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successful service in just a few days; we would want more people to benefit from it." Asked about the Iran-Israel conflict, the National Conference leader said the war should stop and the issue resolved through dialogue.

"This bombing should not have started. Before this, when the American intelligence in-charge was asked if Iran had the nuclear bomb, he had said he did not think Iran could make a bomb for a long time. But Israel attacked Iran within a few months. This attack should stop and the issues resolved through talks," he said.

On the local students studying in Iran, he said they will return gradually. "We cannot bring them back overnight, as airports and ports are closed. We are bringing them via road first to those cities where there is no bombing, then they are being brought back through Armenia.

"We are hopeful that today, 300-400 students are returning, a majority of whom are from J-K. We will bring them home safely," he added.

Asked about power sharing with the Lieutenant Governor, Abdullah said the LG should approve the business rules that have been approved by the cabinet to end the confusion.

"I have never said LG has all the powers. You check the J-K Reservation Act. The LG has himself said that his responsibility is limited to only the security and law and order.

"That is why I am saying that the business rules approved by the cabinet should be signed and returned by the LG so that there is no confusion," he said.

"The LG has one responsibility: He should protect the people of J-K and improve the security scenario here ... Rest of the responsibilities are ours," the CM added.

CM inaugurates 'Raabita'...

during the inauguration ceremony.

Underscoring his government's commitment to inclusive governance, the Chief Minister stated, "It is the endeavour of my government to address and reach out to the maximum number of people and address their grievances irrespective of whether these are big or small."

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of accessible governance. "After the success of Raabita at Srinagar, it was obvious that we shall have a similar facility at Jammu for the public," he remarked.

Emphasizing the need for a citizen-centric administration, Omar Abdullah observed, "It may not always be convenient for a common man to visit the Civil Secretariat and so in that sense this office will serve as an accessible platform."

He assured that "public grievances at Raabita shall be attended to and appropriately addressed in a time-bound manner."

Highlighting the successful implementation of the Public Service Guarantee Act in Jammu and Kashmir and its gradual extension with the inclusion of more services and departments as a major achievement, the Chief Minister expressed his confidence that this new office would further bolster public trust.

The Chief Minister informed that officers and ministerial staff would be posted in the Raabita office to register public grievances both in offline and online mode, ensuring quick disposal and accessibility to this office for all citizens.

After the formal inauguration, the Chief Minister interacted with several delegations as part of the outreach programme.

Notable among them were Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu; Nirmal Kotwal of the J&K High Court Bar Association; Navy veteran S. Lakhbir Singh; members of the Jewellers Association led by Aditya Manyak Kapoor; Lt. Gen. Rakesh Kumar Sharma (Retd.), President of the J&K Ex-Servicemen League; and the Managing Director of IDPS School, Sunjwan.

Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including issues concerning the Pandit Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust, challenges faced by local industries, the jewellers' community, and the welfare of ex-servicemen.

Saurav Pargal, chairman of the J&K Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, also shared his views on the role of chartered accountants in Jammu & Kashmir's development.

Several other individuals and deputations also met the Chief Minister to present their issues and demands.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to each one and assured them that all genuine concerns would be resolved on a priority basis.

The visiting public appreciated the Chief Minister for launching this public outreach programme, stating that the initiative would make it easier for them to flag their issues, grievances and demands.

JKRTC ensures seamless...

Super Deluxe AC buses have been equipped to alleviate any hardship the students may have faced, ensuring they reach home in comfort and safety.

JKRTC takes pride in its role in this critical humanitarian mission, reaffirming its readiness and capacity to respond promptly and effectively in times of need.

Congress used tribals...

of the establishment of good governance," he said.

The prime minister added that the completion of one year of the BJP dispensation was dedicated to "public service and public trust".

He emphasised that the BJP government in Odisha has focused entirely on serving the people and building their confidence.

"The government has completed one year with good governance and public services," he said.

Claiming that Odisha had witnessed "corruption, no infrastructure development, while many regions remained backward under previous regimes", Modi said that the BJP dispensation has made efforts to address these challenges in the state.

House Committee on...

Sadiq, Javaid Riyaz (Bedar), Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Rafiq Ahmad Naik, Arjun Singh Raju and Iftikar Ahmad.

During the meeting, the Committee held a detailed discussion on various aspects related to implementation of JJM works across the Union Territory. The members reviewed the status of ongoing projects and assessed the overall progress under the scheme.

The Chairman stressed the need for close coordination between the Committee members and the concerned officers to ensure that the objectives of the Mission are met effectively for larger public good.

The members also shared their inputs and called for timely submission of detailed, division-wise reports regarding the schemes under implementation.

The Committee resolved to hold regular review meetings to monitor the pace of work and take timely decisions in line with the Committee's mandate.

Centre sets up...

and fairness of competitive entrance examinations in the context of the school education system and their influence on the growth of the coaching industry.

"The role and impact of formative assessments at school and higher education levels will be assessed and how their absence affects students' conceptual understanding and preparedness for competitive examinations. The panel will also analyse the rising demand for quality higher education, limited availability of seats in premier institutions and how the imbalance drives students towards coaching institutes," he said.

Evaluating the awareness levels among students and parents regarding multiple career pathways and the impact of this lack of awareness on the over-dependence on a few elite institutions; assessing the availability and effectiveness of career counselling services in schools and colleges and suggesting measures for strengthening career guidance frameworks are among other terms of reference of the committee, the official said.

CS mandates IT...

non-compliance with the essential audit and security parameters. He maintained that the prolonged shutdown of these critical digital platforms, even for security reasons, could not be taken for granted and directed for immediate measures for the earliest restoration. He enjoined upon the IT Department to submit the compliance reports from all departments every three days, specifically on Mondays and Thursdays.

Conducting a department-wise assessment of currently offline websites and applications, Dulloo directed the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and IT Department to take immediate action to restore these vital services online.

In a strong push for enhanced data safety and security, the Chief Secretary impressed upon all the concerned authorities to restrict the official communications exclusively to authorized government email addresses, imposing a strict ban on the use of private email IDs for official business. He reiterated that the security of government data and cyber assets is non-negotiable and brooks no compromise.

Furthermore, he directed the swift migration of mini data centers, currently used by offices such as JPDC, KPDC and SICO, to more secure and centralized facilities for enhanced safety and security management.

Dulloo also assessed the proactive measures being undertaken by the IT Department and NIC to ensure overall safety of the Union Territory's digital assets

and websites.

The meeting also emphasized continuous capacity building for the officers and officials to promote a culture of cyber hygiene.

The Chief Secretary stressed that this process must be ongoing, with creation of dedicated 'master trainers' within each department to disseminate the best practices. He directed for implementation of long-term strategic measures to ensure the government's digital systems remain secure for the foreseeable future.

Providing an update on the department's initiatives, Secretary IT, Piyush Singla, informed the Chief Secretary that a two-day workshop on cyber security had recently been organized in J&K, attended by approximately 250 officers.

Singla highlighted that numerous additional steps are underway to enhance the capacity of government officers. He added that Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) or Information Security Officers (ISOs) have been nominated within each department to safeguard the IT assets.

It was further revealed that approximately 110 websites are currently undergoing various phases of security audit, with 45 of them in their final stage, poised to go live soon.

The Secretary IT reiterated that every website or application must strictly comply with CERT-In and OWASP guidelines before being brought back online.

In terms of technical safeguards, it was reported that Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) solutions have been installed on 4011 devices and Unified Endpoint Management (UEM) solutions on 1617 devices to date, ensuring the end-user safety.

Moreover, comprehensive measures such as VPN security, geo-fencing, port security, alongside robust firewall and router policies, have been adopted across the board to achieve enhanced cyber protection objectives.

BoDs of JKCCCL...

PDD (Maintenance).

"In supersession of all previous orders issued on the subject, Board of Directors of Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) is re-constituted with Minister, Tourism Department as its Chairman," reads another order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

The Directors of the Board are Advisor to Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Administrative Secretary, Finance Department, Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department, Administrative Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring, Director Tourism, Kashmir, and Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation. Director, SKICC is (Ex-officio Secretary to the Board of Governors).

Modi-led Govt addressed...

and modern innovations, by connecting children and youth with our culture and tradition, and imparting to them quality and modern education. Thereby, it helps them attain a good position in society," he said, adding that the Adichunchanagiri Math is working to uplift the spirit of individuals and the society as a whole.

Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel H D Kumaraswamy and Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somnath, and Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji of the Adichunchanagiri Math were present.

Srinagar swelters under...

maximum of 33.6 degrees, 6.4 degrees above the normal, officials said.

Pahalgam, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a high of 30 degrees Celsius -- 5.2 degrees above the normal.

Gulmarg tourist resort was the coldest place in the valley at 25.2 degrees Celsius, still 5.2 degrees above the normal.

The Met office has said the heat wave will continue at scattered places in the valley on Saturday.

Meanwhile, authorities in Kashmir changed the timing across schools from Saturday.

Timings now in schools within the municipal limits of Srinagar would be from 8 am to 1 pm, while for those outside, it would be from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm.

PTTI Vijaypur organizes lecture on communication networking

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VIJAYPUR: Ranjit Singh Sambyal, Principal PTTI Vijaypur organized a special guest lecture on Communication Networking for trainees at the Institute. The lecture was attended by Police personnel of Telecommunication wing presently undergoing various telecommunication courses at the Institute. On this occasion, the guest speaker, Er. Dev Singh Sambyal, B.Tech(ECE) delivered a comprehensive lecture and explained in detail the importance of proper understanding of various forms of communication networking viz., Radar system, Satellite Communications, Cellular Communications with the display of basic presentation through power point. Concluding the event, Principal PTTI Vijaypur thanked the guest speaker for delivering the lecture on the subject and urges that the trainees will definitely take benefit of the teaching/knowledge from the lecture during performing their duties. Besides trainees, the lecture was attended by Davinder Gupta-DySP(Outdoor), Khushwant Singh-DySP(Admn) and Indoor Faculty of PTTI Vijaypur.



Er. Dev Singh Sambyal, B.Tech(ECE) delivering lecture.

Ashok Koul stresses ground-level outreach; Yoga Diwas, Dr Mookherjee Punya Tithi & Black Day observance

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DODA: A comprehensive review meeting regarding the ongoing 'Viksit Bharat Ka Amritkaal - Seva, Sushasan, Gareeb Kalyan Ke 11 Saal' Abhiyan was convened today at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Office in Doda. The meeting was chaired by BJP District President

Babu Ram Sharma and led by J&K BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul.

The meeting saw the active participation of DDC Chairman Dhananther Singh Kotwal, District Prabhari Pawan Sharma, District General Secretary Sanjay Saraf, Ashok Kumar, Rakesh Sharma, Administrator WAQF Board Doda Javed Zargar Mandal presidents, Morecha heads, and other office bearers of the district unit.

Ashok Koul took stock of all the programmes held so far under the Abhiyan in the district and emphasized the importance of meaningful public connect in showcasing the BJP-led Central Government's unprecedented achievements over the last 11 years. "The Abhiyan is not just a celebration but a reaffirmation of our commitment to serve the poorest of the poor. Every booth worker, every activist must ensure that the message of good governance, inclusive development, and transparent delivery reaches the last mile," said Koul.

He further briefed the cadre about the upcoming key programmes including Yoga Diwas on 21st June, Punya Tithi of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee on 23rd June, and the observance of Black Day on 25th June, marking the anniversary of the imposition of Emergency in 1975. He urged all leaders to ensure widespread participation and to organize these events with due solemnity and awareness-building among the public.

Dhananther Singh Kotwal reiterated the significance of taking welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana, and Jal Jeevan Mission to every beneficiary. "Our duty is to not just implement but to make people aware of their rights and entitlements under the Modi Government's schemes," he said.

Pawan Sharma highlighted the role of organizational discipline and coordination. "The strength of BJP lies in its disciplined cadre. Through this Abhiyan, we must reflect the values of our party from booth to top leadership in action and results," he added.

Babu Ram Sharma, in his address, thanked Ashok Koul for his guidance and said that the district unit is fully geared to take the Abhiyan to every Panchayat, ward, and household. "We are committed to not just reviewing but reinvigorating our outreach efforts based on feedback and performance evaluation," he stated.

Notorious drug peddler detained under PIT NDPS Act

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GANDERBAL: In a major crackdown on drug trafficking, Police in Ganderbal have detained a notorious drug peddler under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act, following formal detention orders from the competent authority.

The accused, Jamsheed Maqbool Wani son of Mohd Maqbool Wani resident of Wani Mohalla Safapora, was found to be a habitual/repeated offender involved in the illicit trade of narcotics, primarily targeting and exploiting the local youth. Upon issuance of the detention order, he was apprehended and shifted to District Jail Udhampur.

This decisive action marks yet another strong message from J&K Police against the drug mafia operating in the region. J&K Police appeals to the public to remain alert and actively report any information related to drug peddling or suspicious activities. Every piece of information matters in building a safer, drug-free society. Strict legal action shall be taken against all those involved in this heinous trade.

Suicide case of minor girl solved, accused arrested for sexual assault

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HANDWARA: Police in Handwara have achieved a significant breakthrough in a sensitive sexual assault case involving a minor girl (name withheld).

The victim attempted suicide by hanging at her home and was immediately shifted to SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, for medical treatment. Despite efforts, she succumbed. The victim was found to be six months pregnant at the time of the incident. A case vide FIR No. 17/2025, registered on 06/05/2025 under sections 64 BNS, 5(J)(I) and 6 of the POCSO Act and in-depth investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation, several suspects were summoned for questioning. Through sustained investigation and comprehensive forensic analysis, particularly DNA profiling, an individual from Gulgam, Kupwara, was conclusively identified. The DNA report confirmed his involvement by establishing him as the biological father of the foetus. The accused has been arrested and taken into custody, and further legal proceedings are underway.

Notorious criminal nabbed with illegal firearm

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JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough in its effort against crime and anti-social elements, Jammu Police - South Zone has apprehended a Notorious criminal involved in serious criminal activities and recovered an illegal firearm from his possession, reflecting Jammu Police's commitment to public safety.

ICPP Chatha PSI Karnail Singh, under the close supervision of SHO Police Station Satwari Inspr Jai Pal Singh, SDPO Gandhi Nagar Shri Sunil Singh Jasrotia, SP South Shri Ajay Sharma-JKPS, and overall supervision of SSP Jammu Shri Joginder Singh-JKPS, successfully arrested a notorious criminal identified as Jatinder Singh alias Kala, S/o Sardar Gurbaksh Singh, resident of Village Chatha.

The accused was found in possession of one illegal country-made pistol (Desi Katta) along with one live cartridge. During questioning and preliminary investigation, it came to light that the accused is a habitual offender and was previously involved in a murder case registered under FIR No. 24/2010 U/S 302 RPC at Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu, in which he had recently been released on bail.

A fresh case FIR No. 129/2025 U/S 3/25 Arms Act has now been registered at Police Station Satwari, and the accused has been taken into police custody for further investigation. Legal proceedings are underway.

Jammu Police - South Zone reiterates its zero-tolerance policy towards crime and its commitment to protect the law-abiding citizens of the region.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled; 4 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a continuing effort to curb the menace of bovine smuggling under Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu Police, South Zone, has once again acted swiftly to prevent illegal transportation of animals in the region.

A surprise naka was laid near Makka Masjid by the team of Police Post Bathindi, under the jurisdiction of Police Station Bahu Fort. During checking, a vehicle Tata Mobile bearing registration number JK02DH 8741 was intercepted. On spotting the police party, the driver managed to escape from the spot.

Upon inspection, the vehicle was found to be transporting 04 bovine animals illegally and without any valid permission. The animals were rescued and the vehicle seized on the spot.

In this regard, a cognizance has been taken and further legal action is being initiated. Efforts are being made to identify and arrest the absconding driver.

The operation was executed by police team led by ICPP Bhatindi SI Mohinder Singh, with overall jurisdictional guidance from SDPO East, Sh. Sheezan Bhat-JKPS and under the direct command of SP South Jammu, Sh. Ajay Sharma-JKPS, and overall supervision of SSP Jammu, Sh. Joginder Singh-JKPS.

Jammu Police, South Zone reaffirms its commitment to crack down on bovine smuggling networks and appeals to the public to cooperate in reporting any suspicious movement or illegal activity involving livestock.

Samba police seizes 5 vehicles including 4 dumpers for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized five vehicles including four dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Ghagwal and Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal and SHO PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized four dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21G-5049, JK21J-8082, JK21J-6799, JK21J-5393 and a tractor trolley without No. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

Vehicle loaded with illegal Khair wood seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant joint operation conducted in the early hours of the morning, police and forest officials seized a vehicle carrying a large quantity of illegally transported Khair wood near Kanger Morh, in the Gharota area. The incident occurred at around 4:00 AM, when a Scorpio SUV bearing registration number JK02AB 4024, coming from the Gharota side, was signaled to stop at a naka point jointly set up by the police and forest department.

However, instead of complying, the driver attempted to flee. A brief chase ensued, during which the unidentified driver abandoned the vehicle and managed to escape under the cover of darkness. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found to be loaded with cut pieces of Khair wood, weighing approximately 15 to 20 quintals, suspected to be intended for illegal transportation and commercial gain. Authorities promptly seized the vehicle along with the illicit forest produce, and further inquiry is underway to identify and apprehend the absconding driver. The seized vehicle and Khair wood have been handed over to the Forest Department for further legal action.

Female bootlegger arrested, 6 litres of Desi Liquor seized, 85 litres of lahan destroyed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMNAGAR: Police team of PS Ramnagar received reliable information about illegal desi liquor manufacturing at Rasli Thakrai area in the jurisdiction of PS Ramnagar. Acting swiftly on the input a police team from PS Ramnagar led by its SHO conducted a raid at the location. During the raid 06 litres of illicit desi liquor were recovered and 85 litres of lahan (raw material used for liquor brewing) were destroyed on the spot. During the raid Pooja Devi W/O Ravi Kumar R/O Rasli Thakrai was arrested on the spot, while another accused namely Radha Devi W/O Ram Paul managed to flee.

Efforts are underway to apprehend the absconding accused. In this regard, a case FIR No. 96/2025 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Ramnagar and further investigation is underway.

