

SENSEX

79,476.63 points up
by 694.39 points

NIFTY

24,213.30 points up
by 217.95 points


GOLD:

Rs 78,280 per 10 gram
down by 160

SILVER:

Rs 1,05,000 per 1 Kg
down by 1,000

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Divya Sharma
Class:- 2nd 'B'
D.O.B:- 06-11-2016
JKPS Panjtirthi

NOTICE

Due to demise of Late Sh. Vinod Kumar Anand S/O Late I.P. Anand R/O Sarwal, Jammu, his son Vineet Anand S/o Late Vinod Kumar Anand R/o Qtr. No. 109, Sarwal, Rehari Colony, Jammu has applied for transfer of Plot no. 132, Rajinder Nagar (Bantalar) Housing Colony, Phase 1. Jammu measuring 40x80. Objection, if any, for the said plot inform J.D.A office within seven days from the publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I have appeared in Class 10th under Roll number 140724066, Session /Year Annual Regular 2022 Summer Zone through the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/Parent my Date of Birth has wrongly been written as 25/9/2005 instead of correct Date of birth is 25/9/2006. Now, have applied for Correction/Rectification of error before the Joint Secretary, Certificates, JD the J&K Board of School Education, Rehari Colony, Jammu. If any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Joint Secretary, Certificates, JD, within Seven days from date of issuance of this Notice. After the expiry of the said period, No Objection shall be entertained. This is published for the information of the General Public.
Name: Simrittee Bali
Father's Name: Daljeet Kumar Bali
Mother's Name: Sumita Devi
Address: Village Domana Jammu J&K.

NOTICE

I, Dhirinder Kumar Padha R/o Sartingal P/O Sungli Sartingal Bhaderwah, Distt: Doda want to correct the name of my Driving Licence bearing No. JK-06-2014-0008106 as Dhirinder Kumar Padha S/o Mukund Lal Padha instead of Dhirinder Kumar S/o Mukund Lal Pada. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication.

NOTICE

I, Nandani Singh Wazir (Old Name) W/o Parvinder Jit Singh R/o H.No.56, Street No.3, Sector-07, Nanak Nagar Jammu-180004 has changed my name from Nandani Singh Wazir (old name) to Nandani Singh (New name). I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname Nandani Singh (New Name).

NOTICE

I, Bishan Dass S/o Lt. Jalla Ram R/o Gurha Brahmana, Tehsil Jammu, Distt: Jammu want to sale of plot bearing Khasra No. 61, measuring 4½ Marlas located at Gurha Brahmana. Anybody have any objection conveyed to Tehsildar, Office Jammu North within 7 days from the date of publication.

NOTICE

Through this notice, I, Ajaz Ahmed, S/o Mohd Din, R/o Kandli, Tehsil Koteranka, District Rajouri (J&K), hereby inform the general public that the dates of birth of my children were incorrectly recorded in my service records. The correct dates of birth are as follows: Aisha Ajaz, born on 01-01-2020, and Ahil Ajaz Khan, born on 20-01-2022. These were previously recorded as 01-01-2018 and 20-01-2020, respectively. I am applying for correction of these dates of birth in my service records. If anyone has any objections, they may contact the concerned authority within seven days.

NOTICE

I Swaranjeet Kour W/o Devinder Singh R/o House No.263, Sector-4 Channi Himmat Housing Colony, Jammu - 180015 have applied for correction of my name which has wrongly entered in all documents and records as Swaranjit Kour/ Swarnjeet Kour/ Swaranjit Kour instead of Swaranjeet Kour as per records. Now I am applying for correction of my correct name as Swaranjeet Kour. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days from the publication.
Swaranjeet Kour
Mobile No: 7889573522, 7006984311

Retired RTC employees stage protest



Retired employees of J&K RTC raising slogans during a protest.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Retired employees of the All J&K RTC gathered near Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu to stage a demonstration and sit-in protest.

Led by Romesh Singh Bhanu, President of the All J&K RTC Retired Employees Association, the protest began with participants voicing deep frustration over the Finance Department and Transport Authority's continued delay in releasing their pending

Five-day Chenab Book Mela, Literary Festival-2024 starts

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: The Chenab Book Mela & Literary Festival 2024, organized by District Administration Doda in collaboration with the Municipal Council, Ehsaas Charitable Trust and the Chenab Valley AMU Alumni Association commenced here today in Community Hall.

The 5-day cultural and literary celebration promises to offer a platform for cultural enrichment, community engagement, and literary inspiration, reflecting the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of the Chenab Valley.

The festival was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, in presence of SSP Mohammad Aslam.

Other Government functionaries, including Guest of Honour, SP Jail Bhaderwah Hamidullah Naik, besides a large number of civil society members were among the attendees.

After the inauguration, the DC and SSP inspected book stalls set up at the venue. A pledge ceremony ensued, emphasizing the commitment of the organizers and participants towards promoting literacy and education in the region.

In his inaugural address, Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh lauded the organizers for the noble initiative of promoting literary activities and book reading. He urged the media to promote the event to attract greater participation from students from across the district.

Educationist Abdul Hafeez, civil society members Shokat Ali Mughal, Hafizullah Khurwani, college faculty members, lecturers, literary enthusiasts and a large number of students from across the district were also part of the event. The 5 day event would feature a vibrant array of activities, including book stalls, food stalls, extempore sessions, symposiums, writer interactions, cultural programs, and Mushaira (poetic gatherings). The festival will also feature Suffiyana Shaam (traditional Sufi music evening), open mic events, Ba'it Baazi (poetic competitions), and literary discussions.

Panel Discussion on Knowledge and Career; a special panel discussion on the theme "Book, Knowledge, & Career" will be held, featuring Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, Assistant Professor Dr. Jamshed Ahmad, Educationist Abdul Hafeez, Senior Lecturer Musarat Jahan, and Assistant Professor Dr. Akhtar Sohail.

arrears. These dues, which include Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) arrears, 6th Pay Commission arrears, and Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears, have been processed and are reportedly awaiting release in the Civil Secretariat, Jammu. The demonstrators strongly criticized what they described as unnecessary harassment by both the Finance and Transport Departments, as the approved bills have been complete for some time.

They expressed disappointment at the prolonged delay, which has caused unnecessary hardship for retired employees who are dependent on these payments.

Many participants emphasized the difficulty of meeting daily expenses without these arrears, which they consider their rightful dues.

In their appeal, the protesters requested the intervention of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, urging him to address the issue directly to ensure the prompt release of their long-overdue payments. They expressed hope that the Chief Minister's involvement would expedite the resolution of this issue and bring relief to the retirees and their families. The main demands put forth during the protest include the immediate release of Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) arrears, 6th Pay Commission arrears, and Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears.

The protest was attended by a significant number of association members, including Allah Rakha, Gopal Choudhary, Rajinder Sawhney, Ram Paul, and Krishan Singh, among others, who all stood united in their call for timely and fair treatment from the authorities.

Minister for H&ME, Sakeena Masood on Tuesday visited district Budgam and took overall assessment of the developmental profile of the district.

During the visit, the Minister chaired a high level meeting with senior officers of district administration and reviewed the progress of various ongoing projects in the district.

The meeting was attended by MLA Chadoora, Ali Mohammad Dar; MLA Beerwah, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani; Director School Education Kashmir, Director Colleges, Director Health Services Kashmir, district officers of all departments, heads of all engineering wings and other officers of the district administration.

During the meeting, the Minister held department wise review and took detailed appraisal of ongoing works under different

Dy CM reviews progress on PWD projects in Shopian, Pulwama



Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, on Tuesday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review progress on ongoing PWD projects being executed in Pulwama and Shopian districts. Present in the meeting were MLAs of Pampore, Zainapora, Rajpora constituencies, Secretary PWD, Chief Engineer PMGSY Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle Pulwama/Shopian and other senior officers of the department.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy CM stressed on time bound completion of various schemes in the twin districts. He asked the officers for ensuring regular

monitoring of all vital works while strictly adhering to prescribed quality parameters and other norms and procedures. He emphasised on the officers to mobilise men and machinery so that these crucial development projects can be put to use for the benefit of people at the earliest.

"All the officers should take inputs from local MLAs so as to give a push to the local needs and demands. We have to strive towards prioritising and fulfilling the development needs of local populace," maintained the Deputy Chief Minister.

During the meeting, Surinder Kumar Choudhary had constituency wise details of ongoing works being executed under various UT sector; centrally sponsored and district sector schemes.

The meeting had detailed discussion on various UT sector schemes and other departmental works besides CSS's like JTRFP (World Bank), PMDP (Transit Accommodation), Central Road & Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) and other works.

It was informed in the meeting that 148 km of road length has been macadamised during the current financial year 2024-25 in the districts of Shopian and Pulwama, with 104 km in Pulwama and 44 km in Shopian. Besides, various mega projects which came up for discussion including transit accommodation for migrants at

establishing all basic facilities in the CHC for the public good.

Similarly, Sakeena Masood also reviewed progress of different works in Jal Shakti, Rural Development, Social Welfare, Education and other departments. She directed the officers to work with zeal and zest so that ongoing works under various projects and schemes are taken to its logical end. She highlighted that these projects are crucial for enhancing district's overall growth and improving the living standards of locals here.

Sakeena Masood reaffirmed that present dispensation is committed for empowering citizens of Jammu and Kashmir. "Our focus remains on creating opportunities for all, especially for women, youth and marginalized communities. We want to ensure that every resident, irrespective of their background, benefits from our government schemes."

Lethpora and Allowpora, Government Degree Colleges in Zainapora and Rajpora, four lane approach road to AIIMS Avantipora and long bridges in the districts.

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Several legislators call on Javed Rana; raise issues of public importance



Minister for Jal Shakti interacting with legislators.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Several members of J&K Legislative Assembly on Tuesday called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forests and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana at Civil Secretariat here.

Narinder Singh Raina, MLA R S Pura, Professor Gharu Ram, MLA, Suchetgarh, Ch Vikram Randhawa, MLA Gandhi Nagar; Arvind Gupta, MLA Jammu West discussed with the Minister issues pertaining to water supply and other vital concerns of public importance regarding their respective constituencies. They brought to the notice of the Minister the issue of rampant use of private tankers in some areas of Jammu city and requested for rationalization of Water supply in the city and its peripheries like Bhatindi, Chowadi, Channi, Trikuta Nagar, Narwal, Bahu Fort, Talab Tillo etc. They also highlighted the irrigation problems being faced by the farmers during the crop season specially border areas of Suchetgarh and R S Pura. The Minister assured the legislators that the government shall take all possible measures to provide adequate and safe drinking water to all households in the projected areas. He also assured to address irrigation problems in R S Pura within the shortest possible time. Javid Rana, while interacting with the MLAs, urged upon them to extend their cooperation to the government in addressing vital issues of public importance in their respective areas. He also asked them to continue to work for the welfare of common masses with greater vigour and commitment.

Govt committed towards welfare of public: Sakeena



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schemes and projects in these departments.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Minister remarked that the present government is peoples government and totally committed towards welfare of public. "Our government is peoples government and we are committed to their welfare and answerable to them at every step", Sakeena Masood said.

"Facilitate public at each level and solve their issues and problems with sincerity

and dedication in prompt manner", she said.

While reviewing the health sector in the district, the Minister directed the concerned CMO for early takeover of new building at CHC Chattergam from the executing agency. She took strong note of lackadaisical approach of district administration towards this matter and directed the concerned officers to solve this issues promptly.

She also called upon the concerned officers for

Rattan Lal decries poor planning, flawed execution of Smart City projects in Jammu

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JAMMU: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), on Tuesday expressed deep dissatisfaction with the development efforts under the Smart City project in Jammu, asserting that the work has not met the expectations of the people. He criticized the administration for its failure to deliver on key aspects that define a Smart City, leaving many of the city's issues unaddressed and residents disappointed.

"Despite the grand promises of a 'Smart City,' the reality on the ground reflects a different story," the senior NC leader said in a statement issued here today.

He said "Jammu's roads are in deplorable condition, with inadequate maintenance and planning that leave citizens frustrated with daily commute issues. Streetlights along major roads remain non-functional, creating inconvenience and safety concerns, particularly at night." He added that deplorable condition of lanes and drains giving shabby look to the city.

Highlighting the lack of amenities and basic facilities, Rattan Lal Gupta noted that public parks are poorly maintained, failing to provide the recreational spaces that citizens expect in a city of Jammu's stature. "The administration's approach appears haphazard, with no cohesive design or aesthetic appeal to enhance the city's attractiveness," he added.

One of the key features that sets a Smart City apart is the provision of public amenities like Wi-Fi connectivity, he pointed out the absence of such facilities. Additionally, the much-anticipated gondola project, intended to boost tourism

and local transport options, remains non-functional, underscoring a lack of follow-through on ambitious initiatives.

He also resented the hanging sub standard electricity wires and low-lying power transformers scattered across Jammu, pointing out the hazards they pose to residents. He emphasized that such unsafe and outdated infrastructure is unacceptable in a city striving for Smart City status. The Provincial President further questioned the administration's adherence to the established norms of a Smart City. "It is evident that the authorities are working without a clear vision, resulting in disjointed projects that neither serve the people nor uplift the city's image," he stated.

In a strongly worded appeal, Rattan Lal Gupta urged the present Govt. to acknowledge the significant gaps in the Smart City plan and to take immediate, concrete steps toward rectification. He called for a comprehensive review and redesign of the current framework to ensure that the development truly meets the needs of Jammu's residents. "The people of Jammu deserve a city that matches their aspirations - safe, well-maintained, and modern in every sense. The administration must listen to the people's voices and deliver on the promises it made," he asserted.

Rattan Lal asserted that the National Conference under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah remains committed to advocate for the rightful development of Jammu and will ensure that every step taken benefits the citizens and enhances the Jammu city's growth and livability.

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