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CM unveils key...**



Marriage Assistance under the Scheme for EWS category girls has been enhanced from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000. Fulfilling another commitment, the Chief Minister increased pensions for 10,07,324 individuals across J&K under the Integrated Social Assistance Scheme (ISSS) and the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The revised pension structure is Rs 1,250 per month for individuals below 60 years; Rs 1,500 per month for those aged between 60 and below 80 years and Rs 2,000 per month for those aged 80 years and above.

The Chief Minister announced a complete exemption of stamp duty on property transfers through gifts within blood relations. The move will promote ease of transactions, reduce inheritance disputes and encourage legal documentation of property transfers.

**Sectoral Allocations and Development Initiatives**

- o **Agriculture & Allied Sectors:** Rs 2,221.58 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 332.72 crore from the revised 2024-25 allocation.
- o **Rural Development:** Rs 3,773.93 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 990.04 crore from the revised 2024-25 allocation.
- o **Tourism:** Rs 390.20 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 121.77 crore.
- o **Industries:** Rs 602.85 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 291.44 crore.
- o **Health & Medical Sector:** Rs 1,750.50 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 643.71 crore. The SEHAT App will soon be launched to improve healthcare accessibility.
- o **Education Sector:** Rs 1,388.97 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 242.75 crore.
- o **Sports Sector:** Rs 152.69 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 36.91 crore.
- o **Roads & Bridges:** Rs 4,062.93 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 439.28 crore.
- o **Irrigation & Water Supply:** Rs 2,662.71 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 817.87 crore.
- o **Housing & Urban Development:** Rs 2,761.74 crore allocated, an increase of Rs 823.53 crore.

Giving details of budgetary proposals in various sectors, the CM said that in power sector, J&K shall aim to achieve self sufficiency in power & energy by 2027-28 with 7,500 MW new hydro projects & smart grid investments to ensure 24/7 power supply.

To further improve power efficiency, the Chief Minister's Awards will be instituted to recognize outstanding efforts in reducing Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses and conducting energy audits.

Highlighting that major highways and tunnels were under execution, and rail connectivity via USBRL project was progressing rapidly, the CM said that the budget has proposed 4,000 km of roads to be blacktopped in 2025-26 to improve connectivity across J&K.

The CM said that Agriculture and allied sectors are crucial for the livelihoods of most of our population and Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) has an outlay of Rs 5013 crore until 2027-28 which is reshaping subsistence farming into commercial agri-economy.

On Industrial Development, the CM said that J&K currently has 64 Industrial Estates and 46 more are under development and Government is committed to ensure infrastructure development in these estates. He said that Government is streamlining SGST reimbursement and turnover incentives. He said to strengthen industry collaboration, Government would constitute an Advisory Committee on Industries, ensuring regular engagement with businesses. He proposed Rs 50 crore this year to support financial aid, mentorship and incubation for emerging entrepreneurs, He said that Government will bring a new policy to provide price preference to local MSMEs in public procurement.

In tourism sector, the CM said new master plans shall be prepared for major tourist destinations like Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Sonamarg. J&K's first National Water Sports Centre at Dal Lake & Basohli shall be established. A water park at Dwara village near Sidra Golf Course under PPP model shall be developed in Jammu. The budget proposes to constitute a multi-stakeholder Advisory committee in Tourism & Hospitality sector.

The CM said that Mission YUVA would be launched in next financial year aiming to create 1,37,000 enterprises and to create 4.25 lakh jobs over five years through startups, MSMEs & skilling programs. The budget has proposed establishment of Jammu & Kashmir Skill & Entrepreneurship University (J&K SEU) to provide cutting-edge training in technology, healthcare, tourism, renewable energy & traditional crafts. To support structured skill development, one lakh youth shall be trained over 5 years under PMKVY 4.0, PM Vishwakarma and other schemes besides reviving the Udaan Scheme. Special focus shall be given on first-generation entrepreneurs, women & youth from remote areas through credit support & market linkage.

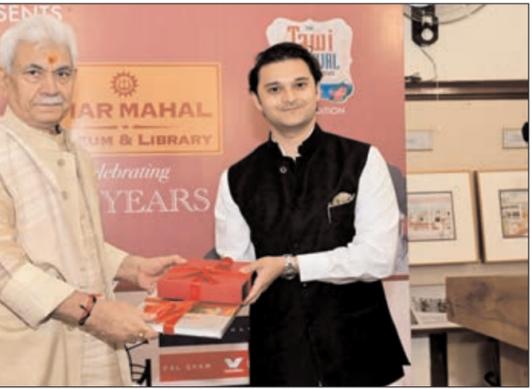
The CM said that his Government was committed to construct state-of-the-art Legislative complex in Jammu and an allocation of Rs 50 crore has been proposed in this budget for FY 2025-26. He said that provision of Rs 50 crore has been proposed in this budget to establish a National Law University in J&K and that Rs 125 crore has been apportioned for state-of-the-art judicial infrastructure across J&K.

Under the disaster management, the CM stated that Rs. 39 crore Disaster Mitigation Fund had been proposed in the budget for flood & landslide protection, and GLOF monitoring systems for climate resilience.

Concluding his Budget speech, the chief minister commended the Budget for the financial year 2025-26 of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to Legislative Assembly for consideration.

Later, the Chief Minister also presented the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the year 2024-2025 before the House.

**We need fine...**



Martand Singh, Trustee of HTCT felicitating LG Manoj Sinha during the Tawi Festival at Amar Mahal Museum, Jammu.

peaceful world as science and technology. Science and Technology has provided new facilities and redefined the way human society works and lives. But the modern instruments are incomplete without rich and vibrant tradition of art and culture. We need to have a fine balance between Technology and Arts. The role of new inventions of science and technology in making our civilization alive is incomparable. Therefore, I believe that society needs artists and spiritualists along with scientists".

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of the government, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to work with the resolve of 'Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi'. He further emphasized the important role of artists and intelligentsia in promoting education based on local culture, moral values and traditional knowledge.

"Society's economic development is powered by art and culture. For sustainable development we need more creative leaders. Our efforts to connect the young generation with our culture and values should be further deepened," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also shared the dedicated measures taken by the government to promote rich diversity and uniqueness of artistic, cultural and linguistic heritage of Jammu Kashmir. Dr. Karan Singh, former Union Minister and Chairman, Hari Tara Charitable Trust; Trustees and members of the Trust and various dignitaries including Vikramaditya Singh, Ajatshatru Singh, Dr. Jyotsna Singh, Ritu Singh, Martand Singh; senior officials of Police and Civil administration and renowned artists were present.

**Highlights....**

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**Missing woman traced, reunited with family**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A missing woman was traced and reunited with her family by R.S Pura police within hours.

That on March 6, 2025 a missing report of one lady (name withheld) was lodged vide DDR No. 11 on the written complaint of his brother and special team was constituted for tracing out the missing lady.

Acting swiftly upon this, a Police team led by SHO P/S R.S Pura, did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance, the said missing lady traced out by police team and after completing all the legal formalities, the said missing lady now been reunited with his family and handed over to legal heirs.

**Absconder evading arrest since long nabbed**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: Continuing its special drive against absconders and wanted criminals Jammu and Kashmir Police in District Doda has arrested absconder who was evading arrest since long.

Reports revealed that accused Gh. Nabi son of Lal Hussain resident of Sunjwan Raj Bagh District Kathua was involved in FIR NO. 89/2017 US 321, 326,504, 506 RPC of PS Bhaderwah. After completion of investigation of the case, challan was produced in the court of law. The accused person was declared as absconder and warrant of arrest was issued against him by the Hon'ble court of Sub Judge JMJC Bhaderwah on 04-04-2023. On the directions of SSP Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta, a special teams at Police Station level has been constituted for the search and arrest of the absconders. The Police team of PS Bhaderwah led by Inspector Sandeep Parihar SHO PS Bhaderwah during search utilized human and technical services and ultimately after hectic efforts arrested the absconder from Raj Bagh area of Kathua and produced him before the court of law.



**Jammu South Police intensifies crackdown on public intoxication, detains over 25 persons**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a robust move to maintain public order and ensure community safety, South Zone Police have intensified its operations to target public intoxication. During a targeted operation on March 6, 2025, Police detained more than 25 individuals found consuming alcohol in vehicles across the region.

This crack down sends a clear message, a behaviour that endangers public peace will not be tolerated. Jammu police is committed to upholding the Rule of law and ensuring that the streets and public spaces are safe for all citizens.

The concerns about public intoxication were raised by citizens during an interaction with the Worthy DGP J&K on the occasion of Thana Diwas on March 6, 2025 at P/S Gandhi Nagar. Addressing these concerns swiftly, Jammu Police has reinforced its commitment to upholding the law and ensuring that streets and public spaces remain safe for all residents. The decisive action has been widely appreciated by netizens, citizens and general public of the area with many expressing satisfaction over the police's proactive approach.

In another unique initiative, South Zone Police have introduced an outreach program specifically designed for senior citizens. This program aims to foster trust and provide assistance by conducting regular visits, exchanging numbers, and holding information sessions on safety and legal rights, ensuring that the elderly community remains informed and secure.

These proactive measures underscore South Zone Police's unwavering commitment to protecting the community, curbing disruptive behavior, and nurturing a positive relationship with all residents. Both the initiatives are closely supervised by SSP Jammu Joginder Singh. JKPS and SP South Ajay Sharma and executed by Team of SDPO South and SDPO East.

**Jammu police step up patrols in public parks, playgrounds to curb drug activity**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a determined move to counter rising drug-related offenses, Jammu police have intensified patrols in public parks and playgrounds in Rural zone areas now identified as potential hubs for drug peddling and consumption.

The area includes Jhajjar Kotli, Kanachak, Sidhra, Jourian, Akhnoor, Kanachak. Officials confirmed that the enhanced



**Betrayal budget by NC govt shattered people's hopes: Sat**  
**Daily wagers, contractual labourers left in lurch**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The maiden budget presented by the NC government in Jammu & Kashmir has utterly betrayed the public mandate and shattered the hopes of J&K residents. The budget essentially represents a complete U-turn by the NC government on its Assembly election manifesto, in which it had promised moon to the masses, but now completely failed in living up to its promises.

This was stated by Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, while reacting to the Budget presented by the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. Sharma rued that the CM's speech signified a distress note, which was bursting with a sense of helplessness, dependency and vulnerability rather than assertiveness to take J&K forward on the path of development that has been ensued by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government. The manifesto had promised the free 200 units of electricity to every household without mentioning any riders, which is now restricted to only AAY households. This is complete betrayal with the people of Jammu & Kashmir and negation of the manifesto of the National Conference. Along with electricity, the manifesto by NC had also promised for free drinking water to each household. While J&K continues to suffer from unemployment and a difficult economic situation, the increase in petrol and diesel prices due to reduction in rebate on these fuels will negatively impact the whole economic-ecosystem of population affecting every single resident of Jammu & Kashmir resulting in increased prices of commodities and fares. Sat Sharma said that the 1 lakh jobs promised to the youth in the manifesto nosedived with no practical vision in the Budget presented, as the NC had promised that within 3 months of forming their government, youth employment generation act will be brought into existence to focus on a sustainable environment for employment. Sharma also mentioned no guarantee and complete roll back of manifesto promises for daily wagers and contractual employees, which proves the budget has been presented



patrol operations are part of a broader strategy aimed at safeguarding community spaces. "We urge citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities immediately," said a senior police officer, emphasizing the critical role of community cooperation in maintaining public safety.

In addition to increased patrolling, discussions are underway with the civil administration regarding the installation of CCTV cameras and the improvement of lighting across these areas. Authorities believe that these measures will further deter criminal activity during low-light hours. The police have also recommended the appointment of dedicated caretakers for the parks to ensure ongoing surveillance and maintenance.

These initiatives underscore Jammu police's commitment to creating safer public environments and curbing drug-related crimes, ensuring that parks and playgrounds remain secure spaces for the community.

**Udhampur police crack-down on drug trafficking: 3 arrested, backward link established**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: In a major success against drug trafficking, Udhampur Police have arrested three drug peddlers in separate operations and established a backward link to a supplier in an ongoing NDPS case.

A team from Police Station Rehambal, during a naka (checkpoint) operation at Phlata, intercepted a suspicious individual. The suspect, identified as Rahul Sharma, son of Parmanand Sharma, resident of Sambal, Udhampur, was frisked, leading to the recovery of 5.2 grams of heroin-like contraband along with a poly pouch. He was arrested on the spot.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 35/2025 registered at Police Station Rehambal under sections 8/2/22 of the NDPS Act.

A police team from Police Station Udhampur, while patrolling Circular Road, Udhampur, noticed a suspicious individual attempting to hide. The police swiftly intercepted and frisked the suspect, identified as Pritam Kumar, son of Chuni Ram, resident of Omara Morh, Udhampur. A transparent plastic poly-pouch containing a heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. He was arrested immediately.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 69/2025 registered at Police Station Udhampur under sections 8/2/22 of the NDPS Act.

Continuing its efforts to dismantle drug networks, Police Station Majalta has successfully established a backward link in FIR No. 118/2024 under sections 8/2/22/29 of the NDPS Act.

The accused, Bhag Hussain @ Baggu, son of Shumma Ali, resident of Garh Samnabanj, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur, has been identified as the supplier in this case.

The accused was previously lodged in District Jail Kathua in an NDPS case of Police Station Billawar. His custody has been obtained in the present case from the Hon'ble Additional Sessions Court, Kathua.

All cases are under further investigation.

**Notorious drug peddler booked under PIT-NDPS Act**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Jammu Police booked the wanted notorious drug peddler from the jurisdiction of Police Station Bishnah, Sub Division R.S.Pura under PIT-NDPS Act and lodged him in District Jail Bhaderwah.

The notorious drug peddler namely Parveen Kumar @Pinna S/o Dev Raj R/o Kothey Chorli Bishnah has been booked under PIT NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. The booked drug smuggler has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Bhaderwah. It is pertinent to mention here that multiple FIR's under NDPS are already registered against the above mentioned drug peddler, who was involved in promoting drug trade by supplying drugs to local youths of the area. Despite his arrest in NDPS cases, he did not mend his activities and was again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth, in order to achieve monetary gains by illegal, wrongful methods.

The above said notorious drug peddler, criminal has remained successful every time in securing the bails from the Hon'ble Courts and in order to refrain the subject from indulging in criminal activities, a dossier under stringent PIT NDPS Act was recommended against the subject, upon which, the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, after getting satisfied issued a PIT NDPS warrant against him.

The arrest was made by a team of Police Station Bishnah headed by SHO Police Station Bishnah under the close supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura & SP Headquarters Jammu.

**SP Rural Jammu reviews CCTNS, Digital Policing Implementation at Gharota Police Station**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Superintendent of Police, Rural Jammu Sh. Brijesh Sharma, JKPS conducted a review of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) data feeding process at Police Station Gharota. He was accompanied by SDPO Akhnoor.

During the visit, SP Rural Jammu emphasized the need for investigating officers (IOs) and Munshis to enter data themselves instead of relying solely on CCTNS operators. He stressed that digital policing is the way forward, aligning with the Government of India's vision of modernizing law enforcement. Additionally, SP Rural Jammu interacted with the IOs and staff, instructing them to focus on CCTNS, E-Sakshya, E-Summon and extensive use of ICJS and Data bank services. He directed all officers to personally enter case details in CCTNS to ensure accuracy and accountability. This review highlights the Jammu and Kashmir Police's commitment to integrating technology for efficient policing and data management.



**Schools reopen in Kashmir**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Schools in Kashmir re-opened on Friday after remaining closed for almost three months on account of winter vacations.

The schools were scheduled to reopen on March 1 but the government extended the vacations by a week due to inclement weather. Officials said around 10,000 government and private-run schools across the Kashmir valley reopened this morning and resumed their academic activities.

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