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organising Pratham Puja at the Holy Cave on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima every year.

This year, Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra will commence on 3rd July, simultaneously from both the routes - the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district and it will culminate on 9th August, 2025 on Raksha Bandhan.

GoC 15 Corps, Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava; Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; SASB Member, KN Rai; CEO SASB and Principal Secretary to LG, Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; IGP Kashmir, VK Birdi and other senior officials were also present at the holy cave.

Sinha visits Baltal...

healthcare professionals, medical equipment, medicines, oxygen cylinders and round the clock healthcare service for the well-being of the pilgrims.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and other senior officials.

17 IAS, seven...

(AGMUT:2014), Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, holding additional charge of the post of CEO, Special Purpose Vehicle for Srinagar City for Implementation of the Smart City Project, has been transferred and posted as Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir. Abdul Rashid War, JKAS shall report to the General Administration Department for further posting.

Gurpal Singh, IAS (AGMUT:2014), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Director, Social Welfare, Jammu; Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary, IAS (AGMUT:2015), Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, as Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K; Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat, IAS (AGMUT:2017), Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar as Deputy Commissioner; Budgam; Akshay Labroo, IAS (TR:2018), Deputy Commissioner; Budgam as Deputy Commissioner; Srinagar; Faz Lul Haseeb, IAS (AGMUT:2018), Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation, as Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation. He shall also hold the charge of the post of CEO, Special purpose Vehicle for Srinagar City for Implementation of the Smart City Project, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Rupesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2019), Director, Social Welfare, Jammu, holding additional charge of the post of CEO, JaKeGA, has been transferred and posted as Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority; Shahzad Alam, IAS (AGMUT:2019), Director, Employment, J&K, holding additional charge of the posts of Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth and Mission Director, Mission YUVA, shall also hold the charge of Director, Skill Development, J&K in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Om Prakash Bhagat, JKAS shall report to the General Administration Department for further posting.

Shreya Singhal, IAS (AGMUT:2020), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, HAS been posted as Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation. She shall also hold the charge of CEO, JK ERA, in addition to her own duties.

Ananth Dvivedi, IAS (AGMUT:2021), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as CEO, State Health Agency, J&K. He shall also hold the charge of Mission Director, Ayush Bharat Digital Health Mission, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Mahima Madan, IAS (AGMUT:2021), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as CEO, JaKeGA. She shall also hold the charge of Additional Secretary, Resident Commission, New Delhi, in addition to her own duties, till further orders. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, JKAS, Vice-Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar. Rajesh Kumar Shavan, JKAS shall report to the GAD for further posting. Roshan Lal, JKAS Additional District Development Commissioner; Ramban has been transferred and posted as Additional District Development Commissioner; Rajouri; Mohammad Alyas Khan, JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Ramban. Vivek Phonsa, JKAS, under orders of transfer as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Kathua has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Home Department.

Agricultural land belonging...

unlawful and subversive activities in the region. It highlights the dedication of police to neutralise the threats to national security and maintain peace and order," the spokesperson said.

He said police, in collaboration with other agencies, remain resolute in their mission to take stringent measures against individuals and entities involved in activities threatening the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

Modi unfurls new...

devotees from across the country to witness the changing face of Kashmir, marked by development, vibrant culture, and renewed harmony. The party also reiterated its unwavering commitment to the safety and smooth conduct of the Yatra, ensuring that every pilgrim experiences the spiritual and national essence of this sacred journey.

Fire breaks out...

department said the cause of the fire was not known immediately.

Preliminary investigation suggested that a short circuit caused the fire in the lobby area of the double-storey legislative assembly which is also housed in the Civil Secretariat complex, he said.

He said the local fire station at the civil secretariat controlled the fire within a few minutes. Some old photographs and some furniture items were gutted, he said.

Man charred to...

himself trapped with winds igniting the fire again, they said.

They said despite efforts, he could not be saved and died on the spot.

His charred body was later retrieved and handed over to his family for last rites after completion of legal formalities, the officials said.

Court frames charges...

witness statements, and retrieved mobile and bank data corroborating the sequence of events. The mobile forensic and FSL reports further reinforced the prosecution's case.

Rajinder Singh, the co-accused, was apprehended from Lal Chowk, Srinagar, on October 7, 2024. His mobile phone was seized and analyzed, revealing communications linked to the conspiracy.

During the hearing, Arvind Rathore, Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP), strongly opposed the discharge application filed by the counsel for accused Rajinder Singh under Section 250 of the BNSS.

Rathore argued that key digital evidence, including mobile data and FSL reports, played a crucial role in establishing the conspiracy. He emphasized that the delay in the discharge ruling was due to the awaited forensic analysis, which has since been shared with the defense.

CCTV footage, witness statements under Section 180 of the BNSS, and the recovery of key items like the deceased's ATM card and mobile phone have all been detailed in the investigation. The bank records and technical evidence further implicate both accused in a carefully orchestrated plan to eliminate the victim and erase all traces.

While ruling on the discharge application filed by Rajinder Singh's counsel under Section 250 of the BNSS, the court held that "a critical examination of the record indicates sufficient material" to presume the involvement of both accused in a planned murder, motivated by financial distress linked to online gambling.

The court remarked that the addiction to online gambling by one of the accused directly led to the death of a youth in his prime, highlighting the grave social implications.

The court has scheduled the matter for formal framing of charges under Sections 103 (murder), 238 (criminal conspiracy), and 49 (common intention) of the BNS. Both accused remain in custody.

Judicial activism shouldn't...

the theme 'From Representation to Realisation: Embodying the Constitution's Promise' on Tuesday, the CJI, the second Dalit and the first Buddhist to hold India's highest judicial office, highlighted the positive impact of the Constitution on marginalised communities and gave his example to drive home the point.

"Many decades ago, millions of citizens of India were called 'untouchables'. They were told they were impure. They were told that they did not belong. They were told that they could not speak for themselves. "But here we are today, where a person belonging to those very people is speaking openly, as the holder of the highest office in the judiciary of the country," the CJI said.

Omar reiterates government's...

on tourists, he emphasized the importance of learning from the past.

"It's hard to talk about the future without looking back to understand how we got here. The tragic incident on April 22 in Baisaran must never be forgotten-and it shouldn't be. It was a tragedy for the families of 26 people-25 of our guests and one of our local. A tragedy for their children and families. That tragedy touched everyone in J&K. For the first time in my memory, people across Jammu and especially in Kashmir spontaneously came out to denounce the attack, to speak out and stand in solidarity."

"What happened after April 22 was not orchestrated by any political party or organization-it was spontaneous, heartfelt. The people of Kashmir wanted to show the rest of the country and the world that the attack was not in their name. It didn't represent them, wasn't in line with their values, and they didn't want to remain silent and let anyone believe that they were complicit."

The Chief Minister added:"There is no doubt that we are in a winter of catastrophic proportions. But winter is just a season. It can't last forever. The snow must melt."

On the significant improvement in connectivity, he highlighted the addition of rail services to the region:

"Today Kashmir has a railway. You were able to cross the highest railway bridge in the world-which is a testament to the hard work of engineers and the companies that built it. You crossed the only cable-stayed railway bridge in the country. And you did this in a region of extreme challenges."

"We hope more people will come. The reason I mention the highest railway bridge in the world is because there may be a time limit on how long we can claim this record. We should have as many people as possible cross this bridge. Because right now, we can claim we have the highest railway bridge in the world."

The Chief Minister said he looks forward to continuing the relationship with TAAI.

"I look forward to working with all of you so that we can begin to revive tourism in Jammu and Kashmir. The relationship with Kashmir is a very special one, and I hope it continues."

Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, Members of Legislative Assembly Mubarak Gul, Farooq Ahmed Shah, Tanvir Sadiq, renowned hoteliers from Kashmir Mushtaq Chaya and Mushtaq Burza, President TAAI Sunil Kumar; Chairman TAAI J&K chapter; various stakeholders from the tourism and hospitality sectors, and other concerned officials were also present during the occasion.

36 centres set...

set up 36 lodgement centres, 6 RFID registration counters, adequate number of clean lavatories and entertainment zones to serve the yatris," Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rakesh Minhas said.

On Tuesday, Minhas conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Lakanpur corridor to assess and finalise preparations for the Amarnath yatra.

Over 3.50 lakh pilgrims so far have registered themselves for the pilgrimage and thousands more from across the country are expected to reach Lakanpur on a daily basis. The deputy commissioner inspected the reception points, lodgement centres, registration kiosks and sanitation facilities including toilet complexes and asked the stakeholder departments to ensure timely setting up of waterproof pandals, medical and help desks, control rooms, and cold drinking water stations.

He also stressed making toilet complexes and additional facilities fully functional prior to the arrival of the first batch of yatris.

Dy CM inaugurates Hathkargha mela at Kashmir Haat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Wednesday inaugurated the Hathkargha mela at Kashmir Haat.

The event is being organized by the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom products of Kashmir, having readymade niche market available at global level. He also emphasized on the need for making an action plan for promotion of these world famous products.

The Dy CM, while addressing on the occasion, called upon launching a major marketing and branding campaign for promotion of the Handicrafts & Handloom products of Kashmir; having readymade niche market available at global level. He also emphasized on the need for making an action plan for promotion of these world famous products.

The Dy CM, during his inspection of the stalls, interacted with the weavers and artisans and was mesmerized by the Kani shawls and Sozni work done on the pashmina shawls. He stated that artisans and weavers are the vital pillars of the society and present government will take every necessary step to make their future secure.

The Deputy CM directed the Handicrafts and Handloom Department to contemplate the possibility of procurement of some notified crafts such as crewel by the government. He emphasized the importance of creating sustainable market linkages for handloom Weavers and commended the Directorate for its ongoing efforts in promoting the sector at both national and international platforms.

Choudhary appealed the citizens, tourists, art connoisseurs and media members to visit the expo and experience firsthand the vibrancy and artistry of Kashmir handlooms which will remain open to the public till June 18, 2025.

The expo featured over 60 master weavers and skilled artisans, who are showcasing an exquisite collection of handloom products, each telling a unique story of tradition, skill, and identity.

The special handloom fair is a significant initiative aimed at celebrating, preserving and promoting India's unparalleled handloom legacy, while offering an empowering platform for the artisan and weaver communities of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Director, Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir; Mussarat Islam, Deputy Director, H&H, Kashmir; Mirza Shahid Ali Beigh, Deputy Director; Administration Hakim Riyaz UL Haq Assistant Director; Weavers Service Centre, Ministry of Textiles and Assistant Director; Handicrafts, Development Commissioner; Handicrafts (GoI) and other senior officers of the Department were present on the occasion.

DIG JSK Range pays surprise visit to police post Chinore

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS, conducted a surprise inspection of Police Post Chinore, accompanied by SP Rural Jammu and SHO Domana.

During the visit, DIG JSK Range reviewed the overall crime scenario and functioning of the Police Post. He emphasized the importance of enhanced night patrolling, installation of CCTV cameras at all major chovks, and strict maintenance of Beat Books to ensure efficient policing and community safety.

He also issued necessary instructions and preparedness guidelines in view of the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY), stressing the importance of vigilance, coordination, and proactive policing during the yatra period.



Drug peddler nabbed with 10 grams heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, Samba Police has arrested one drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered 10 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Vijaypur during naka checking near 17 Miles Vijaypur, intercepted a pedestrian who was moving under suspicious circumstances. During frisking, 10 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of the said person.

The drug peddler identified as Mohd Jamal S/o Abdul Razaq R/o Khajurtala Tehsil and District Haldia West Bengal A/P Ranibagh/Satwari Jammu has been arrested and contraband item has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 64/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

Rajouri Police bust illegal liquor operation in Koteranka; 300 litres of lahan destroyed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In a significant crackdown on illicit liquor production, police from Kandi Station conducted a successful raid in the Jaglanoo area of Koteranka, following a tip-off based on credible intelligence.

During the operation, the police team recovered approximately 300 litres of lahan-a fermented substance used in the distillation of illegal liquor-which was destroyed on the spot. Additionally, 15 litres of illicit country-made liquor (desi sharab) were seized from the site. A case FIR No 65/2025 has been registered under relevant Section of the Excise Act at PS Kandi and further investigations are underway to identify and apprehend those involved in the illegal trade.

Three drug peddlers apprehended with narcotic substance

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In a significant action against drug trafficking, Thanamandi Police apprehended three individuals during a naka checking at Churung Bridge Thanamandi.

The Individuals were intercepted while traveling in an Alto K10 vehicle bearing registration number JK11B-7664. During checking approx 7.37 grams of heroin (chitta), a banned narcotic substance was recovered from their possession.

The individuals have been identified as Mohd. Shahrukh Dar S/O Mohd. Farooq Dar resident of Upper Bhattian; Toqeer Razaq S/O Mohd. Razaq resident of Kote Behrote and Irfan Hussain S/O Muneer Hussain resident of Khablan

In this regard a case FIR No. 79/2025 has been registered at Police Station Thanamandi under the relevant provisions of NDPS Act.

Police traces two missing persons

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a commendable effort, the Sarval Police post has successfully traced two missing persons, bringing relief to their families.

The missing individuals were a lady(name withheld) resident of Janipur Jammu, whose missing report was entered vide DD No. 14 dated 04.06.2025 & Pranshu S/O Ravi Kumar, resident of H. No. 123 Sector 3 Vikas Nagar Sarval Jammu, whose missing report was entered vide DD No. 16 dated 04.06.2025.

Diligent efforts of IC PP Sarval led to tracing of both missing persons who were safely handed over to their parents. The missing reports have been closed as traced out vide DD No. 17 dated 11.06.2025.

Hardcore criminal booked under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu police under the leadership of SSP Jammu, Sh. Joginder Singh-JKPS tightening noose against the Criminals, Police Station Miran Sahib apprehended another notorious Criminal from Bahadur khan Miran Sahib area & booked him under the Jammu and Kashmir *Public Safety Act (PSA).

It shows the high commitment of Jammu Police towards ensuring the peace and harmony in Jammu area.

The detail of PSA detainee was Aniket mottan S/O Ashok kumar R/O Bahadur khan Miran Sahib, Jammu

Aniket is a hardcore criminal with a history of violent and heinous offences. Despite multiple arrests and legal actions, he has consistently shown a blatant disregard for the law and continued his involvement in criminal activities, posing a serious threat to public peace and security. Routine legal measures having failed to deter his unlawful conduct, his preventive detention under PSA was deemed necessary to protect public order and prevent further criminal acts.

Following his repeated engagement in criminal activities, multiple FIR's are registered against the accused for indulging in such criminal activities.

The PSA warrant issued by the District Magistrate Jammu of the said accused was executed today on 11-6-2025 and the subject was accordingly lodged in District Jail Rajouri

The relentless efforts of SHO Miran Sahib under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura & close supervision of SP Headquarters Jammu resulted in execution of this warrant. The support from District administration in this regard is exemplary.

Notorious drug peddler booked under PIT NDPS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: In its continuous war and firm commitment against drug menace, Udhampur Police booked one notorious Drug Peddler namely Rahul Sharma S/O Parmanand Sharma R/O Sambal Danga Udhampur in Preventive detention under the provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act for his repeated involvement in selling and distributing Contraband Narcotics among the populace of Udhampur and its adjoining areas.

The said accused was a threat to the peaceful environment who often tried to involve youth of the area in drug addiction.

It is pertinent to mention that many cases were registered against the said drug peddler and was involved in promoting drug trade by supplying drugs to the locals of District Udhampur.

2 bovine smuggling bids foiled, 36 bovines rescued, 2 vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: Hjaajjar Kotli police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of Police Post Manwal led by IC PP Manwal has foiled two bovine smuggling attempt in which total 36 bovines were rescued two Trucks bearing registration No. JK13J/3940 loaded with 18 bovine animals driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot and Truck bearing registration No. JK21B/4337 loaded with 18 bovines and driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot, Total 36 bovines were rescued and 02 vehicle seized.

In this regard, a case FIR NO.77/2025 and FIR NO.78/2025,U/S 223/11 PCA Act have been registered in Police Station Hjaajjar Kotli Further investigation is underway.

Gangyal Firing Case: Four accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough in the ongoing investigation of the Gangyal firing incident, Jammu Police, South Zone, has arrested four accused involved in the case registered under FIR No. 68/2025 U/S 109, 111, 191(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and 3/25 Arms Act at Police Station Gangyal.

The arrested accused have been identified as Surinder Singh S/O Jaswant Singh, R/O Dashmesh Nagar; Harjot Singh @ Anda S/O Jaswant Singh, R/O Dashmesh Nagar; Raman Kumar S/O Raj Kumar, R/O 92/6 Model Town, Gangyal and Mohd Ashraf S/o Mohd Hussain R/o Karyani Talab Narwal, Jammu.

The arrests follow sustained efforts by the police team of PS Gangyal under the close supervision of SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh, SP City South, Sh. Ajay Sharma-JKPS and SDPO South, Sh. Sunil Singh Jasrotia. These individuals were found to be actively involved in the criminal conspiracy that led to the recent firing incident in which two persons sustained injuries.

The accused have a criminal background and are known to have links to organised criminal activities in the region. Their arrest marks a crucial step in unearthing the broader network associated with the incident.

Further investigation is underway to trace additional conspirators and uncover the full scope of the gang's operations.

