanor and misuse of office" by the official. Kumar was allegedly caught on-camera accepting the bribe at his office in village Massu last week and later the

video was circulated on social media.

Kewal Krishan, Patwari Halqa Gulagbarh, has been given the additional charge to look after the routine work of Patwari Halqa Massu till further orders, the official said. Taking strong note of the incident, the deputy commissioner sought a report from the concerned Tehsildar; the official said. The accused Patwari Kumar was attached to the office of Tehsildar Drabshalla and its Tehsildar Chander Shakhari Sharma was asked to conduct a discreet inquiry into the matter and furnish his report within 15 days, the official said.

## Union MoS urges hotel industry to develop road map for Patnitop as a pre-eminent tourism destination

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PATNITOP: Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Tuesday said there has been significant changes in the domestic tourism circuit which is pivoting more towards wellness, healthcare and other activities like adventure or sports and thereby triggering a demand for diverse skills and opportunities while meeting with leaders of the hotel industry at Patnitop. The Minister urged them to draw a roadmap for making



Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar during his visit to Patnitop.

Patnitop a vibrant tourist destination, taking into consideration its local advantages and resources.

He said road trips, places with smaller footprints, short

term rentals or stay-at-home facilities have become more in vogue and the hotel industry must decide on the narrative for the destination, keeping these changes in mind.

Four JKAS officers transferred

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred four JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Gopal Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Chief Executive Officer, Katra Development Authority; Rachna Sharma, JKAS, Collector, 220KV Power Development Department, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South); Vishal Singh Parihar, JKAS,

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Guru Nanak Dev's message of humanity most relevant today: Chugh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday paid obeisance at Gurdwara Bangla Sahib on the occasion of Guru Nanak's Parkash Purb.

He listened to Shabad Kirtan and performed Kar Sewa.

While recalling Guru Ji's message of peace and amity for the entire humanity Chugh said Guru Ji's teachings are more relevant today and can become



SDRF team carrying out search operation.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADARWAH/JAMMU: At least four persons were feared drowned after a private car skidded off the road and rolled into the Chenab

river in Doda district on Tuesday, an official said. The accident took place at Shibnate-Karara along the Batote-Kishtwar

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2 smugglers arrested, 27 Kg poppy straw seized

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Two interstate narcotic smugglers were arrested and 27 kg of poppy was seized from them in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Tuesday, officials said.

A police team intercepted a truck on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Jakhami chowk, they said. Upon its search, 27 kg of poppy packed in three plastic bags, which was being smuggled from Kashmir to Punjab, was seized, they said. The driver of the truck Sukhdev Singh and his associate Harpreet Singh, both hailing from Kapurthala, Punjab, were arrested, they said.

## Tragedy stares at Government buildings in J&K's biggest warehouse market

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Hundreds of people here in Nehru market of Jammu risk their lives every day living in ramshackle government flats which outlived their utility years back with little to no hope of a safe rehabilitation from the authorities.

The buildings were declared "unsafe for habitation" by the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) in 2012, yet they house several families and businesses.

Nehru Market happens to be Jammu and Kashmir's biggest warehouse belt having firms serving the region since the 1950s, when the buildings were first erected.

The three buildings located in the market have 72 quar-

ters and over 50 shops which were constructed in the early 1950s in the heart of the city famed for its temples.

But over the decades, they have been reduced to being rundown structures with their residents eking out with a precarious existence with a very literal danger hanging above their heads.

Besides their old age, these buildings are also alleged by the residents to be the victims of neglect and poor maintenance by the estates department and JDA.

Their occupants have been demanding that they be shifted to a safer place, and worry it will take nothing less than a catastrophe before the authorities wake up. "I feel the government is waiting

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Leh: Two-day training on DigiLab concludes

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH/JAMMU: With an aim to ensure effective usage of the digital learning scheme, headmasters and teachers of 27 schools in the district completed a two-day training on DigiLab solution and its operation, officials said.

The Ladakh administration launched a pilot project for digital learning in schools in the region. Under this pilot, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) has set up DigiLab in government schools of Leh district, covering all constituencies, they said.

So far, DigiLab has been set up in around 200 government schools in Ladakh.

The two-day training on the DigiLabs solution and its operation was supported by Ladakh's education department and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) and implemented by a foundation working to

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 29.4°C Min: 13.8°C

Humidity

Max : 68 Min : 59

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 11.7°C Min: 4.3°C

Humidity

Max : 89 Min: 70

Sunset : 17:37 Hours

Sunrise : 06:55 Hours