

SENSEX

76,171.08 points down by 122.52 points

NIFTY

23,045.25 points down by 26.55 points

GOLD:

Rs 84,420 per 10 gram down by 1,260

SILVER:

Rs 1,07,000 per 1 Kg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mohd. Amir
Class:- Pre-Nursery
D.O.B:- 13th Feb.
JKPS Panjtirthi

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Chaitanya Trikha
Class:- 3rd 'A'
D.O.B:- 13-02-2016
JKPS Panjtirthi

NOTICE
I, Mumtaz Akhter D/o Badher Din R/o Bhagan Kot, P/O Mahore, District Reasi state that my father's name has wrongly been written as Guftar Ahmed instead of Badher Din in my Pan Card bearing No. DCRPA5572D. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Rank Hav Pritam Lal Service No. 13767428L S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan R/o Karloop, Tehsil Marh, District Jammu, do hereby declare that my daughter's name has been written as Shy Sharma in all documents but my daughter's new name is Shai Sharma vide affidavit dated: 19.06.2024 before Notary Public District Jammu.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the general public that Punjab National Bank is carrying its banking operations in ground floor of building situated at 223 sector 1 A Trikuta Nagar Jammu. Anybody having any objection can contact the Jammu Municipal Corporation Town Hall Complex Jammu within seven days of publication of this notice.

DC Poonch conducts on-site inspection of Water Schemes

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: In a proactive move to address water scarcity in the district, Deputy, Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal conducted a comprehensive inspection of the water Schemes. Accompanied by Superintendent Engineer, Mohammad Taj Choudhary, Executive Engineer Rajeev Ghai, besides AEE, JE and other concerned officers, the Deputy Commissioner visited key water schemes including Dingla and Chaktroo. During the inspection, the Deputy

Commissioner engaged with local residents to understand their water-related concerns. He emphasized the importance of efficient functioning and proper maintenance of the installation to prevent shortage. In a directive to ensure timely action, the Deputy Commissioner directed the SE to conduct a detailed review of the schemes with the Junior Engineers, to ensure effective implementation. Furthermore, he mandated the XEN to make the Dingla and Chaktroo water schemes operational within 10 days.

Cong to launch 15-day long campaign for restoration of statehood in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Tariq Hameed Karra on Wednesday announced a 15-day long campaign to press for restoration of statehood to the Union Territory. He said the campaign will be launched from Udhampur district on February 13 as the "BJP has so far failed to keep its statehood restoration promise and we have doubts on their intentions". Karra, who is also an MLA, said there is a strange dilemma prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir where people are gradually developing cynicism after participating in the democratic exercise in large numbers with a hope to get their day-to-day issues addressed. "The demand for restoration of statehood is a key issue before and after the assembly

elections. We reminded the prime minister (Narendra Modi) and home minister (Amit Shah) of the promises and commitments made within and outside Parliament and on the soil of J&K about it," said Karra. "We want our right to statehood to be restored as soon as possible. There is a cold attitude on the part of the government which has failed to explain the 'appropriate time' it is using for delaying this right to the people of J&K...we have doubts on their intentions," he told reporters here. Accusing the ruling party at the Centre of 'betraying the people' of Jammu and Kashmir, he said the BJP leadership is answerable for the delay in restoration of the statehood. "We will accelerate our campaign for the restoration of



JKPC president Tariq Hameed Karra talking to reporters.

statehood, which is a 175-year-old heritage of the Dogra legacy which is being made fun of by the BJP. We are starting a 15-day 'restore our statehood' campaign from tomorrow (Thursday) under the title 'our state, our right' from Udhampur," he said. The Congress leader also paid rich tributes to the two army personnel, including a captain, who lost their lives in an IED attack near the LoC in Akhnoor sector of Jammu on Tuesday and said "such

incidents expose the tall claims of the government that everything is fine and hunky-dory." "There are killings of security forces and civilians every now and then. We strongly condemn the dastardly act in (Akhnoor) but condemnation alone will not fix the situation," he said, adding the security forces are directly working under the command of the Centre, which needs to come clean on the growing terror incidents. Karra also demanded a judicial probe into the recent suicide of a young man after alleged police harassment in Kathua district and also sought an end to alleged rise in criminal activities in Jammu. The Congress leader said people have lost hope due to failure of the government to address their issues due to the dual power centre in the Union Territory. "People are saying that they voted for resolution of their daily issues whether related to electricity, ration, roads and water. They are feeling that the vote has not benefited them as the administration is facing confusion on business rules which have not been cleared so far. The statehood restoration is also pending, adding to the people's concern," he said. Karra said the committee, which was set up by the government to finalise business rules, will present its report soon to provide relief to people.

SMVDU Mechanical Engineering alumnus donates Rs 1.75 Lakh to Support Innospark 2025

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) proudly acknowledges the generous contribution of Mr. Dhananjay Singh (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering, 2014 Batch), Director of Chenab Valley Agro & Infra Private Limited, who has donated ₹1.75 lakh in support of the SMVDU Technology Business Incubation Centre (TBIC) for the upcoming Innospark 2025 event. Innospark 2025 is a prestigious technology-driven startup competition organized by SMVDU-TBIC, Kakryal, Jammu & Kashmir. The event aims to provide a platform for aspiring innovators to present

groundbreaking ideas, compete for prestigious prizes, and connect with industry leaders and investors. As part of this initiative, the prize money for the competition is being sponsored by SMVDU alumni. The top three winning startup ideas will be awarded include 1st Prize: Rs 1,00,000; 2nd Prize: Rs 50,000 and 3rd Prize: Rs 25,000. The University extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Singh for his remarkable support and commitment to his alma mater. Officials including Prof. Yugal Khajuria (Dean, International and Alumni Affairs), Dr. Yatheshth Anand (Head, SME), Dr. Mir Irfan UIHaq (Associate Dean, International and Alumni Affairs), and Dr. Sanjay Mohan (CEO, SMVDU-TBIC) expressed their appreciation for his generous contribution. In a message of gratitude, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, lauded Mr. Dhananjay Singh's dedication and enduring connection with the university, stating: "SMVDU is proud to have alumni like Mr. Dhananjay Singh, whose contributions inspire and uplift future entrepreneurs. With such alumni support, SMVDU continues to foster an ecosystem of innovation, empowering young minds to transform ideas into successful startups."

ADDC Rajouri reviews implementation of HADP

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, today chaired a meeting here in the Conference Hall, Dak Bungalow to review the implementation and progress achieved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP). The ADDC assessed key aspects of the program,



including the applications received, approvals granted, enrollment and completion of Daksh Kissan training, establishment of units, fund utilization, and the number of farmers benefitting from Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG). He also reviewed the registration of farms on KKG, as well as the status of credit applications submitted and sanctioned. Emphasizing the need for efficient execution, Dr. Thapa directed the Chief Agriculture Officer to distribute targets among Sub-Divisional Agriculture

Officers (SDAOs) to ensure timely achievement of objectives under HADP. The meeting was attended by the Chief Agricultural Officer Rajouri, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO), District Sheep Husbandry Officer (DSHO), District Sericulture Officer (DSO), Area Marketing Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries and SDAOs.

CEO reviews preparedness for Board Exams in Doda

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Chief Education Officer Mohammad Hafiz, conducted a comprehensive inspection of several examination centers in the Bhaderwah and Bhalla zones ahead of Board Exams being conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE). During the inspection, the CEO visited multiple centers to assess the arrangements made for the smooth conduct of the exams. While some centers were found to be well-prepared, others did not meet the required standards. The CEO issued immediate directives to the Heads of Institutions (HOIs) at the concerned centers, instructing them to address the identified deficiencies and ensure all necessary arrangements are made by tomorrow. He underscored the importance of complying with JKBOSE guidelines and creating conducive environment for the students to excel in their



examinations. The CEO emphasized that any lapses in preparedness would not be tolerated.

Traffic Police issue SoPs for movement of Ambulances on NHW

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: The Traffic Police National Highway (NHW) has issued a detailed Standard Operating Procedure for hassle free movement of Ambulances on the NHW in light of the Section 194-E of Motor Vehicle Act-1988. The circular issued today stated that the Act clearly envisages that whoever while driving Motor Vehicle fails to draw to the side of the road, on the approach of a Fire Service Vehicle or of an Ambulance or other Emergency Vehicles as may be specified by the State Government shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with a fine of ten thousand. "As such, in order to ensure hassle free movement of Ambulances on NHW Ramban without any Traffic chaos, following SOP is hereby issued to be implemented by the concerned Traffic Supervisory officers strictly in their respective AOR" it stated further. "The Traffic Officers/Officials shall ensure free movement of ambulances on priority basis, as soon as, receipt of any information regarding movement of emergency Service Vehicles, carrying critical, trauma patients and other dead bodies if any in their respective AORs.

The color codes shall be Red for critical patients, Blue for Non-critical patients and black for dead bodies during movement of Ambulances. They shall frequently coordinate with each other about Traffic Pressure Points and availability of alternate routes (if any) for safe and convenient movement of Ambulances. There should be close coordination with the concerned Traffic Control Units, PCR, APCRs and other contact numbers of Hospital and Emergency Services, as well as, District Administration and other NGOs/stakeholders for proper coordination and safety / security of patients during their enroute movement. The TCU Ramban/Udhampur shall remain in close coordination and liaison with Hospital authorities regarding the status of road congestion/conditions/weather vagaries, as well as, other alternate emergency routes, so that the patients could feel ease while movement. The following Contact numbers are as under for Traffic assistance/query if any for the safe movement of ambulances in NHW Ramban: TCU Ramban: 9419993745 & 9906023617. Toll Free Number: 18001807043; TCU Udhampur: 8491928625," the circular added.

NC leader asks PM Modi to immediately restore statehood to J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Sunil Verma, District President, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Udhampur, has reiterated the demand for the immediate restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing that the BJP-led central government has only given hollow assurances to the people of the region. The senior NC leader was speaking while addressing a gathering at Tehsil Latti in district Udhampur. On the second day of his tour to Tehsil Latti, a public meeting was organized by Khalid Hussain Malik, Block President Latti, along with Salim Malik, Secretary, and Younus, President Vyapar Mandal Latti, Sunil Verma was the Chief Guest, while Adv. KD Sharma and Akash Verma were the Guests of Honour. During his visit, Verma

engaged with locals of Latti Market, including residents of Sira and adjoining panchayats, listening to their grievances and developmental concerns. The locals raised several pressing demands, including the need for a stadium and other sports facilities for the children of Latti Tehsil. Jeet Singh, Naib Sarpanch of Panchayat Sira, urged the government to construct a road from Sira to Kulaq. Additionally, locals demanded the upgradation of High School Sira to a Higher Secondary School to ensure better educational opportunities for students in the region. Another major concern highlighted was the failure of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme, as pipelines laid under the project remained non-functional due to a lack of proper water supply sources and

an absence of necessary staff, disrupting smooth water distribution across the tehsil. Ch. Barkat Ali, a senior leader, raised the long-pending demand for the construction of Chari Mangla Bridge, emphasizing its importance in improving connectivity and easing transportation hardships for the local population. Addressing the gathering, Sunil Verma lambasted the BJP for its failed policies and neglect of the genuine concerns of the people. He stated that despite ruling for the past ten years, the BJP has done nothing substantial for the welfare of the people except making empty promises. He stressed the dire need to end the dual governance system in Jammu and Kashmir, as it has only led to confusion and inefficiency.

Verma said that the dual power system in J&K has failed to address the concerns of the citizens, and the return of statehood is essential for restoring democracy, ensuring good governance, and safeguarding the rights of the people. He urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take concrete steps in this regard without further delay. Verma assured the locals that he would take up their grievances with the concerned ministries for immediate redressal. Adv. KD Sharma and Akash Verma motivated the party cadre to intensify efforts for the upcoming local body and panchayat elections to ensure a resounding victory for JKNC. They urged workers to mobilize support at the grassroots level and work towards strengthening the party's presence in the region. Other prominent leaders who spoke at the event included Sr. Gurmeet Singh Josh, District Vice President, Ch. Abdul Rashid, District Secretary, Amarnath (Retd. Principal and District President SC Cell), Om Parkash, Block President Udhampur, Sadiq Mohammad, and several others. Prominent local figures present in the meeting were Ghulam Hussain (Retd. ZEO), Ghulam Mohammad, Women Leader Zaida Kabir, Youth Leader Gulzar Ahmed Wani, Bahadur Ali, Wazir Mohammad, and many more. Sunil Verma reaffirmed commitment of Omar Abdullah government in addressing the pressing issues of the people. He called upon the citizens to unite in their demand for justice and a better future for Jammu and Kashmir.

CAT directs School Education Deptt to appoint petitioner as Class IV for having taken over his land for construction of School Building

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, Jammu, comprising Rajinder Singh Dogra and Ram Mohan Johri, while allowing the Writ Petition of Petitioner - Parkash Sharma, directed that "Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case the respondents are directed to issue a letter of appointment in favor of the writ petitioner while regularizing his services against the post available in the lowest rank of the cadre for taking over agricultural land that belonged to the writ petitioner's father and had become his share in order to construct a building and ground for Govt. Middle School, Marothi. This is based on the written agreement/commitment made by the respondents in

letters and in spirit, and it will take effect on 01.10.1996, when the writ petitioner was hired as a "Waterman-cum-Chowkidar" on a consolidated salary of Rs. 500 per month. The entire exercise shall be undertaken within a period of three months." The School Education Department in the year 1990 approached the father of Petitioner for handing over the possession of land measuring One Kanal and 13 Maras at Marothi for construction of ground of Govt. Middle School, Marothi, on conditional and unequivocal promise and assurance that his son shall be appointed against the post available in the lowest rank of the cadre and accordingly. Out of 6 Kanals & 2 Marlas of land at Marothi, One

Kanal and 13 Marlas of agricultural land owned and possessed by the father of the Petitioner was acquired and taken over by the School Education Department. However, in the year 1996, the then Headmaster, Govt. M S, Marothi namely Haji Saif Ali reduced the said promise, assurance and commitment into writing by executing an agreement with the father of the Applicant pledging and contracting to appoint his son. Apart from agreement, a meeting of Panchayat Sira and Village Level Education Committee of Govt. Middle School, Marothi was held on November 23, 2004 resolving to appoint the Applicant against the post available in the lowest cadre of the service. The School Education Department, after having taken over the only land

owned and possessed by the father of the Applicant and having fallen to the share of the Applicant, did not honour the commitment, but on the other hand, in lieu of the land acquisition, engaged the Applicant on consolidated salary of Rs. 500 per month as waterman-cum-sweeper. The Petitioner when deprived of appointment on regular/substantive basis, against the post available in the lowest rank of the cadre, by not honouring the written agreement, promise, assurance and commitment extended at the time of take over and acquisition of land for construction of Govt. M. S. Marothi, and further when deprived of the rent for the use and occupation of 3 Kanals of agricultural land belonging to the father of the Petitioner and having fallen

Court awards seven years imprisonment in minor rape case

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Ganderbal Abdul Nasir today awarded seven years imprisonment and fine Rs 25000 to Amir Ashraf Zargar, son of Mohammad Ashraf Zargar, resident of Waripora Safapora, Ganderbal who was facing trial in rape with minor for the last 9 years. According to the police case that on July 6, 2016 complainant lodged a written complaint in the police station concerned alleging therein that his minor sister aged about 14 years (name withheld, and shall be referred as prosecutrix herein after) had gone to picnic at Dumping Park Kangan and did not return her home till evening. The complainant and his other family members started her search, however could not trace her. But during search they came to know that

accused Amir Ashraf Zargar son of Mohammad Ashraf Zargar resident of Waripora Safapora had kidnapped prosecutrix with an intention to commit rape upon her. On this report FIR No.67/2016 was registered in the police station Kangan for offence under section 363 RPC and investigation was started, site plan was prepared, statements of witnesses were recorded under section 161 Cr.PC and search of prosecutrix was started. During search neither accused nor prosecutrix were traced however the family members of accused as well as some respectable of the village were asked to produce accused and prosecutrix before the police. Accordingly accused and prosecutrix were produced before the police station on 23-08-2016. Accused was arrested in the case and medical checkup of the prosecutrix was got conducted through SDH Kangan. Medical report of the prosecutrix was obtained from which the commission of rape was made out, therefore accused was found involved for the commission of offences under sections 363,376 RPC hence this Challan. Principal Sessions Judge Ganderbal Abdul Nasir after hearing both the sides observed that in the present facts and circumstances of this case, the accused is sentenced to simple imprisonment for a description for a term up to 7 years for offence under Section 363 RPC and a fine of Rs. 10,000. Accused is also sentenced for 7 years for offence under Section 376 RPC and fine of Rs 25,000. Both the sentences shall run concurrently.