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Proud to see...

Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan was the Chief Guest for the Convocation Ceremony. The Union Minister extended his best wishes to the graduating students on their new beginning.

"Viksit Bharat, Viksit Jammu Kashmir" and Prosperous farming community is our resolve. The Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is committed to develop J&K as a hub of Horticulture," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Union Minister also shared the experience of his visit to Jammu Kashmir: "The natural beauty of Kashmir and the love of its people has won my heart," he said.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha congratulated the University for creating a competent and competitive human resource, shaping up farm sector in J&K UT, remarkable improvement in its ranking and also wished the students for their bright future.

He extended his felicitations to the women students for their excellent academic performance across the subjects.

"Proud to see our daughters breaking barriers and achieving success in Agricultural Science & Technology. Out of 150 students conferred with gold medals, 115 were women students. Out of 445 Certificates of Merit, 334 were conferred to girls. Out of a total of 5250 degrees of undergraduate, masters, PhD in today's convocation, 2661 degrees have been awarded to women students. It reflects a bright future for J&K and the nation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, spoke on the transformative reforms taking place in agriculture and allied sectors in the UT of Jammu Kashmir over the past few years.

"Under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the agriculture and allied sector has truly become a mainstay of India's economy. This change is strongly reflected in J&K's agriculture landscape. Today, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) has emerged as a role model of agricultural revolution in the entire country," he said.

He highlighted that in the last five years, Jammu and Kashmir has set 4 major goals for agriculture and allied sector - to transform the agriculture sector into a sustainable-commercial agriculture economy, to create an agri-business ecosystem with value chain, farmer and community-centric approach for holistic development of agriculture and to increase the income of farming families and secure their livelihood.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the graduating students to make their valuable contribution to innovation and progressive farming and take the lead in agri-technology, food technology, and groundbreaking innovation. Your passion and ideas will shape the future of India's Agriculture sector, he said.

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. And, I firmly believe that if education is in accordance with the time and the needs of the global industry, then it is the most precious asset of the society," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also commended the Vice Chancellor and his team for developing modern, state of the art infrastructure and a new-age educational platform. New academic programmes, centres of excellence and research in modern technology areas - artificial intelligence, machine learning, gene editing, regenerative medicine, speed breeding - have brought Jammu and Kashmir closer to achieving its goal of becoming a knowledge economy and provided an opportunity to promote the UT's bio-economy.

Prof. Nazir Ah. Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir read out the university report and highlighted the academic, research and extension activities of the University.

On the occasion, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare laid the foundation stone for the Girls hostel at SKUAST Kashmir.

Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah; Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary; Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, J&K, Javid Ahmad Dar; Minister for Education, Health & Medical Education and Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production, Shailendra Kumar; heads of various educational institutions; senior officials, prominent citizens, faculty members, staff, graduating students and their parents were present.

I urge everyone...

a shikara wala asked me 'Mama, ask the people to come here. Our hearts are filled with love for them,'" he said.

Chouhan said he held meetings with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and discussed agriculture and rural development initiatives with him.

He said the Centre strives to make J-K a hub of horticulture and has to that end decided to set up a Rs 150 crore clean plant centre for apple, almond, and walnut.

"The farmers need good quality, disease-free plants and this centre will provide that. Subsidy will also be given to those who set up private nurseries. A tissue culture lab for saffron will moreover be established," he said.

He said that under the PM Awaas Yojana, a survey of five lakh people has been done, and they will be given houses after verification.

Earlier, addressing students, he said, "We are number five in the state universities rankings, and it is my belief that we will soon reach number one."

The former Madhya Pradesh chief minister said he wants to see Kashmiri apple reaching every corner of the world.

"We have to make India the food basket of the world," he said.

Meanwhile, the Union Agriculture Minister has said that the government is striving to make women socially and economically empowered by ensuring they earn more than Rs 10 lakh annually.

Chouhan was talking to reporters on the sidelines of an event, "Lakhpati Didi Sammelan", that celebrated the achievements of women-led self-help groups at Khonmoh in the outskirts of the city here.

"Our sisters and daughters should not be affected by poverty, their lives should improve and they

should have economic and social empowerment. For that, NRLM programme is going on under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"J-K government is also running that campaign. The aim is to make women lakhpatis who have more than Rs 1 lakh annual income. Many women are earning more than Rs 1 lakh. Now, we have to strive to make our sisters millionaires who earn more than Rs 10 lakh per year," Chouhan said.

CM urges youth...

"Help us shape this new story - not through slogans, but through service. Not through entitlement, but through excellence. As you rise, let others rise with you. Whether you go to Bengaluru or Berlin, carry J&K in your heart."

He reminded the graduates that they were stepping into the world not just with degrees, but as carriers of hope, resilience, and responsibility.

"If you have an idea, we'll fund it. If you have a plan, we'll partner with you. If you have the courage, we will support you. Today, the world needs not just your knowledge, but your compassion, your courage, and your character."

He urged the graduates to go beyond seeking jobs - to create them instead - especially in agriculture and allied sectors. "Build agri-startups, consult farmer groups, privatize extension services. You are uniquely trained to bridge science and society. Stay rooted in your soil," he advised.

Encouraging innovation in agriculture, he asked: "Can you double the income of our small farmers? Can you design solutions for climate-smart agriculture? Can you build agri-enterprises that generate rural jobs? If yes, then know this: you will never walk alone. The government of Jammu and Kashmir will stand firmly with you."

Using the metaphor of a seed, the Chief Minister asked students to grow with a purpose: "A seed faces darkness and resistance. Yet it grows into a tree that offers shade, fruit, and shelter. Plant yourself in the right place. Water your dreams with effort. The world will benefit from your growth."

He praised SKUAST-K for its pioneering work in temperate horticulture, sustainable mountain agriculture, organic farming, and livestock research. "This university has not only produced scholars, but also field-level innovators who are solving real problems faced by farmers," he said.

Calling agriculture the backbone of J&K's economy and the cultural soul of its people, Omar Abdullah emphasized the sector's role in shaping the state's identity.

"Over 70 percent of our population is directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture. It is not merely an occupation - it defines our way of life."

He added that the state's current agricultural vision draws inspiration from the legacy of Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah, based on equity, self-reliance, and grassroots empowerment.

Govt officials among...

team who were held for allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 55 lakh for giving a favourable report to the Naya Raipur-based Rawatpura Institute of Medical Sciences and Research.

The agency has alleged that Ravi Shankar of the Rawatpura Institute wanted advance information about the inspection.

A director of the institute, Atul Kumar Tiwari, also named in the FIR, got in touch with Raval to get the information unlawfully.

Ravi Shankar also got in touch with DP Singh to get a favourable inspection report in lieu of bribes, the CBI alleged and added that Singh delegated the task to one Suresh. There was no immediate reaction from Singh.

Raval had allegedly demanded Rs 25-30 lakh for the information and gave the names of assessors and the date of inspection to the institute officials.

The syndicate has its roots in the Union Health Ministry, where the eight accused officials ran the sophisticated scheme facilitating unauthorised access, illegal duplication and dissemination of highly confidential files and sensitive information to representatives of medical colleges through a network of intermediaries in exchange for huge bribes, the FIR alleged.

It is alleged that the officials, in collusion with the intermediaries, manipulated the statutory inspection process conducted by the NMC by disclosing inspection schedules and identities of the designated assessors to the medical institutions concerned well in advance of the official communication.

The CBI has named the Union Health Ministry's Poonam Meena, Dharamvir; Piyush Malan, Anup Jaiswal, Rahul Srivastava, Deepak, Manisha and Chandan Kumar as accused in the FIR.

They allegedly located files and clicked photographs of notings and comments made by senior officers and passed them on to middlemen and representatives of medical colleges.

This critical information pertaining to the regulatory status and internal processing of medical institutions in the ministry gave an alarming degree of leverage to colleges, allowing them to orchestrate elaborate deceptions to hoodwink the inspection process, according to the CBI.

HC job scam...

official said adding that accused Meharaj-ud-din Wani posed himself as an employee of High Court and also showed fake employee's identity card.

During the course of in-depth investigation conducted by Inspector Meenu Sharma under the supervision of Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu Benam Tosh, the official said, it transpired that the appointment order and cheater's identity card was fake and no such order and identity card were issued by any High Court authority.

The offense of cheating and forgery was proved against the duo, official said adding that both the accused turned out to be notorious fraudsters as one more case was registered against them at Police Station Kareeri, district Baramula, which was proved and challaned in the court of law.

6,400 pilgrims leave...

While 3,622 pilgrims took the 48-kilometre traditional Pahalgam route in 138 vehicles, 2,789 pilgrims, ferried in 153 vehicles, took the shorter but steeper 14-kilometre Baltal route.

With the fresh departure, a total of 17,549 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the Valley since Wednesday, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the yatra from here.

The yatra goes on as usual, albeit in tighter security, despite the April 22 Pahalgam attack in which

26 men were gunned down. The Bhagwati Nagar base camp has been put under a multi-tier security cover:

Thirty-four accommodation centres have been set up across Jammu, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags are being issued to the pilgrims. Twelve counters have been set up for an on-the-spot registration of pilgrims.

BMO Gool suspended...

by Secretary Health. Consequently, Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Malik, DHO Ramban shall look after the charge of BMO Gool, in addition to his own duties, till further orders, reads the order.

Op Sindoor was...

the Swaraj, our forces and leadership will definitely demonstrate it, and Operation Sindoor was its finest example," he said.

Paying tributes to Bajirao I (1700 to 1740), Shah said if the battle for independence started by Shivaaji Maharaj and taken forward by the Peshwas for 100 years not been fought, "India's basic structure would have ceased to exist."

‘For the Nation’...

and Sessions Judge Jammu/ Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Jammu at his office chamber with the Judicial Officers of District Headquarters Jammu regarding the Special Mediation Drive- "Mediation for the Nation".

The campaign aims to settle pending cases through mediation in all Taluka Courts, District Courts and High Courts of India. The Principal District and Sessions Judge briefed the Judicial Officers on the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and timeline for the campaign.

He discussed that campaign's objective is to reduce pending cases and court backlog, provide an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, save time and costs for litigants, promote amicable settlements, and enhance access to justice.

Later, the information was also shared by Y. P. Bourney, Principal District and Sessions Judge and Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Jammu, while interacting with media personnel. During the special campaign, all matters that contain elements of settlement may be referred for mediation. These include cases pending under various categories such as matrimonial disputes, accident claims, domestic violence, cheque bounce, commercial disputes, service matters, criminal compoundable offences, consumer disputes, debt recovery, partition, eviction, land acquisition and other suitable civil matters.

Principal District and Sessions Judge, Y. P. Bourney further informed that all courts in District Jammu will take up eligible cases for disposal through the mediation process during the campaign period. He urged the general public to take advantage of this opportunity to resolve their long-pending disputes amicably and efficiently through mediation. Litigants can approach their concerned courts to have their cases listed before the mediation panel. Also, the Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge Jammu convened a meeting with President Bar Association Jammu and conveyed Lawyer fraternity about the ongoing special campaign i.e. Mediation for the Nation and sought full cooperation of the Lawyers. The President, Bar Association Jammu assured full cooperation in ensuring this Special Campaign a success.

Safe, adequate accommodation...

Shrine Board, executing agencies, engineers, laborers, sanitation workers, civil society groups, Langar Seva organizations, local people and all other stakeholders for the smooth conduct of Yatra. During his visit to Baltal Base camp, the Lieutenant Governor also interacted with the service providers and devotees of Baba Barfani and extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe pilgrimage. Addressing the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said that more than 20,000 devotees have already performed darshan at the holy cave. "Pilgrims are feeling blessed and excited to be part of this journey of faith and tradition. There is an atmosphere of celebration and enthusiasm in the entire J&K for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The people of Jammu Kashmir are extending a warm welcome to the devotees," the Lieutenant Governor said. He said pilgrims arriving earlier than stipulated date will be accommodated, however advised them to wait since those devotees who had prior registration would be given priority. Nuzhat Ishfaq, DDC Chairperson, Ganderbal; Mian Mehar Ali, Member of Legislative Assembly from Kangan; KN Rai, Member, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Dr. Mandep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary and CEO SASB; Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman and CEO ONGC; Vartika Shukla, Chairman and Managing Director Engineers India Limited; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner; Ganderbal, senior officials of Police, Administration, SASB, and devotees in large numbers were present at the inaugural ceremony.

Search for terrorists...

used in the operation and the cordon has been further reinforced with the deployment of additional troops, they said. Wednesday's encounter was the second in the Jammu region in the last one week. On June 26, a terrorist of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed was killed in an encounter with the security forces while three of his associates managed to escape into the forested area of the Basantgarh belt in Udhampur district.

IGP promotes 555 HCs to ASI rank in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As many as 555 head constables were promoted to the next rank of assistant inspector (ASI) in the Jammu region on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purab on Friday, a spokesperson said.

The move aims to strengthen leadership at the grassroots level and enhance operational efficiency, he said. The promoted ASIs will now take on greater responsibilities in investigations, public safety, and team leadership, he said.

Congratulating the promoted personnel and their families, IGP Bhim Sen Tuti expressed confidence that they would serve with greater dedication and professionalism in their new roles.

Tuti said that the promotions recognise their hard work and commitment and urged them to uphold the highest standards of policing.

CS aligns hydropower development with community empowerment

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday chaired a meeting to review and strategize the accelerated development of hydropower projects across various rivers in Jammu & Kashmir. The meeting underscored the administration's unwavering commitment to harnessing the region's immense hydroelectric potential as a cornerstone of sustainable growth and prosperity here. The pivotal meeting saw the participation of key officials, including the Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD); Principal Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRR&R); Principal Secretary, Finance; and the Director General, Budget among others. Concerned Deputy Commissioners joined the meeting via video conferencing. During this review meeting the Chief Secretary unequivocally remarked that the Hydropower is the mainstay of the economy of our UT therefore our collective endeavour shall be to enhance the generation capacity by completing all the projects under the set timeline.

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE JAMMU	
CNR NO. JKJMO10046842024	
State through SHO P/S Nagrota Jammu.	
Vs	
Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi & others	
Through: APP	
FIR No. 228/2024 u/ss. 140/103/111/310(3)/61(2)/347/249/253/254/238 BNS.	
Application for initiating proceeding under section 84/85 BNSS against absconding accused person namely Bisakha Singh S/o Babbi Singh R/O village Blihalta Tehsil Ratia District Fatehabad, Haryana.	
ORDER	
30-04-2025:	
1. Learned APP present.	
2. None present for the accused.	
3. Learned APP presents the compliance report in respect of the proclamation under section 84 BNSS, issued by this court. It is reported that the SHO P/S Nagrota has issued the publication of proclamation in respect of absconding accused Bisakha Singh s/o Babbi Singh r/o. village Blihalta, Tehsil Ratia, District Fatchabad, Haryana, in compliance to the order of this court.	
4. The report submitted by the applicant/SHO Nagrota reveals that the copy of proclamation was affixed on the house of accused, at the premises of Police Station Ratia Sadar, Haryana. The publicity is also reported to have been given through drum beating and publishing of proclamation in daily news papers Daily Excelsior in its issue dated 04-04-2025, The Tribune Chandigarh in its issue dated 03-04-2025 and Punjab Kesri dated 03-04-2025 whereby the accused was required to attend this court on 30-04-2025.	
5. Despite publication of proclamation in the manner noted above, the accused Bisakha Singh s/o. Babbi Singh r/o. Blihalta, Tehsil Ratia, District Fatehabad, Haryana, has failed to appear/attend this irt on today. As such, his absence seems to be intentional and liberate. So, the accused Bisakha Singh is declared proclaimed Offender.	
6. In of the situation that the accused has chosen not to appear in this trial court despite wide publication or proclamation notice for appearance, and is avoiding the trial intentionally and deliberately, applicant SHO P/S Nagrota shall obtain the list of movable and immovable properties of the accuned Bisakha Singh s/o Babbi Singh r/o village Blihalta, Tehsil Ratia, District Fatchabad, Haryana on or before the next date of hearing.	
7. Office is directed to forward a copy each of this order to SSP Jammu and SHO P/S Nagrota for compliance, and Manager J&K Government Press, for publication in Government Gazette.	
8. Put up, for further proceedings, on 30-05 2025.	
Announced. 30-04-2025	
DIP/J-3026/25 Dated: 04-07-2025	Sd/- Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Cancellation of E-NIT

Sub:- Supply of cut flower material for floral arrangements and decoration of stage etc.

Ref:- This office e-Nit No.01/2025-26/Floriculture Department Jammu Dated: 17.06-2025 issued under No. DFJ-Works/4/2025-02 (7712397) Dated: 17.06.2025

Due to poor response from tenders, the tender invited vide e-Nit referred to above is hereby cancelled. The fresh tender for the same shall be invited separately.

No: DFJ-works/4/2025-02(7712397
Dated:- 5.07.2025
DIP/J-3005/25

Sd/-
Accounts Officer
Directorate of Floriculture,
Parks and Gardens, Jammu..

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is here by informed that dead body of unknown terrorist with below mention description has been recovered from encounter site from Suffain,Kathua on 28th March 2025 regarding which case FIR No.61/2025 U/S 61(2)/ 103/109/ 147/149/249 BNS, 13/16/18/23/38/39 UA(P) Act, 3/4/5 ESA, 7/27 A, Act of P/S Rajbagh/SIA Jammu has been registered.

DESCRIPTION OF DEAD BODY

Aged:- 28 years (Approx)
Height- 5' 7"
Built- Average
Face- Round & Bearded
Body Complexion:- Wheatish
Belongings- Black Jacket and Black trouser
Place of Receovery of Dead Bodies:- Suffain,Kathua
Any person having any information or clue about the dead body may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.
SIA HQRS. MIRANSAHIB JAMMU
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DIP/J-3012/25 -Dated:- 04/07/2025

