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strategy and effective execution at grass roots level to foster sports culture," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lientenant Governor said the remarkable progress in J&K's sports sector is due to hard work and unwavering determination of our sportspersons, dedicated coaches and tireless efforts of officials of Sports Council.

"J&K UT since 2020 had adopted a player-centered approach to develop players and maximise their ability. It has also been ensured that children and youth are provided with ample opportunities to participate in sports activities. This widespread reach reflects our commitment to inclusive sports development across the entire Union Territory," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the Bijbehara Premier League for its emergence as a powerful anti-drug movement, successfully channelizing the energy of youth by connecting them with sports.

The Lieutenant Governor also congratulated the people of Anantnag and South Kashmir for the successful conduct of Shri Amarnath ji Yatra.

Satish Sharma, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, IT, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings; Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri, MLA Srigufvara - Bijbehara; Sarmad Hafeez, Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare; Javid Iqbal Matoo, DIG South Kashmir; Syyed Fakhrudin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag; Amritpal Singh, SSP Anantnag; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; Shri Parvez Rasool, International Cricketer; senior officials of Civil and Police Administration, prominent sports personalities and youth in large number were present.

Drugs peddler arrested...

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused was operating a heroin supply network by sharing precise delivery locations with the customers and receiving payments directly into his bank account to avoid conventional tracking methods, the officials said.

Police said they have launched a probe to unearth the entire heroin supply racket being run online, and more arrests are likely to be made soon.

Police also appealed to the public to share any information regarding any such network with their nearest police station.

Hunt for terrorists...

Birdi said the full dress rehearsal and security drill ahead of Independence Day were concluded successfully.

"The main programme takes place in Srinagar city, where VVIP takes salute. For that, Srinagar police has made multi-tier arrangements along with CAPFs. High-rise spotters are also in place and proper security arrangements have been made," the officer said.

25 Banned Books...

no such books were found in any of the premises visited, he said.

"Bookshop owners were sensitised about the directive and cautioned to ensure that such prohibited material is neither stocked nor sold in any form", he said.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration had last week banned the publication of 25 books for "promoting false narratives and glorifying terrorism."

According to an order issued by the Home Department, the books, including those written by famous authors like Moulana Moudadi, Arundhati Roy, A G Noorani, Victoria Schofield, and David Devadas, propagate secessionism in J-K and need to be declared as forfeited in terms of Section 98 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023.

SCW Jammu files...

investigated by Inspector Deepak Thakur, under the close supervision of SSP Special Crime Wing (SCW), Sanjay Parihar.

DG, RPF meets...

security apparatus and measures undertaken in light of Kashmir's railway integration with the national network.

The deliberations also covered operational and security arrangements for freight trains, which are set to ply regularly on the newly connected railway line. Both sides acknowledged the strategic importance of this connectivity in boosting trade, tourism, and commerce in the region. It is noteworthy that this was the first meeting between the Chief Secretary and the DG RPF Sonali Mishra, that adds significance to the occasion.

Terror links: Rs...

village Chandaji belonging to Jameel Ahmad Khan was also attached, the spokesperson said.

Also, two marlas located at village Aloosa belonging to Manzoor Ahmad Dar was also attached, he added.

The properties have been identified as "proceeds of terrorism", linked to alleged involvement in facilitating and promoting terrorist activities in the district, the spokesperson said.

MBBS/BDS admissions...

annual fee is not mentioned. But the tuition fee in the Private Medical Colleges is very much needed to be known by the candidates and parents in view of financial constraints and there no mention of that even in the e- Brochure - 2025 for MBBS/MD for the 40 Om Government MBBS seats/ 10 Poor & Backwards seats (P&B) / 15 Management Seats (MG)/25 Hindu Minority seats (HM) / 10 NRI seats in the only private Medical college IN UT of J&K (ASCOMs Sidhra Jammu).Not only that the notification as well as the e-Brochure (Information Brochure, 2025 for Registration, Procedure for Selection, Counselling and Admission at UNDERGRADUATE (UG) Level COURSES) do not mention anything about the eligibility requirements (other than the NEET criteria) of a candidate particularly for the OM 25 Hindu Minority seats (HM) and 15 Management (MGT) seats in the Private medical college in Jammu. No doubt for NRI seats also no fee is mentioned by JKBOPEE there atleast the eligibility requirements are mentioned.

It is quite relevant to mention here that (i) In Notification of 17-07-2025 BOPEE No cut off was mentioned for Poor and Backward and it was notified that at para 11 : Any candidate who falls within the qualifying merit but does not register himself/herself shall not be considered for allotment of any seat and at para 14 it was notified that The candidates who intend to participate against NRI/HM Quota seats in ASCOMS, Jammu shall also have to register online in pursuance of this notification; otherwise, they are not eligible for counselling under NRI/HM quota. However, they shall have to submit all such documents offline separately in the Board office at Jammu/Srinagar up to the date as may be notified by the Board separately.E Brochure to on Page 36 : 16. Says All allocated seats in ASCOMS including under Management Quota and NRI shall be filled up by the BOPEE only.

So it is surely obligatory on the Part of JKBOPEE to also mention the tuition fee for MBBS degree course starting 2025 in private medical college (although the website of the college mention the tuition fee for 2024 admissions as Rs.495000/ for OM ,MGT, HM seats - may correct me if not).

E brochure : Information Brochure, 2025 for Registration, Procedure for Selection, Counselling and Admission at UNDERGRADUATE (UG) Level COURSES also mentions that (a) Para 8 Duration of course : (b) 8. Duration of NEET UG Program: ? Duration of UG Medical/Dental Courses Degree shall be 4½ academic years comprising of 09 semesters with each semester of 6 months duration as notified by MCI/DCI/UT.

Another very important point that is for immediate review at the level of government is that for the Category of POOR & Backward for which 10 seats are there in ASCOM College the e - brochure lays the qualifications as (i) Page 45 Annexure : Candidates hailing from poor and Backward families whose annual income does not exceed Rs. 70,000/- for MBBS, (ASCOMs), BAMS/ Physiotherapy and BUMS in private colleges (ii) para 9 Eligibility criteria : have obtained 50% marks in aggregate in 10+2 examination in case of OM category (including EWS/P&B) and 40% in aggregate for reserved categories (SC/ST-i/ST-ii/RBA/OBC/ALC /IB); (ii) page 29 Para 9.2a :

The candidates applying under P&B category in ASCOMS are ope merit candidates. They must fulfil eligibility conditions meant for open merit candidates) (iv).Page 26. P&B, EWS, shall be considered only if they have scored minimum of 50th percentile marks/qualifying score or as notified by the NTA under OM category. It surely appears very strange that a student who comes from a family which has from all sources an income of Rs.70000/ yr ie. Rs.5833/ month is expected to have earned high academic score like an open merit candidate without having any assess to tution, good environment and even two square means . How such child would have reached even 100 +2 level and can score even better than a OBC candidate is too much to expect by Government. Rather it will be truthfully get such certified candidate with seroes as laid down at NEET +10+2 levels . Govt must immediately look at this and preferable amend the income level before the round for counselling proceed ahead.

The issues related to problems of the aspiring candidates were referred to JKBOPEE (8th and 9th Aug 2025), to Adm Secretary H&ME J&K (10-08-2025) , Director Health Services Jammu (10-08-2025) and also to Principal Dean ASCOMS vie available e mail on 11 Aug 2025 requesting advice on first priority on eligibility criteria in view of the recruitment process having been started before wrting the issues here . Some acknowledgement was red immediately from COE JKBOPEE but that was not sufficient (not even any fee fixation order copy of competent authority for 2025 Admissions or even for any earlier order competent authority on tuition fee and mode of collection / said to be not obligatory on the part BOPEE to furnish.

To be continued
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Tiranga rallies taken out in Rajouri



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A Tiranga Rally organised by BJP Shikha Bali (Muradpur Mandal President) from Panchayat Ghar Dassal to Pathanmorha, Rajouri. Leading a spirited Tiranga Rally Senior BJP leader and former MLC & General Secretary JKUT Vibodh Gupta said that Tiranga is not just a flag but the very identity and pride of every Indian citizen. Mr Gupta emphasised that the National Flag embodies the ideals , values and virtues of the nation inspiring unity , courage and progress.

The Tiranga Rally drew massive participation from Party senior leaders Sh Rajinder Gupta (Member of National Council), Sh Yogesh Sharma (senior BJP leader & former sarpanch) , Sh Kapil Saryal (vice president Distt Rajouri), sh Radhish sharma (former mandal president), Karan Saryal (senior leader & former sarpanch) Kewal Saryal (former sarpanch & mandal presi-

dent) , Tarun Vason (urban mandal president), Mamta Dutt (Prabhari, Vice President) Rajesh Sharma (general secretary mandal), Mohit Raina (general secrete-



tary mandal), janab Mohd Shakoore (vice president mandal), Modh Zaaman (senior bjp leader), dedicated workers and public.

The Tiranga Rally , part of Har Ghar Tiranga & Ghar Ghar Tiranga campaign, witnessed a sea of saffron, white and green as participants waved the National flag with pride.

Addressing the gathering Shikha Bali (Mandal presi-

dent) said , " Indian's glory will remain eternal and Tiranga is its symbol ". She recalled that earlier, the National flag was limited to official hoistings of Independence Day but under prime minister Narendra Modi's visionary amendments, every home now proudly hoists it.

"Har Ghar Tiranga" rally was also organized by SHQ BSF Rajouri which marched from KV BSF Rajouri to Salani Bridge, Rajouri on the upcoming occasion of 79th Independence Day to show the national unity and faith. During the rally, around 40 civilians, 70 children from KV School Rajouri, and 40 BSF Personnel participat-

ed. The sight of disciplined, dedication and trust BSF among all to make vibrant india with the colours of the national flag, evoked deep patriotic fervour among the locals. Many local residents spontaneously joined the rally, raising spirited slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Hindustan Jindabad" creating an atmosphere charged with unity and national pride.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled, 2 smugglers arrested, two vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a swift and effective action, Police Station Jhajiarkotli successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt and rescued 04 bovines from a two vehicles.

A team led by SHO Police Station Jhajiarkotli under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota, and SP Rural Jammu intercepted two Mahindra load carrier bearing registration number JK06B-6463 and JK21H-3068 which were found transporting the animals under inhumane conditions and without DM permission. The drivers of the vehicles have been identified as Mukesh Kumar S/O Darshan Lal R/O Ganda Talli Morh Miran Sahib Tehsil RS Pura Distt Jammu and Mohd Ashraf S/O Mohd Yousuf R/O Rakh Barotian Vijaypur Distt Samba. Both the vehicles involved in the smuggling attempt have been seized, and two separate FIR have been registered at police station Jhajiarkotli and investigation into the matter is underway.

Missing woman traced

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BILLAWAR: In a commendable display of prompt action and professional dedication, Police Station Billawar successfully traced out missing lady.

On 31-07-2025, a man resident of Dadwara Tehsil Billawar, District Kathua approached Police Station Billawar with a written complaint regarding the missing of her daughter Age 24 years.

Acting swiftly on the complaint, a missing report was registered vide GD No. 07 dated 31-07-2025. A dedicated police team led by SHO Billawar Insp Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Neeraj Padyar was immediately formed to locate the missing girl. The team carried out a comprehensive search operation involving the analysis of CCTV footage, technical surveillance, and local intelligence gathering.

Owing to the persistent efforts and coordinated teamwork of the officers involved, the missing girl was successfully traced. Following all necessary legal formalities, she was handed over to her legal heirs.

Drug peddler nabbed, heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Under the Supervision of SP City South, SDPO City East and SHO Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu Police achieved a breakthrough with the arrest of a drug peddler and recovery of a hero-in-like substance scale under Operation Sanjeevani.

Acting on routine patrolling duties, a police team from Police Post Narwal, led by IC Police Post Narwal and assisted by other officials, intercepted a suspicious man individual Near Rajiv Nagar . The individual was identified as Manzoor Ahmed Sofi S/o Bashir Ahmed Sofi R/o Sopore, Baramulla . Upon conducting a search, the police recovered *14 gram(approx) heroin-like substance from his possession.

A case FIR No. 249/2025 under sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bahu Fort Jammu and the accused has been taken into custody for further investigation.



J&K authorities issue notice to Amazon, Bengal-based firm over 'fake Kashmiri silk carpets'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Authorities on Wednesday issued a notice to a West Bengal-based private company and online shopping giant Amazon for allegedly misbranding fake carpets as "authentic Kashmiri handmade silk carpet".

"NOTICES issued 2 @jewelcarpet & @amazonIN for misbranding #KashmirCrafts," Director, Department handicraft and handloom Mussarat Zia said in a post on X.

Attaching a screenshot of the misbranded carpet to his post, Zia said, "They must b crazy offering 50% rebates on cheap FAKES in name of Authentic Kashmiri Handmade Silk Carpet for ',2,160 & ',2,630. UNACCEPTABLE. Brings disrepute 2 artisans & high value items."

The size of silk carpet mentioned in the Amazon listing would cost upwards of Rs 25,000.

According to the notice, the company has been directed to remove the misleading advertisements and tender an apology.

The company has been also directed to provide details of all sales of the misbranded products and submit a compliance report within three days.

Army foils infiltration bid in Uri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Army on Wednesday foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector; officials said.

They said troops foiled the infiltration bid in Churunda area of Uri in Baramulla district of north Kashmir. An exchange of fire is going on and further details are awaited, the officials added.

Security stepped up at main venue of Independence Day function in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A tight security blanket has been thrown around Bakshi Stadium, the main venue of Independence Day function in Jammu and Kashmir, to ensure incident-free celebrations in the valley. A full dress rehearsal of the parade was held here on Wednesday at the Bakshi Stadium where Divisional Commissioner V K Bhiduri took the salute at the march past. "We have made multi-tier security arrangements for the Independence Day celebrations. High rise spotters have been deployed to maintain vigil," Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone V K Birdi told reporters here after the full dress rehearsal.

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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
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Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
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Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
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Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
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