

Div Com, IGP review Independence Day arrangements

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, and Inspector General of Police, Bhim Sen Tuti on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting to review the preparations for the Independence Day celebrations across the Jammu Division.

The meeting was attended by senior officers from the Police, CRPF, BSE, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, Managing Director JPDCL, Heads of different Departments and representatives from executing agencies.

At the outset, the Divisional Commissioner highlighted the significance of celebrating the national festival with active public participation and administration at Division, Districts, Sub-divisions and Tehsils levels, while ensuring highest security and logistical arrangements.

The meeting focused on



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, and IGP Bhim Sen Tuti chairing a high-level meeting.

the Divisional level event to be held at M A Stadium, Jammu. Detailed discussions were held on key aspects including barricading, seating arrangements, parking, traffic regulation, illumination of offices and key locations, uninterrupted power and water supply, security deployment, sanitation, healthcare facilities, participation of contingents and cultural performances.

The Sports Council and Public Works Department was directed to start the repair and renovation works inside the M A Stadium, while the Hospitality department was asked to

install waterproof tents and an adequate number of chairs for seating.

The MD JPDCL was asked to take measures for the illumination of identified buildings and rotaries around the City, besides ensuring uninterrupted power supply at the main venue.

The Director Health Services was directed to ensure availability of ALS ambulances and medical staff.

The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) was directed to maintain cleanliness in and around the stadium. The SRTC will pro-

vide buses for ferrying participants and the public to the venue.

To ensure smooth execution of arrangements, the Divisional Commissioner directed all departments to nominate nodal officers for coordination. He further asked for establishing a dedicated control room at the venue with representatives from concerned departments.

The Deputy Commissioner Jammu was asked to oversee timely publication of invitation cards and constitute a selection committee to finalize the cultural activities to be presented on the Day.

It was informed that this year's Parade will include contingents from BSE, CRPF, SSB, JKP, JKAP, IRP, SDRF, JKPPF, JKFFS, NCC and school students along with pipe and brass bands of BSE, JKP and Schools.

The Information Department will install the

Public Address System, while the Floriculture Department will provide floral decorations. The Jal Shakti Department will ensure adequate drinking water supply.

Discussions were also held on preparing a meticulous Traffic regulation plan, designating routes and buses at identified spots for the public to reach the venue without any hassle.

The Divisional Commissioner further directed the District Administrations to make foolproof arrangements in their respective districts for celebrations of Independence Day 2025. The HoDs of all Government departments were asked to hoist the Tricolour at their respective buildings.

The IGP Jammu directed for the deployment of adequate security personnel at all venues and to ensure smooth traffic flow during the celebrations.

Nar Sewa Narayan Pooja: GGF, SNM extend relief to cross-border fire victims in Khour

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KHOUR: Demonstrating the spirit of "Nar Sewa Narayan Pooja"-the belief that serving humanity is the truest form of divine worship-the Gandhi Global Family, in collaboration with the Sant Nirankari Mission, organized a humanitarian relief drive for families affected by recent cross-border shelling in the Khour area of Akhnoor, Jammu district. To address the urgent needs of the impacted families, the organizations distributed relief kits comprising essential ration items and warm blankets. Each kit, weighing approximately 25 kilograms, was designed to provide substantial daily support to the affected households, many of whom have suffered significant disruptions due to the hostilities.

The initiative embodies the shared values of peace, service, and compassion, deeply rooted in the teachings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, whose message was echoed throughout the programme "Life gets meaning if it is lived for others."

The event was presided over by Ranjeet Singh, Tehsildar Khour, who commended the heartfelt efforts and underlined the importance of such collaborative initiatives in times of crisis. He urged continued cooperation between civil society and humanitarian organizations for the welfare of vulnerable communities. Padma Shri S.P. Verma, President of Gandhi Global Family, and Ajit Singh, Zonal Incharge of Sant Nirankari Mission Jammu, led the delegation. Both leaders personally interacted with the affected families, offering words of encouragement and solidarity. Rev. Verma also honored volunteers from both organizations, applauding their tireless commitment to humanitarian service under challenging circumstances.

The presence of esteemed members from both the Gandhi Global Family and the Sant Nirankari Mission highlighted the unity and collective purpose behind the noble act. Local residents and community leaders praised the initiative, calling it a pow-



GGF and SNM members extending relief to cross-border fire victims in Khour.

erful demonstration of spiritual unity and compassion in action.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem, instilling a strong sense of patriotism, unity, and responsibility toward nation-building through acts of kindness and selfless service.

CM inspects Mubarak Mandi restoration; stresses on enhancing its heritage appeal

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday reviewed the ongoing restoration and development of the historic Mubarak Mandi Complex in Jammu.

Accompanied by Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani and MLA Yudhvir Sethi, the Chief Minister visited the site and received a detailed briefing on the multi-phase project aimed at reviving the architectural grandeur of the former Dogra royal palace.

Principal Secretary Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma, provided an overview of the project's implementation, while Executive Director of the Mubarak Mandi Heritage



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah reviewing ongoing development of Mubarak Mandi Complex in Jammu.

Society, Deepika Sharma, gave a presentation outlining its various components.

The briefing gave details of how each zone will depict a distinct cultural theme. Under the Jammu Smart City Mission, some innovative initiatives such as a library-cum-café in the complex will be available for the public within a historic setting.

It was informed that master plan divides the complex into six zones, including public spaces, knowledge centres, experiential areas and a

crafts bazaar.

Key infrastructure proposals, including a span bridge and lift installations, were also discussed to improve accessibility and to augment visitors' experience. Officers informed the Chief Minister that most structures are recoverable and are being systematically restored to their original splendour.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasised key priorities for the project's vision. He said the central courtyard area should be developed as a priority for public attraction and must look welcoming for visitors, highlighting the need for an entrance reflecting its true heritage character. He urged the timely completion of ongoing works, stating that pending projects must be completed as early as possible to give meaningful purpose to the project. In a call for cultural revival, he added that Dogra crafts must be promoted through events and planned activities in the complex.

Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani

echoed the Chief Minister's sentiments, stating that it is important that Mubarak Mandi is attractive to visitors and becomes a vibrant heritage site that balances historical authenticity with modern expectations.

The Mubarak Mandi Complex is one of Jammu's most significant architectural heritage sites and is envisioned as a comprehensive cultural centre, housing museums, conference venues and heritage hospitality services.

During the interaction, the Chief Minister also reviewed operational challenges and future requirements to ensure the project addresses both immediate restoration goals and long-term sustainability.

Senior officers, including the Joint Commissioner JMC (also Additional CEO Jammu Smart City), Subah Mehta, Superintending Engineer Public Works Department Ashwani Kangotra and others concerned, were also present during the meeting.

Day 4 of Holistic Orientation Programme at IIM Jammu: A Fusion of mindfulness, global vision, digital disruption

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JAMMU: Day 4 of the five-day Holistic Orientation Programme at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, was marked by an enriching combination of mindfulness, global business perspectives, and insights into digital disruption. The day aimed to foster resilience, strategic thinking, and self-awareness among the new batch of students, equipping them to thrive in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

The day began with an uplifting session titled 'Maximize Happiness and Mindfulness', led by renowned Yoga Guru Sahil Mehra, as part of Anandam - The Center of Happiness. This session focused on emotional well-being, helping students cultivate inner peace. Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson of Anandam, along with Brigadier Neeraj Soni (Retd.), Co-Chairperson, welcomed the participants and set the tone for the day's events. Prof. Prashant Mishra, Chairperson of International Relations at IIM Jammu, spoke to the students about the Institute's growing international engagement. He highlighted the significance of global exposure in shaping future business leaders and introduced the International Exchange Program that enhances cross-cultural competencies. The day also included outdoor activities for Group B, promoting teamwork, leadership, and peer bonding through experiential learning. These activities were designed to deepen interpersonal connections and encourage leadership development.

Kaushik Konlad, Director of Talent Acquisition at Pattern, discussed the challenges of today's competitive digital landscape. He stressed the need for creative marketing and data-driven strategies to drive business growth, emphasizing that

"quality sells itself" is no longer sufficient in the digital age.

Jitendra Rathore, Senior TA Partner at Pattern, expanded on the rise of Global Capability Centers (GCCs) in India and their role in e-commerce innovation, advocating for agile teams and real-time insights.

Kamal Stephen, APAC Talent Acquisition Head at SAP, inspired students to view Artificial Intelligence as a strategic enabler. He introduced the concept of a personal 'value creation tree', encouraging students to innovate, collaborate, and learn from failure in order to evolve as leaders.

Cmdr Kesavan Baskaran (R), Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu, provided valuable insights into campus administration, detailing expectations regarding student discipline, hostel management, and the institution's commitment to maintaining a secure environment.

The afternoon was dedicated to real-time case study exercises facilitated by IIM Jammu faculty, such as Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida and Dr. Mahesh Gadekar. These activities encouraged collaborative learning and allowed students to apply management concepts in real-world contexts.

The day concluded with an impressive cultural event, Rang Tarang - A Festival of Theatre and Dance, showcasing the talents of the IPM 4th Batch under the direction of Padma Shri Balwant Thakur. The performances celebrated creativity and the rich cultural heritage of the region.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e- NIT No:-STD-IV/JPDC/ 20 OF 2025-26 Dated:-16-07-2025

1. INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer, Sub-Transmission Division-IV (JPDC) Kalakote hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for

"CONSTRUCTION OF 3.15MVA,33/11KV RECEIVING STATION AT GAGROTE UNDER THE JURISDICTION SUB-TRANSMISSION DIVISION (JPDC) KALAKOTE UNDER UT CAPEX"

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	17-07-2025 10:00 Hours
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	04-08-2025 14:00 Hours
C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	17-07-2025 10:00 Hours
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	04-08-2025 14:00 Hours
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time	05-08-2025 13:00 Hours
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	05-08-2025 14:00 Hours
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders.
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer STD-IV, JPDC Kalakote.
I	Tender value	60.00Lacs
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 2000/- (Non-Refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 120000/-

3. The bidders need to submit the proof for purchase of e-Bid document as stated through Treasury Challan/demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer, Sub Transmission Division-IV(JPDC), Kalakote, The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan/demand draft must be enclosed along with the e-Bid. For States other than UT of J&K, the Bidders shall have to pay the e-Bid document fee in the shape of Demand Draft (Non-refundable) payable in favour of the Executive Engineer STD-IV JPDC Kalakote of any Nationalized Bank bank payable at Kalakote. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer, Sub-Transmission Division-IV (JPDC) Kalakote and should reach at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the eBids.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, STD-IV (JPDC), Kalakote
DIP/J-1256-P/25
Dated:- 17/07/2025
No: STDK/Tech/221-224
Date: 16-07-2025

TRAVELTIME!

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	: 06:55 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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Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291
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Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637
Emergency	2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638
Chest Disease Hospital	25448012
Dental Hospital	2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar	2430041
Emergency	2431740
Child Hospital	2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital	262270
AMBULANCES	
Indian Red Cross Society	2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248
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Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705
City	2544263
Canal	2554064
Roop Nagar	2597522
Gangyal	2480026
Bari Brahmana	220020
Akhnoor	252481
Kathua	234313
Samba	243280
Katra	232451
Udhampur	270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82
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Parade	2542289, 2543398
Nanak Nagar	2430776
Gandhi Nagar	2430180
Shastri Nagar	2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258
Satwari	2452816
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CIVIC SERVICES	
Municipality	2547846, 2542192
Health Officer	2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal	2547440

FIND CINEMA

SAIYAARA (HINDI)	
Wave one movie Jammu	01:05 PM / 04:10 PM / 07:15 PM / 10:30 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	10:05 AM / 01:15PM / 7:20 PM / 10:30 PM
SUPERMAN (HINDI)	
PVR KC JAMMU	12:50 PM
SARBALA JI (PUNJABI)	
PVR	9:55 AM / 04:25 PM / 9:55 PM