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of India, the organisation works for their protection, and the state government protects those assets that come under the state archaeology (department).

"I have seen that restoration work has been carried out and it has been carried out very well, but there is a need to work more earnestly on this heritage, which is centuries-old, and we are doing that, so that the people of the country take pride in their heritage in the future as well," he said.

Shekhawat also shared photos of his visit to the Martand temple.

"Visited the majestic Martand Temple, that is a profound reflection of the glory of Kashmir's civilisational past. Built by the legendary King Lalitaditya, this grand temple dedicated to Surya was one of the earliest and most magnificent sun temples in India," he said.

"If it looks this awe-inspiring in its weathered form, one can imagine its grandeur of yore given the temple's scale, sculptural richness, and strategic location atop a plateau overlooking the valley," he added.

The minister also visited the Avanti Swami temple in the Avantipora area of Pulwama district.

"An enchanted morning at the Avantipora temple complex in Kashmir today. These stones that are remains of the mighty temples once built by King Avantivarman in what was once his capital tell tales of the cultural glory of that era.

"With the picturesque Himalayan mountains for a backdrop, these are sites that take one on a journey through time," he said.

Shekhawat said he reviewed the tourist facilities and upkeep efforts being undertaken there along with officials of the ASI and the district administration.

The Union minister held an interaction with the chief minister on Wednesday evening.

"During my visit to Jammu & Kashmir, I was graciously invited for a dinner interaction by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Omar Abdullah Ji. In a warm and cordial atmosphere, we held a positive and forward-looking discussion on the development of the tourism sector in J&K," the minister said in a post on X.

He said emphasis was laid on enhancing infrastructure, promoting heritage sites and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for local communities through tourism.

"Such engagements reflect our collective commitment to transform Jammu & Kashmir into a global tourism destination that celebrates its culture, nature, and people," he added.

An official spokesperson said that the Chief Minister and the Union Tourism Minister discussed strategic measures for strengthening the tourism sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

The one-on-one meeting focused on a broad range of initiatives aimed at boosting tourism infrastructure, promoting heritage and cultural sites, and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for local communities.

Both leaders underscored the significance of tourism as a key driver of economic growth and cultural exchange in the region.

During the interaction, Union Minister Shekhawat emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts, stating that such engagements reflect "our collective commitment to transform Jammu and Kashmir into a global tourism destination that celebrates its culture, nature, and people."

The Chief Minister Omar expressed appreciation for the Centre's continued support and reiterated the Government of Jammu and Kashmir's resolve to revive and reimagine the tourism sector to unlock its full potential for inclusive development.

### ADCs named Nodal...

(posted at District Headquarters in all districts of the Kashmir Division) shall be the Nodal Officer(s) for monitoring and facilitating the resolution of complaints pertaining to immovable properties, revenue related matters and community assets of Kashmiri migrants," reads an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

### Safiya Abdullah promoted...

from January 1, 2025, on notional basis and prospectively from the date of issuance of this order, on regular basis," reads an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

Consequently, it is ordered that the Safiya Abdullah shall continue at her present place of posting, till further orders.

### Satisfied with steps...

Banihal, Ramban. He informed about the RFID, registration centres, lodge-ment centres, langar facilities, and other key preparations made by the administration for smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025.

The Chief Minister asked the concerned officials to provide wide publicity to the cut-off timings for traveling on Jammu- Srinagar National Highway which will be same for the pilgrims and tourists during the period of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister chaired a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat Jammu to review the delivery of essential services and supplies and the steps taken by the Administration during the current summer season in Jammu division.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Ministers Sakina Itoo, Satish Sharma and Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to CM Dheeraj Gupta, several Administrative Secretaries, Inspector General of Police Jammu, heads of the various departments were also present.

Srinagar based officers attended the meeting through virtual mode.

During the meeting, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar briefed the Chief Minister and gave presentation on the functioning of different line departments and their action plan for summer preparedness.

It was informed that JPDCL has maintained sufficient buffer stock of transformers and also devised time-slots for power curtailment to prevent overload on grid stations.

He emphasized adherence to the curtailment schedule of PDD with minimum power outages and preventing overheating of power lines and transformers.

The functioning of Jal Shakti and Jammu Municipal Corporation was also discussed with regard to adequate supply of water tankers, water sprinklers, anti smog guns and proper maintenance of water coolers to provide relief to the citizens.

Taking cognizance of the water scarcity issues in some newly populated areas, the Chief Minister directed Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation and Jal Shakti Department to provide relief to the residents immediately with water tanker services.

He further directed for expediting the pace of work on Water Supply schemes nearing completion to alleviate the water supply issues in areas with water shortage.

The Chief Minister further reviewed the forest fire response mechanism of the Forest department and readiness of Fire & Emergency services to tackle any such situation.

It was informed that adequate quantity of medical supplies are maintained by the Health department across the region while advisories on heat related illnesses are also being issued with special focus on vulnerable population and other IEC activities being carried out.

The Chief Minister was also apprised of preparedness of Irrigation & Flood control with regard to desilting of irrigation canals and flood mitigation plan. 24x7 Control Rooms have also been established for the upcoming monsoon season.

The meeting was informed that department of Food & Civil Supplies has maintained sufficient stock available under various schemes.

### Govt announces Rs...

drug from a range of alternatives based on the patient's body conditions and severity of the disease.

He said this problem is worsened in special situations like pregnancy or the presence of other serious medical conditions. Therefore, there is an urgent need to develop a new drug.

The tribal affairs ministry, in collaboration with the AIIMS-Delhi, will undertake a competition for the development of the drug. The selected proposal will be funded up to Rs 10 crore, Uikey said.

He also said the ministry will establish a Centre for Tribal Health and Research Institute under the AIIMS-Delhi.

This centre will also have outpatient and inpatient facilities for providing the highest-quality medical care to tribal people. Provisions for seamless referrals from peripheral hospitals in tribal-dominated areas will be explored, he said.

The centre will also guide the government in policy formulation.

The minister said a postgraduate course in tribal medicine will also be designed.

This will help address the long-standing health inequities faced by tribal communities, who often remain underserved due to geographical, socio-cultural and sys-

temic barriers, he said.

This specialised course will be designed to develop a cadre of medical professionals with contextual knowledge, clinical skills and public health competencies tailored to tribal settings.

### India's first-ever...

high-altitude terrain and noted its significance in furthering the administration's vision of a carbon-neutral Ladakh.

Chief Secretary Pawan Kotwal lauded NTPC's pioneering efforts and observed that the successful operationalisation of hydrogen buses in such extreme conditions could usher in a new era of hydrogen fuel cell mobility in India.

He also directed the NTPC team to document the entire experiment and operational learnings, so that it may serve as a benchmark for similar initiatives in other regions of the country.

This initiative, developed through the collaborative efforts of the Ladakh administration and NTPC, stands as a testament to India's growing leadership in renewable energy innovation and represents a major leap toward sustainable public transport in ecologically sensitive and strategically vital regions, officials said.

### Army carries out...

up security measures to ensure the safety of every individual visiting or residing in the region. The move aims to establish a strong and seamless security grid, leaving no gaps in area domination, and to preserve the peaceful environment that Bhaderwah is known for. Alongside foot patrols, drones are also being deployed for aerial surveillance to monitor vast and remote areas effectively.

Our District correspondent, Raja Rehber Jamal accompanied the Army in dense forests to take first hand experience and to know the challenges, which our security forces are facing in these hilly terrains and dense forests while patrolling.

A senior officer of the 4 Rashtriya Rifles stated, "Our focus is to leave no gaps in the security grid. We are regularly patrolling dense and remote forest areas to ensure complete area domination and to maintain the serenity and safety that Bhaderwah is known for."

### Govt asks all...

is required to be kept in the custody of the head of office in which he is serving and needs to be transferred along with the employee, upon transfer.

"It has now been decided to maintain the e-service book on e-HRMS 2.0 portal," the ministry said in an order dated June 17, issued to all government departments

"Hence, all the ministries/departments, further to their onboarding on e-HRMS 2.0, are requested to maintain e-service books on e-HRMS 2.0 only and phase out physical service books," the order said. Physical service books should be phased out after ensuring the completeness and accuracy of data in the e-service books on e-HRMS 2.0, as the same will be treated legally tenable for all purposes, it added.

### CS explores ways...

Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) and Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP). He reiterated the Ministry's unwavering commitment towards providing full support to J&K in maximizing the uptake of these vital programs.

The Chief Secretary, on his part, underscored the critical need for a holistic vision for skill development in the UT to tide over the problem of unemployment. He emphasized the importance of seamlessly linking skill acquisition with sustainable livelihood opportunities and integrating education with entrepreneurship to foster a dynamic and self-reliant workforce. Efforts will also be made to strengthen the convergence between various Centrally Sponsored Schemes to ensure greater adoption and more impactful outcomes for J&K, he added.

Among the key components discussed in the meeting included prioritizing submission of detailed proposals for modernization of J&K ITIs under the new Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Moreover, it was decided that the J&K government and the MSDE will establish a joint coordination mechanism to ensure efficient implementation and rigorous monitoring of all skill development initiatives in the UT. This collaborative effort between the J&K government and the Union Ministry for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is expected to significantly boost skill development, create new employment avenues and foster an entrepreneurial spirit among the youth of J&K in the times to come.

### 27 Departmental Feeding...

Kumar, Farooq Ahmad Wani, Ghulam Mohi-ud-din, Braham Raj from J&K Secretariat (G) Service-I (Under Secretaries); Ghulam Rasool Mir, Ghulam Mohammad Khan, Babeeta Kumari, Mohammad Rafiq Zullah, Sajid Rashid Bhat, Arshada Akhter, and Farooq Ahmad Banday from J&K Secretariat (G) Service-II (Private Secretaries); and Mohammad Yaseen Shah and Muneer Ahmad Khan from J&K Administrative Officers (G) Service.

"Consequent upon the above, it is ordered that the aforesaid officers shall continue at their present place of posting, till further orders," it stated and added, "The officers Sushil Kumar Mattoo, Manoj Kumar, Farooq Ahmad Wani, Ghulam Mohi-ud-din, are designated as Deputy Secretaries in the respective Departments".

### Iranian missiles hit...

latest Iranian attack on Israel, among them 80 wounded in the strike on the Soroka Medical Centre. The vast majority were lightly wounded, as much of the hospital building had been evacuated in recent days.

Israel's Home Front Command said that one of the Iranian ballistic missiles fired Thursday morning had been rigged with fragmenting cluster munitions. Rather than a conventional warhead, the missile carries dozens of submunitions that can explode on impact, showering small bomblets around a large geographic area and posing major safety risks on the ground.

The Israeli military did not say where the missile with the cluster munition warhead had been fired.

Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard insisted that it had not sought to strike the hospital and claimed the attack hit an Israeli military intelligence compound near the Gav-Yam Negev advanced technologies park, some three kilometres from the hospital. An elite technological unit of the Israeli military has a branch campus in the area, according to the tech park's website.

The Israeli army did not respond to a request for comment. An Israeli military official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, acknowledged that there was no specific intelligence that Iran had planned to target the hospital. Many hospitals in Israel, including Soroka, had activated emergency plans in the past week. They converted underground parking garages to wards and moved patients to them, especially those on ventilators or are difficult to move quickly. Israel also has a fortified, subterranean blood bank that kicked into action after Hamas' Oct 7, 2023, attack ignited the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

Doctors at Soroka Medical Centre said that the Iranian missile struck almost immediately after air raid sirens went off, causing a loud explosion that could be heard from a safe room. The strike inflicted the greatest damage on an old surgery building and affected key infrastructure, including gas, water and air-conditioning systems, the medical centre said. The hospital, which provides services to around 1 million residents of Israel's south, had been caring for 700 patients at the time of the attack. Of the 80 lightly wounded in the strike, half were hospital staff, it said. Afterward, the hospital closed to all patients except for life-threatening cases. Iran has fired hundreds of missiles and drones at Israel, though most have been shot down by Israel's multitiered air defences.

### Srinagar witnesses hottest...

Kokernag in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded the second-hottest June day at 33.8 degrees Celsius, after recording a high of 34.9 degrees Celsius on June 25, 2005, according to IMD data.

The tourist resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district was the coolest in the Valley on Thursday, with the maximum temperature settling at 25.9 degrees Celsius, 3.5 notches above the season's average. Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, was the only other place in the Valley to record a maximum temperature below the 30-degree mark at 29.6 degrees Celsius, 5.5 degrees higher than the season's average, IMD data showed.

### Abid Rasheed appointed nodal officer for Muharram 2025 coordination

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Thursday nominated Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, as the Nodal Officer for inter-departmental coordination during the holy month of Muharram 2025.

"It is ordered that Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, IAS (AGMUT:2012), Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department Departmental shall be the nodal officer for overseeing inter-departmental coordination during the holy month of Muharram 2025," reads an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

### Missing lady traced, reunites with family

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: Police has traced missing lady and reunited with her family whose missing reports were lodged at Police Post Changa of Police Station Gandoh.


On May 19, 2025 a missing report of Lady resident of Sarlya Samaie Tehsil Gandoh District Doda was entered at PP Changa of Police Station Gandohan now she has been traced and re-united with her family.

Soon after getting the information regarding missing of the lady, Police swung into action and on the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, team was constituted from PS Gandoh led by IC PP Changa Doda under the supervision of SDPO Gandoh Doda and SHO PS Gandoh in search of the missing girl. The Police teams by using all possible means as well as technical help and after getting some clues, succeeded in tracing them out on 19.06.2025. Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, the Lady have been handed over to her family and missing report have been closed.

### Doda police's cyber unit traced 43 missing smartphones, recovers Rs 8.4 lakh defrauded money

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: In a statement issued by J&K Police District Doda it was told that, CCIU (Cyber Crime Investigation Unit) of J&K Police District Doda under the supervision of SSP D o d a S a n d e e p Mehta JKPSP and lead by PSI Ankush



Nagra, has exhibited highest level of professionalism and commitment in combating against cybercrime by successfully solving and recovering online defrauded money amounting Rs. 8,39,004/- and also traced and recovered 43 lost Mobile Phones whose estimated value is around RS 8,00,026/- from within and different States/ UTs of the country.

While giving details J&K Police of District Doda said that the unit received Online Financial fraud and Mobile Missing/Lost complaints from different complainants.

During the course of investigation, CCIU team, exhibited hectic efforts and advanced technical skills which ultimately led to the successful recovery of defrauded amount of Rs. 8,39,004/- and also recovered 43 lost/missing Mobile Phones whose estimated value is around RS 8,00,026/-.

SSP Doda Sandeep Kumar Mehta handed over the recovered mobile phones to their rightful owners at District Police Headquarters Doda. SSP Doda appealed the general public to take utmost care of their mobiles as they contain personal data and there is every possibility of misuse of Mobile Phones.

Mentionable here that CCIU Doda came to be established on 07-02-2024 and since then the unit has successfully recovered huge de-frauded money amount Rs.48,76,338/- and also successfully recovered 219 Mobile Phones amounting Rs.38,41,973 /- so far.

### 3 notorious drug peddlers nabbed with heroin

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR/KATHUA: Police Team of Police Post Battal Ballian led by its IC PP while performing Patrolling/checking duty at near flour mill Loundana road, intercepted one suspicious person who attempted to evade the police by turning back and walking away upon noticing the patrolling team which raised further suspicion.

On the frisking of said person namely Akhilesh Sharma S/O Lt. Sh. Vipin Kumar R/O W.No 02 Udhampur.

Police team recovered 5.99 grams of Heroin like contraband substance from the above said accused person who has been arrested on spot.

In this regard, A Case FIR No. 224/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered in PS Udhampur.

Police Team of Police Post Roundmail led by IC PP Roun while performing Patrolling/checking duty at near Tawi bridge, intercepted one suspicious person who was turned to be suspicious as he turned back and start moving backwards on seeing police team but was apprehended.

Upon frisking of said person namely Abhinandan Khajuria @Nandu S/O Devinder Kumar R/O W.No 02 Udhampur. Police team recovered 5.60 grams of Heroin like contraband substance from the above said accused person who has been arrested on spot.

In this regard, A Case FIR No. 223/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered in PS Udhampur.

meanwhile, Police team led by IC PP Ramkot PSI Ranbeer Singh under the guidance of SDPO Billawar Sh. Neeraj Padyar & Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq SHO PS Billawar established a naka for checking of vehicles at Basanter Bridge Ramkot and saw one Mahindra Bolero bearing Reg.No.JK08N-4170 which was stopped for checking on suspicious grounds, to evade checking the said person tried to escape from the spot, but the alert police team apprehended him. While questioning he disclosed his name as Mohd Sadiq @Shiku S/o Sheru R/o Galak Jasyal Tehsil Ramkot. During his personal search 5.74 grams of Heroine (chitta) like substance has been recovered from his possession alongwith vehicle (Mahindra Bolero) got seized and said person got arrested. In this regard a case FIR No. 96/2025 U/S 8/21/22/27(a)/60 NDPS Act stands registered at PS Billawar and further investigation started.

Moreover, it is pertinent to mention here that the Said accused is a hardcore Criminal of Drug/Chitta smuggling and two cases were also registered against the said accused (1) FIR NO. 110/2023 U/S 8/21/22 /29 NDPS act of P/S Billawar (2) FIR No. 100/2023 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS act of P/S Saddar Gurdaspur Punjab.

### Vehicle involved in illegal mining, transportation seized

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KUD: In its ongoing efforts to curb illegal mining and mineral transportation, Police team of Police Station Kud led by its SHO seized 01 vehicle from the main bazar Kud which was carrying sand and gravel illegally from river beds.

The vehicle bearing registration no. JK02CR9969 was seized by the Police team and later on handed over to the Geology and Mining department for further legal action.

### Bovine smuggling bid foiled; 32 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Continuing its strict vigil under Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu Police, South Zone, has successfully foiled a major bovine smuggling attempt in the intervening night. The operation was executed by a police team of Police Station Satwari, led by SHO PS Satwari Inspr Jai Pal Singh, resulting in the rescue of 32 bovine animals and seizure of one truck being used for illegal transportation.

Acting on specific input, the police team intercepted a truck bearing registration number JK02 DB 0271 near Satwari area. On seeing the police party, the driver managed to flee from the spot, taking advantage of darkness. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found to be illegally transporting 32 bovines under inhumane conditions, without any valid permission. In this regard, a case FIR under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Satwari, and further investigation is underway to identify and apprehend the culprits involved in this organized smuggling racket. The swift and timely action was carried out under the overall supervision of SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh, with direct supervision of SP City South, Ajay Sharma, and jurisdictional oversight of SDPO, South, Sunil Singh Jasrotia.

### Terrorist OGW detected in face recognition system, nabbed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

ANANTNAG: An overground worker of terrorists was apprehended after he was flagged by the facial recognition system installed ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra in Anantnag district, police said on Thursday.

"Anantnag Police, using newly installed Facial Recognition System at Langanbal Naka, apprehended a suspected OGW flagged by the system," they said in a post on X. The individual is in custody, and an investigation is underway, police said. "Safety of #AmarnathYatra2025 remains our top priority," they added.

An officer said ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, which commences on July 3, police have enhanced security measures. As part of these initiatives, a Facial Recognition System (FRS), comprising four high-resolution cameras, has been installed at Langanbal Naka, a key checkpoint on the Yatra route, the officer said.

"Today, during routine surveillance using the newly installed FRS, the system successfully flagged a suspicious individual whose facial data matched entries in the security database. Upon immediate verification and investigation, the individual was identified as an OGW affiliated with a terrorist outfit," the person said.