

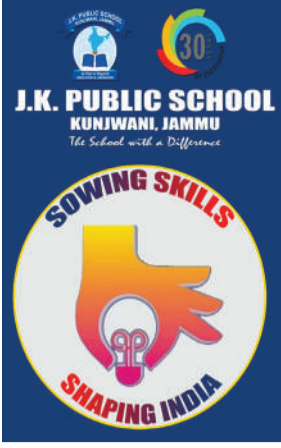


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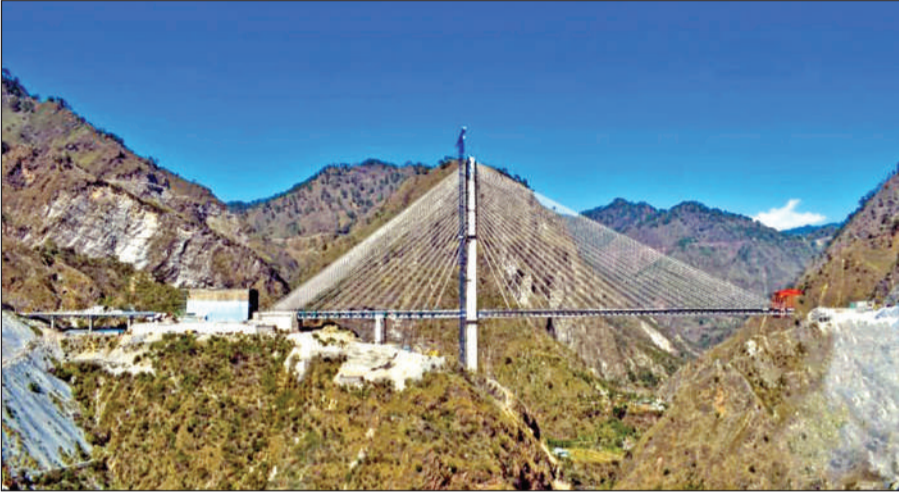
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Country’s first cable-stayed rail bridge in Reasi completed: Vaishnaw



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The work on the country's first cable-stayed railway bridge at Anji Khad in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir has been completed, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The completion of the bridge drew praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is keenly monitor-

ing the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL), which will provide rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country.

"In 11 months, India's first cable-stayed rail bridge (Anji Khad) is ready...," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw tweeted on Friday, sharing a video of the completed

bridge. The total length of the cable strand used in the bridge is 653 km.

Reacting to Vaishnaw's tweet, the prime minister wrote "excellent".

The completion of Anji Khad bridge, having a single pylon with a height of 331 metres above the river bed on Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link

(USBRL), is yet another major breakthrough achieved by the Indian Railways, which is expecting to complete the Rs 37,000 crore project by the end of this year.

Minister of State for Railways Darshana Vikram Jardosh, who recently inspected the USBRL project by visiting various key locations including Anji Khad bridge and the nearby iconic Chenab bridge, termed the completion of the country's first cable-stayed bridge as "another milestone" despite difficult geographic conditions.

"I visited the bridge site and congratulated everyone for successfully installing all 96 cables of the bridge in a record time of 11 months. This asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge crosses the deep gorges of Anji river, a tributary of river Chenab," she said.

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Minga Sherpa assumes charge as Director Information

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Minga Sherpa on Saturday assumed the charge of Director, Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Jammu and Kashmir, here.

Minga Sherpa is 2017 batch IAS officer from AGMUT cadre who hails from Darjeeling, West Bengal.

Outgoing Director, Akshay Labroo; Joint Director, Information Kashmir, Mohammad Aslam and other senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.

Subsequently, after assuming the charge, the Director interacted with the officers and officials and was briefed about working of the department. He asked the employees to work with utmost sincerity and dedication.



J&K Housing Board to allot 336 flats to non-locals under PMAY(U) in Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU : The Jammu and Kashmir Housing Board will allot 336 economically weaker section (EWS) and low income group (LIG) flats to non-locals under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) mission here, officials said.

The board has invited online applications from the people of the country, who have migrated to Jammu temporarily or permanently, for allotment of flats.

According to a public notice issued recently, the housing board has set May 15 as the last date for filing of online application for the allotment of 336 EWS and LIG flats at Sunjwan on the outskirts of Jammu under the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes' (ARHC) scheme.

The scheme provides rental housing for EWS or LIG urban migrants including labourers, urban poor (street vendors, rickshaw pullers



and other service providers), industrial workers, and migrants working with market or trade associations, educational/health institutions, hospitality sector, long term tourists or visitors, students or any other persons of such category.

"Urban migrants/poor chose to live in informal settlements and shacks to save more from their daily earnings thereby compromising the basic necessities of housing. The site is suitably located at Sunjwan, in the vicinity of major Industrial estates Gangyal (5 kms) and Bari Brahmana (10 kms) radius,

and approached through Chowadhi and Transport Nagar, Narwal," reads the notice.

"The site is located in a developing area of Jammu suburbs provided with commercial establishment of daily needs, educational and health infrastructure. All building blocks are earthquake resistant and the layout comprises bedroom, living room, kitchen, toilet and bath," it states.

The flats are available on a monthly rent of Rs 2,200 (per flat for a total carpet area of 290 sqft).

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Galwan hero’s wife becomes Army officer; posted to Eastern Ladakh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Lt Rekha Singh, the wife of Naik Deepak Singh who was killed in Galwan Valley clashes with Chinese troops in June 2020, was on Saturday commissioned into the Army as an officer and has been posted to a frontline unit in eastern Ladakh, officials said.

29-year-old Rekha has been deployed with the Army Ordnance Corps after she completed her training at the Chennai-based Officers Training Academy (OTA).

The officials said Lt Rekha



Ladakh.

Her husband, Naik Singh was from the Army Medical Corps, and he was later attached to the 16th Battalion of

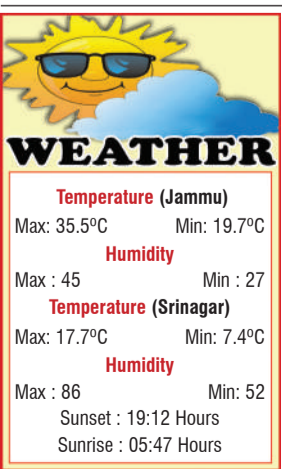
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327 doctors transferred

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a major reshuffling in Health and Medical Education Department, the Government on Saturday transferred 327 doctors including Medical Officers, Dental Surgeons and Consultants in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. In this regards, separate orders were issued by Bhupinder Singh Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, J&K. (For details click on the link <https://statetimes.in/327-doctors-transferred/>).

95 Naib Tehsildars transferred

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The government on Saturday transferred 95 Naib Tehsildars. In this regard, an order was issued by Pawan Kotwal, Administrative Officer with Financial Commissioner Revenue, J&K. (For details click on the link <https://statetimes.in/95-naib-tehsildars-transferred/>).



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.5°C Min: 19.7°C

Humidity
Max: 45 Min: 27

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.7°C Min: 7.4°C

Humidity
Max: 86 Min: 52

Sunset : 19:12 Hours
Sunrise : 05:47 Hours

G20 meet will give boost to Kashmir’s tourism industry: Azad

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SHOPIAN: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said the upcoming G20 working group meeting in Kashmir will give a boost to the tourism sector in the valley.

"A working group meeting related to tourism is taking place here which is a good thing. Our state is a tourism state and the G-20 event here will obviously have big leaders from other countries. So, it will give us exposure at the international level," Azad told reporters after addressing a public meeting here in south Kashmir.

He said the recommenda-



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing party workers at Shopian on Saturday.

tions of the G-20 working group related to tourism in Jammu and Kashmir will give the Union Territory international exposure.

"In the times to come, we will have to be ready for that



investigation agency found incriminating evidence against the conspirators who were later arrested.

The business rivalry led to the murder conspiracy and

in terms of infrastructure and other requirements," he added.

On the ongoing protest by wrestlers in Delhi over alleged sexual harassment of players, the former Leader of

Terrorist associate held in Kupwara

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Saturday arrested an associate of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit in Kupwara district, police said. The man was nabbed from Ganai Mohalla Puzalpura Magam in the Handwara area of the north Kashmir district during routine checking, they said. One hand grenade and other incriminating material were seized from his possession, a police spokesman said. The man was identified as Khurshed Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Amargarh, Tarathpora, he said. Preliminary investigation revealed that Bhat was working as a terrorist associate for proscribed terror outfit JeM, the spokesman said.

He said a case has been registered and further investigation initiated.

the accused planned to murder Tarlochan Singh Wazir, at Delhi. Former MLC Tarlochan Singh Wazir was also Chairman of State Gurdwara Parbandhak Board and head of All J&K Transport Welfare Association. Sudershan Singh Wazir was arrested on January 31, 2023.

Earlier on September 20, 2021, Harmeet Singh (61) was arrested by the Delhi Police's special cell from Jammu. One pistol and a cartridge were also recovered from his possession.

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Opposition in the Rajya Sabha said there should be room for protests in a democracy.

"India is a huge country with a population of 130 crore. Some things happen in some parts of the country and protests take place over that which is right. There should be protests in a democracy," he said.

Earlier, addressing party workers Ghulam Nabi Azad assured that he will never deceive the people of Jammu and Kashmir and will work in triple shifts to ensure the infrastructure is built at par with modern cities and towns if elected to power.

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Anil Kapahi re-elected as Secretary of Amar Singh Club

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Anil Kapahi was once again elected as Secretary of the Amar Singh Club for a second consecutive term in the first meeting of the newly formed Executive Committee.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vice President of the Club Ramesh Kumar, IAS (Divisional Commissioner, Jammu) in presence Rajesh Gupta and Dr Vikram Handa acting as observers for the election of the Secretary.

The elections of the Amar Singh Club were held on 9th of April with two teams contesting under the leadership of Anil Kapahi and Siddharth Mehta respectively. Eight members from the team led by Anil Kapahi won while three members won

J&K Police trains officers in use of space application, drone technology

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police conducted a five-day special course for its officers on the use of space applications in policing including drone technology, interception and investigation in Udhampur district, an official said on Saturday. This comes amid the growing use of drones by Pakistan to smuggle weapons and drugs into J&K. The training capsule, which started on April 25 at S K Police Academy and culminated on Saturday, witnessed the participation of 22 officers from different wings of police, the official said. He said the course has been designed to

meet the basic objectives like general overview of satellites, orbits remote sensing, general overview of GPS, tools for crime mapping, use of communication equipment, drone technology, model-based drone detection, machine learning-based drone detection, interception and investigation, besides discussion and practical demonstrations on drone and futuristic technology. "To meet the desired objectives, eminent guest speakers from IIT Jammu and faculty from Cyber Police Station Jammu were invited to share their wide range of knowledge and experience among the participants," the official said.

Two Pak intruders apprehended along LoC in Poonch

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH/JAMMU: A father-son duo from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) were apprehended by the Army near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Saturday, officials said.

Sardar Abdul Hamid and his son Abbass of Polas village were nabbed by the troops in Gulpur sector shortly after they intruded into this side from across the border, the officials said.

They said the questioning of the duo is in progress and it was not immediately clear whether they crossed the border inadvertently or with some intention.

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Newly elected Secretary Anil Kapahi along with Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar and other office-bearers of Amar Singh Club posing for photograph.

from the team led by Sidharth Mehta.

The winners included Anil Kapahi , Amit Mahajan, Deepali Handa, Sanjay Sethi, Sidharth Mehta, Gurpreet Singh Chahal, Dr Nandita Mehta, Naresh Kumar Gupta, Ritika Mahajan, Prof Renu Nanda and Vikram Puri.

Four members nominated to the Executive Committee include Anoo Malhotra

Hospitals, Medical Colleges and Airports.

He is also an Executive member of the Indian Red Cross Society and Member Advisory Committee, Airport Authority of India.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar congratulated the newly formed executive committee members and the Secretary of the Club,

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