

Amid focus on customer convenience, J&K Bank commissions Centralised Processing Centre in Srinagar

We owe our growth to the goodwill and trust of our customers: MD & CEO

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Srinagar: As part of its strategic initiative to set up a network of centres for enhancing customer convenience and service excellence across operational geographies, J&K Bank today commissioned its second Centralised Processing Centre (CPC) for medium and large corporates at Zero Bridge, Srinagar in Kashmir. These centres are being established for accelerating turnaround times (TAT) to ensure faster, more efficient and standardised service delivery for customers.

MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee formally inaugurated the facility in the presence of Chief General Manager (Business Development) Sunit Kumar, General Managers Rajesh Malla Tickoo and Nishikant Sharma, GM &



MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee inaugurating Centralised Processing Centre at Srinagar.

Divisional Head (Kashmir) Arshad Qadri and Deputy General Manager (CPC) Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat. Zonal Head (Srinagar) Layek Ahmad Jan, Special Secretary to MD Tanveer Hussain, along with other senior officers of the Bank, were

also present on the occasion.

Emphasising the Bank's long-standing customer focus on the occasion, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee said, "Customer convenience is our top priority because we owe our growth to the goodwill and trust of our customers. And in

today's fast-evolving banking landscape, improving process efficiency is critical to meeting the rising expectations of our customers, especially the younger, tech-savvy generation. This Centralised Processing Centre is another step in our journey to streamline opera-

tions, reduce service-time delivery for an enhanced customer experience."

He further said, "We are fully aware of the emerging challenges in the financial sector and are proactively upgrading our technology platforms to achieve excellence in processes, products, and services. This initiative reflects our enduring commitment to providing world-class banking solutions while maintaining the trust and confidence that our customers have placed in us for decades."

Addressing the staff posted at the CPC, MD & CEO remarked, "Seeing your enthusiasm, I believe your sense of ownership and dedication in making this strategic initiative a success will go a long way in further enhancing the trust and goodwill of our customers."

Yudhvir Sethi distributes Tricolour flags under 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan'



MLA Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi distributing National Flags.

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Jammu: In a spirited celebration of patriotism ahead of Independence Day, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, on Monday distributed National Flags under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan.

The programme, held in the constituency, witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, shopkeepers, and BJP karyakartas. People pledged to hoist the National Flag atop their homes and establishments on August 15, marking the nation's 78th Independence Day.

Yudhvir Sethi personally interacted with residents while handing over the Tricolour, urging them to join the campaign wholeheartedly. He said the initiative is aimed at rekindling the spirit of nationalism and reminding citizens of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters.

Addressing the gathering, Sethi said, "The Tiranga is not just our national flag-it is the heartbeat of India, the embodiment of our unity, and the symbol of our hard-earned freedom. Each colour tells a story, each thread carries the dreams and sacrifices of our heroes. This Independence Day, let us not merely celebrate a date on the calendar; let us reaffirm our

pledge to protect the dignity of our flag and the values it represents. I appeal to every household in Jammu East to proudly hoist the Tiranga on August 15 so that our skies are filled with the colours of patriotism."

He also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for Har Ghar Tiranga, saying it has transformed the celebration of Independence Day into a mass movement.

Sethi assured that the BJP will continue to promote initiatives that unite people under the spirit of nation-building, adding that such campaigns strengthen community bonds and inspire the younger generation to take pride in their heritage.

Former XEn penalized with Rs 21.85 lakh recovery for procedural lapses

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Jammu: In a departmental action, the Government has imposed a penalty of Rs 21.85 lakh on Rajinder Kumar Pandita, the former Executive Engineer of the Public Health Engineering (PHIE) Division, Avantipora, for procedural violations and misuse of official authority in the award of construction works during his tenure between 2011 and 2014.

The action follows a long-standing case Veri-HQ-ABP-32/2014 initiated on the recommendations of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (formerly Vigilance Organization), which alleged that Pandita had awarded works to preferred contractors without following mandatory tendering procedures.

According to Government Order No. ISO-JK(JSD) of 2025, dated July 31, 2025, a detailed departmental inquiry confirmed that while no malafide intent could be conclusively established, the officer did act in violation of codal formalities, thereby eroding public trust in fair

government practices.

The inquiry process, which included multiple reports and a change in the inquiry officer, revealed that works valuing Rs 218.50 lakh had been executed departmentally without proper approval and tendering. While the initial inquiry report suggested a minor penalty of five days' salary, the department, after further examination and financial review, found this insufficient.

The competent authority, Minister of the Jal Shakti Department, ultimately accepted the departmental recommendations and approved a penalty of 10 per cent of the assessed loss amount, i.e., Rs 21.85 lakh, to be recovered from the retired officer.

The government has invoked Rule-30(v) of the J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956, allowing recovery from the pay of any pecuniary loss caused to the Government by negligence or breach of order.

With the imposition of this penalty, the department has officially closed the case at its level.

Jammu Police organises Tiranga rally



Students with faculty and police officers during Tiranga rally at Janipur Police Station.

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Jammu: In a heartfelt tribute to the supreme sacrifice of Jammu and Kashmir Police Martyrs and all other martyrs of the nation, Jammu Police, South Zone organised a grand Tiranga Rally on motorbikes. The event was aimed at honouring the valour and dedication of those who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The rally was flagged off this morning by SSP Jammu from District Police Lines, Jammu and led by SP South along with SDPOs, SHOs, ICPPs and officers/officials of South Zone. The spirited convoy of motorbikes moved from DPL Jammu to Asia Chowk, pro-

ceeding further towards Raipur Satwari, Surya Chak, Phallian Mandal and reaching village Makval Camp, the last inhabited village near the International Border.

Following the tribute ceremony, the rally continued its journey via Ring Road to Miran Sahib, Gadigarh, Airport Road, Satwari Chowk and culminated at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. The tricolour fluttered proudly throughout the route, drawing enthusiastic cheers and participation from the public, further strengthening the spirit of unity and nationalism.

Meanwhile, a Tiranga Rally was organized by the students

of Major Institute of Education, Paloura Top which culminated at Police Station Janipur. Around 70 students enthusiastically participated in the rally, carrying the National Flag and raising patriotic slogans. The program included speeches by students highlighting the significance of the Tiranga and national unity. SDPO West, Dr. Satish Bhardwaj, addressed the gathering and appreciated the students' spirit of patriotism.

Refreshments were distributed among the participants, and the event concluded with a pledge to uphold the dignity and honor of the National Flag.

Saarya Boutique Hotel opened

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Jammu: A new beacon of hospitality has arrived in the heart of Jammu with the grand opening of Saarya, a boutique hotel located in the iconic Raghunath Bazaar. Blending timeless elegance with modern comfort, Saarya offers guests a unique and immersive stay that reflects the rich cultural tapestry of Jammu and Kashmir. The hotel was inaugurated by the parents of the owner Sumit Jandyal, in the presence of family and friends.

"At Saarya, we believe hospitality is not just about luxury - it's about connection," said Sumit Jandyal, Owner of Saarya. "Every detail, from our locally crafted furnishings to



our curated cultural experiences, is designed to make guests feel at home while celebrating the spirit of Jammu," Sumit added. Highlights of the Saarya experience include Artfully designed interiors that showcase local craftsmanship and modern design sensibilities; Authentic culinary offerings, featuring traditional Jammu and Kashmiri dishes prepared

with locally sourced ingredients; Guided cultural experiences, connecting guests with artisans, storytellers, and the hidden gems of the region; and Personalized service tailored to the needs of each guest, ensuring a memorable and meaningful stay. Saarya is now open for reservations and welcomes guests to discover a stay that is both luxurious and deeply rooted in local tradition.

Sleeper Bus Owners united



Chairman JKTWA, Ajit Singh with newly nominated members at a press conference.

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Jammu: In a landmark development for Jammu and Kashmir's transport sector, Ajit Singh, Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Transporters Welfare Association, today announced the formation of the All J&K Sleeper Bus Coach Owner Association (J&K) at the Press Club, Jammu. This initiative unites all sleeper bus owners and associated transporters

under one umbrella for the first time. Highlighting the critical role of transport in J&K's economy-contributing nearly 9% to the GDP and providing extensive employment-Ajit Singh lamented the sector's long-standing neglect. He emphasized that inter-state sleeper coaches are the lifeline of long-distance travel, essential for tourism, trade, and livelihoods in the region. The newly struc-

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Neelam Langeh chairs preparatory meeting for Tiranga Rally at Ramban

STATE TIMES NEWS

Ramban: Neelam Langeh, former MLA and District President of BJP Ramban, today chaired a preparatory meeting ahead of the much-awaited car and bike Tiranga Rally scheduled for tomorrow in Ramban.

The meeting was attended by key party functionaries including BJP Ramban General Secretaries Advocate Khajur Singh and Gurdeep Singh, along with District Vice President Advocate Balbir



Former MLA, Neelam Langeh chairing a meeting.

Bali. The meeting focused on finalizing arrangements, ensuring smooth coordination, and mobilizing party workers for a successful rally that aims to celebrate the spirit of patriotism ahead of Independence

Day. Addressing the meeting, Neelam Langeh emphasized the importance of the Tiranga Rally as a symbol of national unity and pride. He said, "The Tiranga Rally is not just a celebration of our Independence

but also a reaffirmation of our commitment to the nation. It is an opportunity for every citizen to express their love for India and honour the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. I urge all party workers and citizens to participate enthusiastically and make the rally a grand success." Langeh further highlighted the role of such initiatives in fostering a sense of community and national integration among the youth and the general public. He assured that all necessary arrange-

ments would be made to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the event.

"This event forms part of the wider Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, aimed at encouraging people across the country to hoist the National Flag at their homes and public places as a mark of patriotism," Neelam Langeh said.

He called upon everyone in Ramban to join hands in this historic movement and display their love and respect for the nation.

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Sub: Public Notice regarding Traffic Restrictions for Independence Day 2025.		
On the eve of Independence Day 2025, the main function is to be celebrated at MA Stadium Jammu. The following traffic arrangements are put in place for the convenience of general public, participants and invitees.		
1. PARKING SLOTS AVAILABLE.		
The following 29 Parking slots have been earmarked in connection with the Independence Day celebration.		
S. No	Parking Locations	Entry
1.	Jammu Club	Main Entrance Gate M.A Stadium Jammu
2.	Near Water Pump Opp. Jammu Club	Main Entrance Gate M.A Stadium Jammu
3.	Peer Baba Ground G.G.M. Science College	Back gate GGM Science College
4.	Hockey Ground G.G.M. Science College	GGM Science College
5.	Cricketer Ground G.G.M. Science College	GGM Science College
6.	Kabaddi ground	Main Entrance Gate M.A Stadium Jammu
7.	Commerce College ground	Canal Road
8.	Old Campus Jammu University	Canal Road
9.	Gurdwara Bibi Chand Kour Parking	Opposite National Furnishing
10.	Dry Fruit Mandi Parking Jewel (for Escorts Only)	--
11.	JDA Parking Opp. Jewel Cinema (for Escorts Only)	--
12.	Abhinav Theatre Jammu (Cultural Academy)	--
13.	New JDA Parking Bus Stand	--
14.	Onetube from Gurudwara Bibi Chand Kour towards Vivekananda Chowk.	--
15.	JDA Parking (Near Early Times Office)	--
16.	Onetube from JDA parking to Samadi Cut	--
17.	Dogra Chowk to Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk	--
18.	Convention Centre canal road	--
19.	Ranbir Market Parking, Indrachowk	--
20.	JDA Parking, 4 th Tawi Bridge near Banda Bahadur Chowk	--
21.	SRTC Yard Bikram Chowk	--
22.	Govt. Polytechnic College Bikram Chowk	--
23.	Kala Kendra Bikram Chowk	--
24.	Ware House Jammu	--
25.	Govt. Women College Gandhi Nagar	--
26.	MAM College	--
27.	Tawi River Front	--

28. Jammu University Parking

2. **PARKING SLOTS FOR PASS HOLDERS: -**

General Instructions: -

i. All the pass holders shall enter to their respective parking slots earmarked for them by Civil Administration and get their vehicles parked accordingly in the allotted parking Slot.

ii. Car passes shall be pasted on the windscreen of the vehicles to get entry as per the allotted parking pass on first come first park basis.

iii. No other parking slot /short cut approach towards the allotted parking slot shall be allowed to avoid last moment confusion.

S. No	Parking Slot	To be used by	Remarks
1.	GGM College	Science Parade Contingents/Participants Parking	All vehicles carrying Parade Contingents/ Participants shall enter from the rear gate of Science College and park their vehicles at Peer Baba Ground near Boys Hostel GGM Science College accordingly.
2.	Old University Campus	Army / Para Military Vehicles Families	All Army / Para Military Vehicles Carrying Families shall park their vehicles inside Old University Campus and enter the Venue from Commerce College Boys Hostel Gate.
3.	Dry Fruit Mandi parking area	Escort Vehicles	1. All Protection/ Escort Vehicles shall be peeled off at Jewel Chowk and shall park their vehicles in Dry Fruit Mandi parking area/ JDA Parking Slot Jewel in an orderly manner. 2. The PSOs/ drivers of the Escort vehicles shall remain available/present in their respective vehicles.
4.	JDA Parking Jewel Chowk	-do-	-do-

3. **PARKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC WITHOUT PASSES.**

No Vehicle carrying General Public (without Passes) shall be allowed beyond the Cut-off points mentioned below at Para No. 05. However, they shall be guided by the Traffic Police Personnel deployed for duty regarding the parking to be used.

4. **PARKING FOR OFFICERS/ OFFICIALS DEPLOYED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY DUTIES: -**

All vehicles of Officers/ Officials coming for Duty inside M.A Stadium Jammu as well as around the stadium shall park their vehicles at Gurudwara Bibi Chand Kour Parking and shall not park their vehicles anywhere on roadside.

5. **CUT OFF POINTS FOR VEHICULAR MOVEMENT:**

No vehicle without Passes shall be allowed to proceed beyond the below named cut off points towards Venue.

i. Bikram Chowk
ii. Canal Head
iii. Indira Chowk
iv. Shakuntala Crossing
6. RESTRICTED AREAS
i. Fly Over stretch from Green Belt Park to Vigilance Rotary via Bikram Chowk (both Tubes).
ii. Tawi Bridge
iii. Dogra Chowk to J.P Chowk
iv. Bhagat Singh Chowk to Jewel Chowk.
7. TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS / DIVERSIONS.
i. All Vehicles carrying students coming from Akhnoor/Talab Tillo side shall be diverted from Bakshi Nagar Pulli towards Maheshpora- Shakuntala Crossing - B.C Road - Bus Stand - Jewel Chowk - Dogra Chowk and shall be parked at JDA Parking near Early Times Office.
ii. All the PSVs/ Buses/ Mini Buses operating from Kathua, Samba, Bari Brahmana, Srinagar, Udhampur, Katra, Doda, Banihal, Rajouri, Poonch, R.S Pura, Miran Sahib, Bishnah, Gangyal, Mandal Phallian shall be diverted accordingly on alternate routes viz, Kunjwani Chowk, TCP Nagrota, Narwal, Bagh-e-Bahu Crossing, Satwari Chowk, Main Stop Gandhi Nagar, Asia Crossing via 4 th Tawi Bridge, Bhagwati Nagar Rotary, Bakshi Nagar, Canal Head during the celebration of National Function.
iii. During the celebration of the National festival till conclusion of the functions, strict diversions shall be enforced on ground. However, emergency Vehicles shall be allowed.
iv. For the convenient movement of general public, Gujjar Nagar Bridge, Sidhra Bridge and 4 th Tawi Bridge Bhagwati Nagar are kept free from restrictions but shall follow the diversions put in place.
v. General Public planning to go from City North towards Railway Station/Airport / South side of Jammu City shall opt the following routes during the restriction period:-
a) Indira Chowk - J.P Chowk - Vivekananda Chowk - Gujjar Nagar Bridge and further towards the destination.
b) Panjirthi to Circular Road towards Gujjar Nagar Bridge and vice versa. Same routes can be adopted by people willing to go from South to North side.
c) Moreover, people who intend to go Akhnoor, Talab Tillo, Paloura etc shall adopt 4 th Tawi Bridge via Bhagwati Nagar/ Canal head.
Keeping in view the restrictions/diversions for hassle free passage of National Festival, the public in general is requested to co-operate with the Traffic Police/Local Police and plan their travel accordingly to reach their destinations. Inconvenience to General Public is regretted. For any traffic related assistance people can contact us on the following numbers: -
TCU Jammu : 0191-2459048
Whats-App : 94191-47732.
Toll Free : 103
Note:- Similar arrangements shall be put in place for Full Dress Rehearsal on 13.08.2025.
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Dated:- 11/08/2025
Sd/- (Faroq Qaiser, JKPS) Sr. Superintendent of Police, Traffic City Jammu