

Div Com, IGP review final arrangements for Amarnathji Yatra at Bhagwati Nagar, Railway Station



Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti on Saturday reviewed the final arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025 at key locations including Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas and Railway Station, Jammu.

The Divisional Commissioner and the IGP Jammu took a round inside the Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar and inspected AC Halls, Washrooms, Cloak Rooms, RO water points and langar halls which are ready to host the pilgrims of the annual holy Yatra.

JMC conducts anti-encroachment drive in Old City

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In compliance to the directions issued by the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in PIL No. 27/2017, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), on the instructions of Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav on Saturday carried out a massive anti-encroachment drive in the old city areas.

The drive was conducted under the supervision of Joint Commissioner (R&E), Subah Mehta and was assisted by the Chief Revenue Officer, Enforcement Officers of JMC and Police personnel.

The areas covered during the drive include Shalimar, City Chowk via Purani Mandi Central Basic Higher Secondary School, Ram Mandir surroundings, Purani Mandi, Raj Tilak Road and Parade to Indira Chowk.

During the drive, over five truckloads of material that have been displayed outside business establishments or spread on footpaths for sale were seized.

The business owners, rehriwalas and pheriwalas were sensitized on the importance of maintaining clear pedestrian pathways and unobstructed vehicular movement. They were warned against placing goods beyond their shutter lines and were informed that repeated violations will lead to sealing of the establishments, as per the High Court directions.

The shopkeepers were also advised not to place tables, counters or any goods beyond the shutter lines and rehriwalas were instructed to operate only in designated zones, avoiding covering of footpaths and roads.

JMC reiterates its commitment to ensuring encroachment-free public spaces in the interest of public safety and urban order.

2 trucks loaded with firewood seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: In its continuous drive against the illegal smuggling of firewood, two trucks carrying firewood were seized for IT Rules violation. The Truck bearing Registration No. JK21H-5083 with NOC generated from NTPS portal for exempted species and carrying non exempted species seized by a team headed by BO Mastgarh Gandeep Singh and I/C Checkpost Korepunnu Dheeraj Pankaj at Dhaloti Jasrota Range.

Another truck bearing registration No. PB22K9920 carrying Eucalyptus species and firewood under grab of NOC generated from NTPS portal was seized by team headed by Range Officer APCP Lakhanpur Sanjeev Singh at Lakhanpur.

The cases have been registered at Range Office Anti Polythene Check Post Lakhanpur and Range Jasrota for violation of section 41, 42 of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and provisions of SO 81 of 2020 and DFO Kathua order regarding restriction on night movements and confiscation proceedings have been initiated. Further investigation is being carried out.

Book "Bunga Nanaksar - A Struggle-filled History of Ravidasia Singhs" released

STATE TIMES NEWS
JALANDHAR: A grand event was organized in Jalandhar under the aegis of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation (UK), where the Punjabi book titled "Bunga Nanaksar - Ravidasia Singha Da Jujharu Ithihaas" authored by renowned social activist and staunch follower of Sant Guru Ravidas Ji, Roop Lal Roop, was formally released. The event was presided over by the Foundation's UK Chairman, Om Prakash Bagga.

The book release ceremony was graced by the chief guest, former Indian Ambassador Ramesh Chander (IFS), who along with Om Prakash Bagga, Balbir Ram Rattan (General Secretary, British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation, India), Karam Singh Mehme (President, Bunga Nanaksar Organization), and Baba Dharam Singh (Chief Sewadar), jointly unveiled the book.

The chief guest, Ramesh Chander congratulated the author Roop Lal Roop, saying that he had undertaken a historic task by documenting the tradition, teachings of Sant Ravidas Ji, and the efforts made by his followers to protect and preserve religious sites.

Om Prakash Bagga stated that this book is not only a documentation of the Ravidasia heritage but will also serve as an inspiration for future generations.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that the book highlights the spiritual teachings of Sant Ravidas, his message of social harmony, and the historical significance of Bunga Nanaksar.

Karam Singh Mehme emphasized that the contributions of the Ravidasia warriors towards protecting religious sites and establishing equality in society are a matter of pride, and preserving this legacy is a shared responsibility.

Baba Dharam Singh remarked that this book once again delivers the message that the teachings of Guru Ravidas Ji continue to unite society and pave the path of humanity.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of a large number of intellectuals, social activists, and devoted followers of Guru Ravidas Ji.

They also visited the parking areas for buses and the German Hangar with Air coolers and fans inside for convenience of the Yatrīs.

Subsequently, the Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu chaired a meeting with heads of departments, senior officials from line departments and security forces. They took security of the final arrangements put in place by each concerned department.

It was informed that adequate arrangements for power and water supply have been put in place with sufficient backups for comfortable stay of the pilgrims at the Yatri Niwas.

The Health department has stocked the medicines and finalised duty roster for doctors and medical personnel.

Proper functioning of flood response mechanism and illumination has been ensured of the premises with CCTV coverage and deployment of security personnel and civil staff.

The Div Com asked the Officials of telecom agencies for sufficient availability of prepaid mobile sims for the arriving Yatrīs. He also directed the concerned department for ensuring availability of all necessary items in the Super Bazaar set up inside the Yatri Niwas.

Directions were issued to put additional RFID and SRTC counters near the Hangar for facilitating the yatrīs. The Divisional Commissioner and IGP also took first hand appraisal of

tration of Yatrīs.

They also took a round of RFID centres at Vaishnavi Dham, Pachayat Bhawan and Railway Station, Jammu.

All the concerned officials and departments were instructed to ensure comprehensive steps and measures are in place to facilitate the pilgrims of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025.

24x7 Control Room setup inside the Yatri Niwas with representatives of all concerned departments.

Later, the Divisional Commissioner and IGP visited the Railway Station to review the final arrangements there.

They inspected the arrangements at Saraswati Dham which will serve as the token centre for offline registration of Yatrīs.



MANOJ SINHA



Lieutenant Governor, Jammu & Kashmir

RAJ BHAVAN
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MESSAGE

National Statistics Day, celebrated on June 29th in India, honours the contributions of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis considered the "Father of Indian Statistics". The day recognizes his significant contribution in developmental statistics.

National Statistics Day, 2025 with the theme as "75 years of National Sample Survey" serves as a platform to celebrate the power of data and statistics in shaping India's future, promoting its use in informed decision-making, and inspiring the next generation of statisticians. It also underscores the importance of building a robust and reliable statistical system for effective policymaking. The day emphasizes the diverse applications of statistics across various sectors, including governance and daily activities.

I wish that all stakeholders especially Director of Economics & Statistics, J&K and Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, J&K celebrate the Statistics Day for creating greater public awareness about the role of statistics to enable the younger generations draw inspiration from the statistical work of Professor Mahalanobis.

Manoj Sinha
(Manoj Sinha)



Omar Abdullah



Chief Minister, Jammu & Kashmir

MESSAGE

National Statistics Day being observed on 29th June, 2025 marks, 19th celebration of this important occasion in India. It commemorates the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a pioneering statistician hailed as the Father of Indian Statistics.

This year's event holds special significance as it marks the 75th year of the National Sample Survey (NSS), and important milestone in the country's statistical system. Accordingly, the theme chosen for this year's celebration is "75 years of National Sample Survey". These survey capture the realistic data about the socio-economic parameters across the various sections of society.

The Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K, under the guidance of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India is also celebrating this day. The objective is to promote the theme among participants and stakeholders through focused discussions, and to create greater awareness about the official statistical system of the Union Territory, highlighting its pivotal role in shaping public policy, economic planning, and national development.

I extend my good wishes to the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K and Planning Development and Monitoring Department in this endeavour. Their contribution in the collection, compilation and presentation of data across various sectors is instrumental in supporting evidence-based decision-making by the Government.

Omar Abdullah
(Omar Abdullah)



Atal Dulloo, IAS



Chief Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that 29th June is being observed as National Statistics Day every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late. Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, one of the greatest statisticians and development planners of the country.

The theme chosen for this year's celebration is "75 years of National Sample Survey". National Sample Surveys are crucial for national development which provides vital statistical data on various socio-economic aspects of a country/ States and UTs. It helps in understanding the current state of the nation, identifying areas needing attention and formulating effective policies and programs.

Every decision is based on some data/ statistics and its clear understanding provides alternative decisions to achieve some objectives. Statistics when correctly analysed and interpreted is a strong tool for policy makers.

I convey my best wishes to all statisticians, researchers, academicians and the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K on the occasion of National Statistics Day.

Atal Dulloo
(Atal Dulloo, IAS)



Talat Parvaiz, IAS



Administrative Secretary Planning Development & Monitoring Dept. UT of Jammu & Kashmir

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that Directorate of Economics & Statistics is celebrating 19th National Statistics day in memory of late Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, the doyen of Indian Statistics on 29th June 2025.

This year theme "75 years of National Sample Survey" is dedicated to large scale sample surveys in diverse fields across India which presents data on socio-economic parameters. This day aims at raising awareness of governments, national agencies and the community at large to the importance of Statistics in nations progress towards economic and social development. Statistical thinking would be one day very much necessary for every citizen as the ability to read and write.

The notable contributions made by the Professor in the field of economic planning and Statistics must inspire younger generations to develop scientific outlook and must learn to define problems, to think critically, to analyse and to synthesize issues.

I convey my good wishes to Directorate of Economics & Statistics in this endeavour being the nodal agency for an integrated development of statistical system in J&K.

Talat Parvaiz
(Talat Parvaiz, IAS)



Satvir Kour Sudan



Director General, Economics & Statistics, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir

MESSAGE

The Directorate of Economics & Statistics, under the guidance of MoSPI is celebrating 29th June as National Statistics Day since 2007 and the present-day marks the 19th celebration of this important occasion to commemorate the birth anniversary of a pioneering statistician widely recognized for his significant contributions to statistics and his pivotal role in India's economic planning.

India celebrated 75 years of the National Sample Survey (NSS) on 7th February 2025, marking a major milestone in the country's journey of data-driven governance. Since its inception in 1950, the NSS has played a pivotal role in shaping India's socio-economic policies by collecting data on employment, consumption, health, education, and more. The 75th anniversary not only honoured this legacy but also looked ahead to a more tech-enabled, inclusive statistical future. Consequently, the theme chosen by the MoSPI for this year's celebration is "75 years of the National Sample Survey".

This day aims at inspiring young people to pursue careers in statistics and apply statistical methods in their daily lives and encourages the development of statistical literacy among citizens, highlighting the importance of data in making informed decisions.

I wish all the statisticians especially the members of J&K Economics & Statistics Service very best in the years to come.

Satvir Kour Sudan
(Satvir Kour Sudan)

TRAVEL TIME!	
Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
11078 Jhelum Express	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 660	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	

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FIND CINEMA	
MAA	
PVR KC JAMMU	1:55 PM / 7:40 PM / 11:05 PM
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	12:05PM / 05:35PM / 10:45PM
F1 THE MOVIE	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	1:30 PM / 10:30PM
SITAARE ZAMEEN PAR HINDI	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:15AM / 1:25 PM / 4:35PM / 7:45PM / 10:55PM
PVR KC JAMMU	
10:40AM / 1:10PM / 04:25 PM / 07:40PM / 10:55PM	
MR. MRS 420 AGAIN (PUNJABI)	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:15 AM / 2:45 PM / 4:30 PM
PVR	4:50PM