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supremo Kejriwal.  
"In every street, liquor shops were opened in Delhi during Kejriwal's tenure," he said.  
The defence minister alleged that "goondagardi (hooliganism)", drugs trade, heroin smuggling is going on in AAP-governed Punjab.

He suggested that the AAP wants the drugs trade to continue so that no one pays attention to its government.

Addressing a poll rally in Jalandhar on May 24, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also hit out at AAP, saying it had promised to end the drugs trade in two months "but, today, drug dealers have been given a free licence in Punjab".

Singh said the first prerequisite for development is good law and order and pointed to Uttar Pradesh and other BJP-governed states.

"See how fast development is taking place there," he said.  
If the BJP comes to power in Punjab after the next assembly elections, "we will see who indulges in 'goondagardi'", he added.

India today leads in digital payments, he said and claimed 46 per cent of the world's digital payment take place in India. India is progressing fast, Singh said.

Before 2014, there used to be only two companies manufacturing mobile phones in India. That number has risen to more than 200, he claimed.

The Modi government brought 25 crore people out of poverty, he said.

## 46-day summer...

temperatures exceeding 43 degrees Celsius in several places.  
According to an order issued by the School Education department director, these schools will observe summer vacation from June 1 to July 16.

"It is hereby ordered that all the government and recognised private schools falling in the summer zone of the Jammu division shall observe summer vacation from June 1, 2024, to July 16, 2024," the order stated.

It further mandates that all teachers must be available for online guidance of students during the vacation period.

"Any default on the part of the head of the school or teaching staff in adhering to the above schedule shall attract action under rules," the order added.

In the past, summer holidays in Jammu started from June 8.

## More cyber fraud...

the cyber and information security division of the Union Home Ministry. It is mandated to tackle the burgeoning cyber crimes and attacks in the country in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

The I4C has been "continuously monitoring and blocking" cyber crime infrastructure like Skype accounts, advertisements on Google and Meta, SMS headers, SIM cards, bank accounts etc, another official said.

Referring to the CCTNS, the home minister said the government has made efforts to bring all police stations under the network for the convenience of policing in the country.

"It is almost complete. About 99.5 per cent police stations are now connected with the network. Just 0.5 per cent are left. That is because of connectivity issues. The police stations which are left out may be located in very interior areas, on a hill top or in a jungle," he said.

The project was started in 2009. It aims to interlink all police stations under a common application software for the purpose of investigation, data analytics, research, policy making and providing citizen services such as reporting and tracking of complaints, request for antecedent verifications by police etc.

The project is being implemented in close collaboration between states and the Centre.

## Vacation Sessions Judges...

13, 2024, Rajeev Tadyal Special Mobile Magistrate (Railway) will be Duty Magistrate from June 14, 2024 to June 17, 2024, Pooja Gupta Sub-Judge Jammu will be duty Magistrate from June 18, 2024 to June 21, 2024 and Pooja Raina City Judge Jammu will be Duty Magistrate from June 22, 2024 to June 24, 2024.

## India needs strong...

to make the country self-reliant, generate employment and self employment avenues for the overall development," he said.

The minister also said India has given a clear message that terrorism would not be tolerated and terrorists would pay the price.

Ten years of the Modi government is a symbol of positive change, he said.

"Our support base is increasing in the United Nations (UN) under Modi's leadership," he said and added that "Modi is being looked upon as a strong leader and today, nations look up to India."

Referring to the issue of India's permanent membership at the UN, Jaishankar said that in 1944, India was not an independent nation and could not get the membership.

However, when Jawaharlal Nehru was the prime minister, India was offered a permanent seat, but Nehru said that China should be the permanent member, he claimed.

Hitting out at the Congress for raising sensitive issues in its political campaigns, Jaishankar also alleged that during the tenure of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, China infiltrated in Arunachal Pradesh but the opposition never went in public to embarrass the government.

## CBI court awards...

accused Subhash Saraf, surveyor and Badri Nath Koul, Development officer expired during the trial, hence charges against them were abetted, the spokesperson said.

After trial, the court held accused R N Tickoo and Satish Chander Wasoori guilty.

Today Special Judge CBI cases Jammu Bala Joyti after hearing both the sides, observed that accused / convict Raj Nath Tickoo (R.N. Tickoo), Investigator, Son of Late Sh. P.N. Tickoo, R/O House No. A-10, Sector-1, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, Age: 86 years, 4 months and 27 days with mark of identification (MOI) : A black mole on left side of the neck and accused / convict Satish Chander Wasoori, Claimant/Insured, Son of Late Sh. Omkar Nath Wasoori, Resident of H.No. D-240, Sushant Lok-1, Gurgaon, Haryana, Age: 60 years, 1 month and 23 days with mark of identification (MOI) : A black mole on left hand, File No. 232/Challan, Date of Institution : 18.02.2009, have been convicted before me of the offences as under/U/s 120-B r/w 420, 467, 468, 471 RPC, accused / convict Raj Nath Tickoo is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 3 years along with fine of Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months, U/s 420 RPC, accused / convict Raj Nath Tickoo is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 3 years along with fine of Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months, U/s 420 RPC, accused / convict Raj Nath Tickoo is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 3 years along with fine of Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months and U/s 120-B r/w 420, 467, 468, 471 RPC, accused / convict Satish

Chander Wasoori is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 5 years along with fine of Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months, U/s 420 RPC, accused / convict Satish Chander Wasoori is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 4 years along with fine of Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months and U/s 467/468 r/w 471 RPC, accused / convict Satish Chander Wasoori is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 4 years along with fine of Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months.

Court further clarified that all the sentences against both the accused shall run concurrently.

## 38 minors engaged...

establishments including hotels and 'dhabas', were rescued in coordination with their parents., the spokesman said.

These children have been enrolled in the Aadhaar database and will be soon admitted into the formal education system, he said.

Jammu District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya has constituted a task force and announced a strict stance against all forms of child exploitation.

He has mandated stringent action, including cancellation of the registration of business establishments found forcing children to work in 'dhabas' or initiation of appropriate criminal action against those trafficking or forcing children into begging.

The district administration has also appealed to the public to report instances of child abuse, trafficking, or any other form of child exploitation to the district child protection unit or childline by calling 1098.

## CS reviews progress...

on BEAMS so that the seasonal activities in Agriculture Production Department and land acquisition through Revenue and Forest Departments are culminated in time.

Dulloo asked the officers to lay focus on funding of critical projects transferred from JKPCO to PWD so that are completed at the earliest. He also asked for pacing-up the expenditure on NABARD funded works for accessing more tranches from this organisation.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the JKIDFC funded projects and asked for adjusting rest of the funding of incomplete projects out of the regular budget. He emphasised on exploring the possibility of taking up works of critical village infrastructure including ensuring last field irrigation facilities under convergence with MGNREGA.

Regarding collection of non-tax revenue, the Chief Secretary emphasised the officers to step up efforts to further increase it from that of the previous year. He called for making this collection more efficient by employing technology and other requisite measures.

In his presentation, Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D.Vaidya, threw light on different aspects of this year's budget. He also gave brief analysis of its spending during the past decade right from 2014-15. He elaborated on the current expenditure trends registered, so far, in the UT.

The other major features of the presentation included expenditure-wise categorization of works, delays recorded in their completion, Revenue, Capital and own resources expenditure besides highlighting the issues concerning each scheme and the department hampering smooth execution of projects.

The meeting was apprised that both the completion of projects and the budget has witnessed a quantum jump during the past 5-6 years. It was revealed that the total expenditure during 2014-15 was just Rs 35681 crore which increased to Rs 87501 crore during 2023-24. It was added that the capital expenditure also escalated from mere Rs 9330 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 22628 crore in 2023-24.

The meeting was also informed about the receipts and expenditure made under CSS during the past few years. It was disclosed that the departments here have received a sum of Rs 10324 crore under 110 schemes for 2023-24 which was almost double of the amount received during 2021-22.

About this year's budget, it was informed that the total receipts registered till date stands at Rs 9993 crore with an expenditure of around Rs 11465 crore.

Pertinent to mention here that the Parliament passed the VoA for the UT pending passage of regular budget in view of conduct of Lok Sabha elections in the country.

## TMC snatched rights...

as they are exposed. The entire country is seeing how TMC is strangulating the judiciary in West Bengal," Modi said.

He also hit out at the INDIA bloc and the TMC, calling them "corrupt", and said those indulging in such practices would not be spared.

Reaffirming his commitment to combat corruption, the PM said after his resolve of "na khaunga, na khane dunga" (I will neither accept bribes nor allow others to take), his new guarantee is "jisme khaya hain unse bahar nikalunga" (those who have taken bribes, will have to return it).

The Prime Minister also criticised Banerjee for her recent comments against a few monks of the Ramakrishna Mission and Bharat Sevashram Sangha and alleged these socio-religious organisations were being threatened to appease the TMC's vote bank.

"The TMC cannot tolerate the truth. It targets anyone who exposes the party's crimes. You have seen that a TMC MLA had recently remarked that Hindus will be drowned in river Bhagirathi. Following the comment, the saints and monks in Bengal had asked the party to correct its mistake. But, the TMC started abusing the monks for the sake of appeasement politics," Modi asserted.

Modi said the Ramakrishna Mission and Bharat Sevashram Sangha are known for service and morality in the world, but the "TMC is openly threatening them, warning them from an open platform".

The PM criticised the TMC over the Sandeshkhali case, stating that it "refrained" from taking action against culprits and is now "pointing fingers at women who suffered atrocities".

"When the sisters of Sandeshkhali demanded justice, the TMC targeted them. I applaud the courage and bravery of our sister Rekha Patra, the BJP candidate from Basirhat. She is fighting against a force like the TMC. The women of this state and the country are with her," he said.

## Crippling heat wave...

expected to return from June 3 to 5, it added.

In light of the persistent heat wave, the department has also urged residents to take precautions.

"People going to work should avoid being outdoors between 12 to 3 pm due to the high prevalence of harmful radiation. If necessary, they should carry water, cover their heads, and wear light-coloured clothing to mitigate the effects of the heatwave," MeT official S C Sharma said.

Sharma said that elderly people are advised to remain indoors in cool environments and avoid strenuous activities during the day.

The Board of School Education has also adjusted school timings to protect children from the extreme heat, ensuring they attend school during cooler hours, he added.

"Temperatures in Jammu typically range from 40 to 45 degrees Celsius between May 15 and June 15. However, they may rise even higher in the coming days," Sharma said.

# JU's Poonch Campus & JKEDI organize "Entrepreneurship Programme"

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POONCH: The Poonch Campus, University of Jammu (JU), in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), successfully organized an "Entrepreneurship Programme" under the theme "Entrepreneurship as a Career Option," with a special focus on the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027). The event was aimed at inspiring and educating students and aspiring entrepreneurs about the various opportunities and support mechanisms available under the new policy.

Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director, Poonch Campus, in his message highlighted the critical importance of such initiatives. He emphasized that these events are essential to raise awareness among the youth about the vast avenues in entrepreneurship. Prof. Vaid assured that the Poonch Campus will continue to organise similar events in the future to foster an entrepreneurial spirit among students. He further said that the event featured



Officials of JKEDI and Poonch Campus during the programme.

engaging discussions and interactive sessions that provided valuable insights into the entrepreneurial landscape, focusing on the support and opportunities offered by the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027). This initiative marks a significant step towards nurturing entrepreneurship and innovation in the region. Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal Officer and faculty member of JKEDI, provided an in-depth overview of "Entrepreneurship as a Career Option" program, with a particular emphasis on the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027). He expressed gratitude to Prof. Rakesh Vaid for the collaboration that facilitated the organiza-

tion of this impactful event. Dr. Rubia Bukhari, I/C Department of Sericulture, in her welcome address, extended her heartfelt thanks to the Director, Poonch Campus, Prof. Rakesh Vaid, for recognising the importance of this event and making it a reality. "This program is truly the need of the hour, and we look forward to many more such enlightening and inspiring events in the future," she added. She also welcomed Mr. Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal Officer, Faculty of JKEDI, Mr. Mohsin Hamid, Assistant Faculty, and Mr. Rashid Mehmood, Officer Associate, to the Poonch Campus. Mohsin Hamid, Assistant

Faculty at JKEDI Poonch, also spoke on the occasion, providing additional insights into the entrepreneurial landscape and encouraging students to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027). Dr. Palvi Sharma, presented the formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to JKEDI for their support in making the program enlightening and informative. Notable attendees included Dr. Jyoty Angotra, Rashid Mehmood, Kalpna Sudan, Sahil Choudhary, Mohd Arshad, Mohd Sagheer and Sandeep in addition to the Students of M.Sc. Sericulture programme at the Poonch campus.

## DEERS hosts quiz, slogan writing competition

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JAMMU: The Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing (DEERS) Jammu, on Tuesday organized a quiz competition and slogan writing competition here at Dogra Higher Secondary School, marking the commencement of a special series to celebrate World Environment Day 2024, .

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of more than 195 students. The event was inaugurated by Sajad Ahmed Khan, Environment Soil Conservationist, DEERS, Jammu. He extended heartfelt thanks to the school administration for its cooperation and support in hosting the event. The EIACP Hub of DEERS Jammu conducted the quiz competition. The winners will be awarded the prizes on the culmination of the series of events on 5th June on world environment day. All participants, including Principal of the school Kamlesh, School staff and DEERS-EIACP members, reaffirmed their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable practices. This event marked the beginning of a series of activities planned by DEERS EIACP Jammu in the lead-up to World Environment Day -2024, emphasizing the importance of collective action in combating climate change and preserving our natural resources.

## BBBP: Training program organised for Asha & AWWs

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RAJOURI: To bolster the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, a one-day training program was convened on Tuesday, here in the Conference Hall of the PWD Dakhunglow. The event was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat. The event, which served as a platform for collective learning and advocacy, underscored the pivotal role of grassroots workers in fostering the objectives of the BBBP campaign. The Deputy Commissioner, in his inaugural address, emphasized the paramount importance of gender equality and women empowerment. He articulated the core objectives of the BBBP initiative, urging all stakeholders to redouble their efforts towards its effective implementation. Addressing the gathering, the DC reiterated the unwavering commitment of the Government to ensuring the holistic development and protection of the girl child. He underscored the need for concerted action at all levels of society to eradicate gender-based discrimination and promote equal opportunities for girls to thrive and excel.

## DC Samba inspects progress of renovation work on Mohargarh Fort

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SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma on Tuesday visited the Mohargarh Heritage Site to inspect progress of ongoing works taken up under the "Revival of Heritage" project.

Samba district shares boundaries with Jammu, Udhampur and Kathua districts. It has three historical forts of Mohargarh fort, Dhergarh fort and Bhupnargarh fort. The Mohargarh fort is located in Nud block of district Samba. It is one of the places in Jammu that has a rich cultural and architectural legacy.



The "Revival of Heritage" project envisages restoration, preservation and maintenance of architecture and heritage structures to promote these as tourist attractions.

During the visit, Abhishek Sharma was informed that the construction work of

## Shree Machail Mata Yatra crosses 4K mark

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KISHTWAR: The revered Shree Machail Yatra on Tuesday commenced with devotees paying visit to the shrine situated amid the mountainous Machail area of the Sapphire Land of Paddar Sub Division of District Kishtwar.

Pertinent to mention that every year, the celebrations on the eve Baisakhi witness the auspicious opening of the Kappat (Door) at the Shree Chandhi Mata Temple which marks the beginning of one of the most significant pilgrimages in the Jammu Division, second only to the Shri Mata Vasilmo Devi Yatra.

The popularity of Shree Machail Yatra has soared in recent years, with over 2 Lakhs pilgrims visiting last year alone. The Pilgrims began arriving in the tens following the opening of the temple doors and the number grows to hundreds and thousands till the holy mace (Chhari) procession in August Month.

According to officials, this year 4,000 pilgrims have visited Machail Bhawan till date. Today, 26 pilgrims, including 22 males and 4

females had darshan taking the total number to 4,106.

After the last snowfall in April month this year, the weather at Machail Bhawan is now getting clear day by day, ensuring a smooth experience for the devotees ahead.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, in collaboration with the district administration Kishtwar and local administration, are diligently working to make comprehensive arrangements for the Yatris for this year's yatra.

Initially, the Aora Langer near Bhawan Machail is offering meals to the pilgrims and more langars will be established by devotees in coming days.

Additionally, lodging facilities at the Yatri Bhawan, Sapphire Guest House by district administration Kishtwar besides various tent accommodations are available to ensure comfort for the visitors.

With the footfall expected to exceed 3 Lakh this year, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav has asked the stakeholder departments to expedite infrastructure projects. These include improvement

in Yatri Bhawan of Gulabgarh, up-gradation of roads, water supply, construction of footpaths, provision for better sanitation and Security to ensure a safe and pleasant journey for the pilgrims.

The addition of road Mavoo onwards on the Gulabgarh to Machail axis, new bridges, and repair of existing infrastructure aim to provide a safe, and hassle-free experience to Yatris amid challenging geography.

The facilities as per the increasing footfall will be enhanced for the Yatris including to and fro chopper facility from Gulabgarh to Machail for more comfortable spiritual journey.

Dr. Devansh Yadav has urged pilgrims to get updated information about Machail Yatra on the official website <https://shrimachailmatayatra.com>. "The pilgrims can get detailed information regarding the Yatra, including the weather condition, routes, and other facilities. This resource is designed to help pilgrims stay informed and address any queries they may have," he said.

## DC Rajouri reviews drug control measures at NCORD committee meeting

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the District Level NCORD Committee to address the issue of drug abuse in the district. The meeting aimed to reinforce the existing measures and strategies to combat drug abuse effectively.

The DC meticulously assessed the ongoing programs and interventions in place to tackle the drug menace in Rajouri. The meeting facilitated a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted approach required to combat and eradicate drug abuse.

ASP Musadiq Majid Basu gave a detailed presentation on the measures being taken by the police Department to curb the drug menace in the district. Regarding the awareness campaigns, the

concerned officers informed that a number of programs are being organised to educate the public about ill effects of drug abuse. Chief Education Officer was directed to generate mass awareness among the students regarding drug abuse.

The concerned stakeholders were also directed to facilitate rehabilitation of the drug addicts in drug de-addiction centre and addiction treatment facility. Stress was also laid on the need for proper monitoring of courier services to prevent their misuse for drug trafficking purposes. The meeting was attended by the ASP, Musadiq Majid Basu; ADC Sunderbani, Rajeev Magotra; ADC Kalakote, Mohammad Tanveer; SDM Thanamandi, Abid Hussain Shah; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; CEO Education, Mohammad Mushtaq and other concerned officers.