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**03** Some good in smooth & safe flow of traffic as well as safety on roads can be done without any additional costs on exchequer

**05** 2024 highlights include Mission 'Karmayogi', Face Recognition Certification, revenue from scrap: Dr Jitendra

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## LG directs JU to strengthen faculty, fill up vacant posts

**Chairs 88th University Council Meeting of JU**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired the 88th meeting of the University Council of the University of Jammu at Raj Bhavan, on Monday. The meeting was attended by Sakina Ittoo, Minister for Higher Education; Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu; Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Vice Chancellor, Lucknow University; Prof.



LG Manoj Sinha chairing 88th meeting of the University Council of University of Jammu on Monday.

K.S Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Jammu; Prof. AK Kaul, former Professor, Department of Sociology, BHU Varanasi; Dr Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, Jammu University and other members of the council. Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Planning, Monitoring and Development Department; Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University and Prof. Mohd.

## DC Jammu notifies Stamp Duty Rates for 2025

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: District Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Monday notified the Stamp Duty Rates for the year 2025, following approval by the Divisional Level Committee. The rates will be available for public access on the district's official website, [jammu.nic.in](http://jammu.nic.in). The full notification issued by DC Jammu is also available on [www.statetimes.in](http://www.statetimes.in).

## 'Army Chief reviews operational preparedness, interacts with troops'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Monday visited Dehradun during which he reviewed operational preparedness, interacted with troops and received "comprehensive briefings" from some of the top officers on the ongoing security initiatives and infrastructure development in the region.



He also underscored the critical importance of "maintaining peak operational efficiency and adaptability" in an increasingly complex and "evolving security environment" in the Uttarakhand capital, PTI reported quoting sources. The visit underscores the "proactive approach" taken by the Chief of the Army Staff to ensure mission readiness while boosting the morale of the troops deployed in varied and challenging terrains. He was accompanied by Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, General Officer Commanding, Uttar Bharat Area, and Maj Gen Naveen Mahajan, General Officer Commanding, Golden Key Division, he added. The briefings covered the region's operational

## Harnek Singh Murder Case: 3 brothers get life-imprisonment

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu Amit Sharma on Monday awarded life-imprisonment to three brothers in a murder case. According to case, on January 8, 2014 complainant namely Avtar Singh in an injured condition along with his brother Ujwaljeet Singh lodged a written report effect that he alongwith his friend namely Harnek Singh, resident of W.No. 12 Tehsil R.S.Pura were going back to their houses in an Alto Car of his friend (JK02AD-0981) at about 8:30 PM from Jammu. As soon as they parked the car in a street on the main road near their houses. The accused Harvinder Singh alias Pinka, Amarjeet

Singh alias Babu and Hareharan Singh alias Charna sons of Lakhmir Singh resident of Railway Patri Tali Morh R.S.Pura were already present there in a truck (JK02T-9825) with common criminal intention, lashed with deadly weapons and made a murderous attack with a kirch first on him after damaging the wind screen of the Alto car with the help of base ball bat and thereafter the accused Hareharan Singh dragged the complainant Avtar Singh from the car and the accused Harvinder Singh attacked with a kirch on the right side of his abdomen. Thereafter, the accused Amarjeet Singh and Hareharan Singh dragged Harnek Singh from the vehicle and

accused Harvinder Singh attacked upon him with the kirch and put many blows on his abdomen due to which the deceased died on spot. After hearing APP Arvind Rathore for the UT and Sr. Advocate Sunil Sethi for the accused persons, the 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu observed that the murder in this case has taken place due to enmity vis-a-vis to the street between the PW-1 and father of the three accused and there is nothing on record to term this murder a case falls within the definition of "rarest of rare" cases to warrant capital punishment. In this backdrop, convict Harvinder Singh is therefore, convicted for the commission

## Union Home Secretary reviews security situation in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan on Monday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in a meeting with top security officials in Srinagar. "The Home secretary chaired the meeting, which was attended by top officers of security forces, police and intelligence officials, where the preparedness of the security grid was reviewed," officials said. Besides discussing the anti-terror operations in the hinterland of the union territory, the security measures along the line of control were also discussed, they said. The officials said the meeting also factored in the recent snowfall and it's likely effective on the possibility of increased infiltration attempts from across the border.

## J&K Bank welcomes Amitava Chatterjee as new MD & CEO

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Following his appointment last week, Amitava Chatterjee has assumed the responsibility as J&K Bank's Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer after taking over the charge from Baldev Prakash, whose three-year term ended on Monday. In a formal function held at the Bank's corporate headquarters, Amitava Chatterjee - a seasoned banker with over three decades of experience at



State Bank of India (SBI) - was welcomed by the outgoing MD & CEO Baldev Prakash along with Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta and top management

After taking charge, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee expressed his gratitude and enthusiasm. "I feel honoured to have this opportunity to lead J&K Bank - an institution with a rich legacy of trust and excellence. I look forward to working with the talented team to build upon the strong foundation laid by my predecessor, Baldev Prakash, and to drive the Bank's vision of financial empowerment with sustainable growth and

## CJ virtually inaugurates HC Guest House at Melongthang Leh, Additional Court at HC Complex Srinagar



Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan virtually inaugurating State-of-the-Art High Court Guest House at Melongthang Leh, Additional Court at HC Complex Srinagar.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, on Monday virtually inaugurated the State-

of-the-Art High Court Guest House at Melongthang, Leh, UT of Ladakh, in presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani, Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh. The inauguration was also graced by the presence of Dr. Pawan Dev Kotwal, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh. The Guest House, constructed at a cost of Rs 12.42 crore has eight suites,

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Max: 85 Min: 81

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Max: 95 Min: 63  
Sunset : 17:32 Hours  
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