

14 BJP MLAs meet CM, stresses to make Urdu non-compulsory for post of NT, other issues



BJP delegation comprising 14 MLAs meeting with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A high-level delegation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), comprising 14 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), met with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at his office in Srinagar. The delegation comprising BJP National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP Vice-Presidents Sham Lal Sharma, Yudhvir Sethi, and, Shakti Parihar, General Secretary Dr. D.K. Manyal, and MLAs Chander Prakash Ganga, B.S. Mankotia, Pawan Gupta, Vikram Randhawa, Prof. Gharu Ram, Baldev Sharma, Satish Sharma, Dr.

Sunil Bhardwaj, and Srinder Bhagat presented strong objections to recent administrative decisions that have triggered widespread concern among the public. At the forefront of the discussion was the controversial and divisive advertisement marking Urdu a compulsory qualification for the post of Naib Tehsildar. The BJP leaders condemned this move as regressive, exclusionary, and in direct contradiction to the spirit of linguistic diversity enshrined in the Constitution, especially after the recognition of five official languages in J&K i.e. Hindi, Dogri, English, Urdu, and

Kashmiri under the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020. The delegation categorically stated that imposing Urdu as a mandatory qualification amounts to systemic discrimination against a significant portion of the youth from the Jammu region and elsewhere, who have not studied the language. "This clause has the potential to deprive thousands of deserving and meritorious candidates of their rightful opportunity to serve in the administrative framework of the UT," the leaders said. The delegation unanimously demanded the immediate

withdrawal of the advertisement with the Urdu clause. They urged the Chief Minister to revise the decision on the pattern of 2011 during his previous tenure, and issue a fresh advertisement. The Chief Minister gave an affirmative and positive response. BJP MLAs raised the displacement of shopkeepers from Nai Basti due to the ongoing highway/flyover expansion project. They highlighted the dire situation of affected families and called for urgent rehabilitation. The Chief Minister, acknowledging the gravity of the issue, directed the Principal Secretary to address the matter on priority. The delegation also pushed for the expeditious release of the long-pending selection list under the 'sportsman quota', emphasizing the need to recognize and reward the contributions of athletes from the UT who have brought laurels to the region and the nation. The BJP delegation reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the interests of all sections of society and pressing for fair governance and justice through constructive dialogue and democratic means.

Massive Yatra arrangements reflect spirit of Atithi Devo Bhava: Priya Sethi



Former Minister, Priya Sethi and others at BSS Panjgrain.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Minister, Priya Sethi on Wednesday inaugurated the Langar (community kitchen) at Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Panjgrain Nagrota for devotees, marking the commencement of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025. The event witnessed an overwhelming spiritual fervor and was graced by several dignitaries and saints. The Langar has been set up to provide free meals to the pilgrims undertaking the arduous journey to the holy Amarnath shrine. The inaugural ceremony was held in the august presence of Swami Satyamitraanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Jammu Branch, and Swami Mrinmayanandaji Maharaj, reflecting the deep spiritual ethos associated with this sacred pilgrimage. Prominent persons present were Ashishbhai Patel, BJP leader from Gujarat, Brijesh Sharma, SP

Rural Jammu; Shri Vinod, SDPO Nagrota; H.C. Katoch, Trustee Member; Bharat Sevashram Sangha; Thoru Ram, Ex-Sarpanch; and other distinguished personalities. Priya Sethi lauded the selfless service of BSS in organizing the Langar and supporting lakhs of pilgrims who arrive from across the country and abroad to seek blessings of Lord Shiva. She said that such arrangements reflect the spirit of Atithi Devo Bhava and high-light India's glorious tradition of serving humanity. Priya Sethi further appealed to the people to come forward and participate in the Yatra, which is not just a pilgrimage but a symbol of India's rich cultural and religious heritage. The event concluded with spiritual chants and blessings by the revered saints, invoking divine protection for all pilgrims embarking on the journey to the holy cave of Shri Amarnathji.

Vice Chancellor, JU releases devotional Bhajan 'Chhari Yatra Amarnath-Tappe'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A devotional Bhajan titled 'Chhari Yatra Amarnath-Tappe', dedicated to Baba Barfani Amarnath, was officially released today by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, at a special event organized by NanKesVri Productions. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Umesh Rai commended the efforts of NanKesVri Productions and lauded Sooraj Sharma for his soulful rendition and commitment to cultural preservation. He said that devotional music has the power to uplift the spirit and create a deep emotional connection with our traditions. He emphasized that the Bhajan not only enriches our spiritual landscape but also showcases the vibrant cultural



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai and others releasing devotional Bhajan titled 'Chhari Yatra Amarnath-Tappe'.

diversity of Jammu and Kashmir. Prof. Rai further added that such creative works must be encouraged and supported as they serve as a bridge between generations-instilling pride, reverence, and awareness among the youth about the region's sacred traditions. The programme was graced by Dr. Neeraj Sharma as Guest of Honour and Prof. Sangeeta Gupta, Dean Planning and Development and Prof. Neeh Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies as the Special Guests. The Bhajan has been melodiously sung by Sooraj Sharma, a noted All India Radio artist. Music has been composed by ASH K., and the videography has been done by Rahul Dutta. The song narrates the spiritual journey of the Amarnath Yatra, vividly portraying the

major halts along the route from Pahalgam to the Holy Cave, capturing both the sanctity and the majestic beauty of the pilgrimage. Sooraj Sharma, known for his versatile singing in Hindi, Dogri, Punjabi, Kashmiri, and Kishitwari languages, expressed his gratitude and explained the inspiration behind the Bhajan. He described it as a heartfelt tribute to the journey of faith and devotion undertaken by pilgrims each year. Renowned Ghazal singer Dharmesh Nargotra, who also attended the event, praised the production quality and the artistic depth of the Bhajan. Other who attended the release function included Pandit Sanjay Shastri, Suresh Sharma, Sumit Sharma, Rahul Dutta, and Keshav Veer.

DC distributes sports kits under Khelo India Initiative

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: In a significant step towards promoting a vibrant sports culture and nurturing grassroots talent, the Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal on Wednesday distributed sports kits to various Khelo India centres under the Khelo India Initiative at a dedicated event held at the Sports Stadium, Poonch. The event was organized under the aegis of the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, which continues to play a pivotal role in developing sports infrastructure and encouraging youth participation across the region. The Khelo India initiative aims to empower local athletes by equipping them with essential training resources and boosting their performance capabilities. While addressing the gathering, the DC urged the youth to embrace sports not merely as a recreational pursuit but as a means to instill discipline, maintain good health and even represent the nation at various levels. ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Mohd Sayeed, Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majeed, District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Mohd Qasim, Chairman SMSMVC Tariq Khan, Retired Manager Nirdosh Kumar, Parink Singh, Anchor Vijay Kumar along with several coaches from different sports disciplines and other notable figures were present on the occasion.

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Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government
Office of the Additional Director, Jambu Zoo
Nagrota, Jammu
Email: totwambuzoo@gmail.com

Corrigendum

With respect to the e-NIT No. 12/WLW/JZ of 2025-26 i.e. **Construction of partition for Snake Enclosure at Jambu Zoo, due to insufficient bids received for technical evaluation, the tender is hereby extended for further 05 days i.e. Bid submission end date will be 07/07/2025.**

DIP/J-2935/25
Dated:- 02/07/2025

Sd/-
Additional Director,
Jambu Zoo, Jammu

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 25.07.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information login to www.ireps.gov.in.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
30.06.2025	11.07.2025	25.07.2025/ 15:00 Hrs

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	67-2025-26-ADEN-I-ASR	Annual zone work for ordinary repair and maintenance of ASR-KEMK, ASR-VKA-DBNK in the section of SSE/W/BL/ASR under ADEN-I & II/ASR (2025-26). Advertised Value (Rs.) : 1,49,99,942.33/- Earnest Money : 2,25,000.00/- Validity of Offer : 60 Days Period of Completion : 12 Months Similar nature of work :- "Any civil work other than track work."
2.	68-2025-26-ADEN-I-ASR	Annual zone work for ordinary repair and maintenance in the section of SSE/W/WS/ASR under ADEN-I/ASR (2025-26). Advertised Value (Rs.) : 1,74,99,966.41/- Earnest Money : 2,37,500.00/- Validity of Offer : 60 Days Period of Completion : 12 Months Similar nature of work :- "Any civil work other than track work."
3.	69-2025-26-ADEN-JUC	Annual zone work for ordinary repair and maintenance in the section of ADEN/JUC (2025-26). Advertised Value (Rs.) : 1,79,99,969.54/- Earnest Money : 2,40,000.00/- Validity of Offer : 60 Days Period of Completion : 12 Months Similar nature of work :- "Any civil work other than track work."
4.	70-2025-26-ADEN-I-ASR	Annual zone work for ordinary repair and maintenance in the section of SSE/W/ML/ASR under ADEN-I/ASR (2025-26). Advertised Value (Rs.) : 1,74,99,968.85/- Earnest Money : 2,37,500.00/- Validity of Offer : 60 Days Period of Completion : 12 Months Similar nature of work :- "Any civil work other than track work."

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. Tender No:- 67,68,70-2025-26-ADEN-I-ASR & 69-2025-26-ADEN-JUC Date: 01.07.2025 1988/2025

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
General Administration Department
(Services) Civil Secretariat,
Jammu/Srinagar.

Subject: Selection of candidates on the basis of Combined Competitive Examination-2023-appointment thereof.

NOTICE
Pursuant to the recommendations of J&K Public Service Commission vide letter No. PSC/Exam/CCE(M)/2022/23 dated 27.05.2025, the following candidates are hereby directed to submit their e-mail id and contact number details in the Services Section of the General Administration Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar in person or on e-mail id: additionalsecy.ser123@gmail.com within a period of 07 days positively for uploading the verification rolls on the Employees Verification System (EVS):

S. No.	Name of the Candidate Mr/Ms	Parentage	Address
1.	Parray Arsalan Ahad	Ab Ahad Parray	41 Palapora Khag
2.	Farha Zahoor	Zahoor Hussain	Bazar Mohallah Budgam
3.	Tawseef Ahmad Shah	Baha Ud Din Shah	37 Ashmuji Kulgam
4.	Gagan Spolia	Puran Chand	R/O Seri P/O Mooni Billawar
5.	Ajay Kumar	Rajinder Prashad	033 Droundi Bhalla

No: GAD-SERVOKAS/575/2021-02-GAD Dated:01.07.2025

Sd/-
(Amit Vermani) JKAS
Additional Secretary to the Government

DIP/J-2951/25
Dated:- 02/07/2025

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Further details, requirements, terms and conditions, Technical Bids and Financial Bids Performa relating to the same can be obtained in person from Zonal Office Jammu during working hours and also can be downloaded from Bank's website www.jkbank.com from 02/07/2025 under the link "EOI & Tender/Notification" in the Quick Access Tab. The interested parties/persons owning the premises and having a clear title over the property should submit their offers in format prescribed by Bank by or before 22.07.2025 (05:00 PM IST) at Zonal Office Jammu. Bank reserves the right to cancel/reject any/all offer(s) without assigning any reason thereof.

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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

12448 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
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital	2577444
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Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637
Emergency	2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012
Dental Hospital	2544670
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Emergency	2431740
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Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital	262270
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City	2544263
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Roop Nagar	2597522
Gangyal	2480026
Bar Brahmana	220020
Akhnoor	252481
Kathua	234313
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Udhampur	270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82
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BUS SERVICES	
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Canal	2554147, 2554199
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Health Officer	2547440
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FIND CINEMA

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Wave one movie Jammu 12:05 PM / 05:35 PM / 10:45 PM
PVR KC JAMMU 2:10 PM / 05:05 PM / 08:00 PM
SITAARE ZAMEEN PAR HINDI
Wave one movie Jammu 11:00 AM / 02:00 PM / 05:00 PM / 08:00PM / 11:00 PM
PVR KC JAMMU 10:55 AM / 1:10 PM / 07:40 PM / 10:55 PM
MR. MRS 420 AGAIN (PUNJABI)
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU 9:15 AM / 2:45 PM / 4:30 PM