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NATIONAL

BJP Minority Morcha Holds Meeting in Chadoora Assembly Constituency



Hon'ble Shri Imtiaz Bhat Ji, General Secretary of the BJP Minority Morcha, Bharatiya Janata Party, UT Jammu & Kashmir, is a very good human being, an honest and dedicated leader of the BJP.

We have great respect for his hard work, honesty, dedication, and commitment to the people and the party.

Such sincere and respected leaders are an asset to the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Respect and regards to Imtiaz Bhat Ji.

— Nazir Ahmad Sofi

EDUCATION

Mission Yuva J&K signs MoU with Central University Jammu and IIM Jammu for startup incubation



Mission Yuva J&K has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central University Jammu and IIM Jammu. The agreement aims to strengthen the startup incubation ecosystem in the region by combining the expertise of the two academic institutions with Mission Yuva's youth outreach.

Under the agreement, joint incubation centers will be established, where mentorship will be provided by faculty and industry experts, and potential startups will be offered early-stage funding opportunities. A steering committee comprising representatives from all three institutions will oversee the program's planning, resource allocation, and progress.

The initiative hopes to create new entrepreneurial opportunities for students and local innovators, helping diversify the Jammu and Kashmir economy beyond traditional sectors. Officials stated that this collaboration will promote research-based product development and create skilled employment in emerging technology fields.

All parties described the agreement as a significant step toward fostering a culture of innovation and establishing Jammu as a startup hub in North India.

EDUCATION

JKBOSE Launches Workshop for Development of Punjabi Textbooks



The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) inaugurated a workshop aimed at developing updated Punjabi textbooks for the state's school system. The event was attended by curriculum experts, linguists, and senior teachers, who discussed content revision and pedagogical methods.

Participants formulated a roadmap that includes aligning the new curriculum with the latest state education policies, incorporating contemporary literature, and ensuring cultural relevance for students. The workshop also emphasized the use of interactive exercises and digital resources to enhance learning outcomes.

JKBOSE officials stated that the revised textbooks would be released in the upcoming academic session, providing students in Jammu and Kashmir with a more engaging and accurate representation of the Punjabi language and heritage.

SARKARI YOJANA

Mission Director Reviews Jal Jeevan Mission Implementation



The Mission Director reviewed the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in India, as reported by Daily Excelsior.

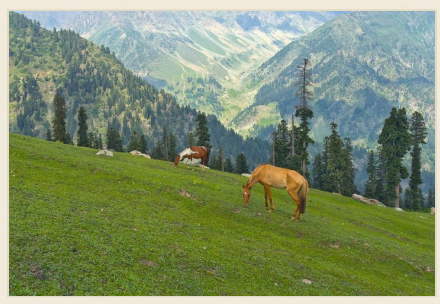
The objective of this inspection was to assess progress, identify gaps, and ensure that the goal of providing piped water to every household by 2024 remains on track.

During the inspection, the Director met with state officials and project managers to collect on-ground data and discussed challenges such as financing, infrastructure, and community participation.

The findings will inform policy adjustments and resource allocation to accelerate the mission's expansion and ensure reliable water supply for rural and urban households.

SPORTS

Jammu and Kashmir takes on Bihar in Syed Mustafa Ali Trophy match today



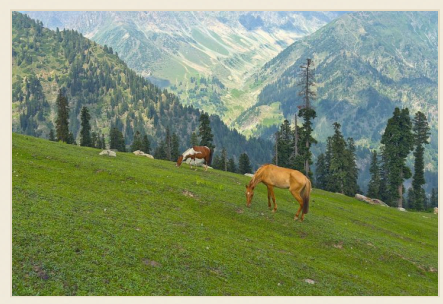
The Jammu and Kashmir cricket team will face Bihar in the group stage of the Syed Mustafa Ali Trophy today. The match is part of India's domestic T20 tournament, in which various state teams participate. Both teams will aim to rack up points to strengthen their standings.

According to Kashmir Life, the match will be played under standard T20 rules, with each team allotted a maximum of 20 overs. A win would enhance both sides' chances of reaching the knockout stage, making the contest crucial for both.

State fans will be able to watch the game via live broadcasts and digital platforms, as the tournament provides a platform for emerging players ahead of the international season.

EDUCATION

Jammu and Kashmir Begins Reconstitution of Child Welfare Committees in UT



The Jammu and Kashmir government has announced that it is initiating the reconstitution of Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) across the UT. This step is taken to refresh the membership of these statutory bodies, which are responsible for protecting the rights and welfare of children in the region. Officials stated that the reconstitution process will follow the criteria prescribed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, ensuring that members are selected based on qualifications and experience.

The process will involve inviting applications, screening candidates, and appointing members whose terms have expired or who have resigned. The administration aims to complete this reconstitution within the next few months to ensure there are no disruptions in the committees' work.

The primary function of the Child Welfare Committees is to handle cases of children in need of care and protection, as well as to oversee matters related to adoption and foster care. By updating the committees, the Jammu and Kashmir government hopes to enhance the efficiency and accountability of child welfare services.

DG Says No Listed Local Militia Active in Kashmir After Latif Bhat's Murder



The police chief of Jammu and Kashmir recently stated that no listed local militia is currently active following the murder of Latif Bhat. In a statement released after the incident, the DGP explained that intelligence agencies have checked the status of all previously designated militias and found that none are currently operational.

Authorities said this assessment is based on the latest field reports and surveillance data, indicating a significant change in the region's security situation. The DGP said the police will continue to monitor the situation closely to prevent any reactivation of militias.

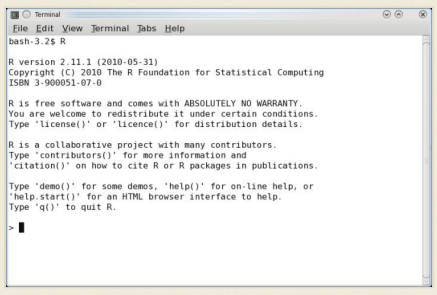
Following Latif Bhat's death, public concern over security increased, with speculation regarding potential reprisals or militant activities. Officials urged citizens to remain calm and cooperate with the police.

Without disclosing details of the information received, the police stated that they are committed to maintaining law and order and dismantling the remaining militia networks.

This declaration is a rare official indication that the active list of local militias has effectively been concluded, which could influence future security policies in the valley.

ENTERTAINMENT

A.R. Rahman Hails Fehim Abdullah as the Voice of Kashmir in TIME100



Renowned Indian film composer A.R. Rahman has honored Kashmiri lyricist Fehim Abdullah, highlighting the deep impact of his work on regional cultural identity. This appreciation was shared in the context of a special issue of TIME100, which recognizes influential personalities and stories from around the world.

In his remarks, Rahman described Abdullah's music as an "extension of Kashmir's soul," emphasizing how the lyricist's compositions reflect the emotional and spiritual essence of the valley. This praise from one of India's most respected composers underscores the significance of Abdullah's contribution to Indian music.

Fehim Abdullah is widely recognized for the depth of his lyrics and his ability to capture the subtle aspects of Kashmiri life and landscapes in his songs. This recognition in a global publication like TIME helps draw widespread attention to the region's rich musical heritage.

appreciation of music, where the universal language of rhythm bridges geographical and cultural differences, showcasing talented artists emerging from Jammu and Kashmir.

CRIME

Chhattisgarhi Citizen Held in Jammu on Allegations of Pakistani Connections



Jammu police officials confirmed that a person from Chhattisgarh was detained on suspicion of being connected to Pakistan. Based on intelligence reports, he was arrested after an investigation into possible foreign ties. Authorities have not yet released detailed information about the detainee’s identity or the allegations. The action is part of ongoing security measures to prevent cross-border infiltration. No formal charges have been filed and the case remains under investigation.

POLITICS

Warning of Strict Action Against Food Adulteration in J&K



Sakina Itoo, a senior official of the Jammu and Kashmir administration, has warned the public about the serious problem of food adulteration in the region. She emphasized the importance of ensuring the safety and quality of food products consumed by the public, stating that any individual or entity involved in food adulteration will face serious consequences. Itoo's statement reflects the commitment to protecting public health and maintaining standards in the food industry in Jammu and Kashmir.

AUTOMOBILE

New Traffic Police Advisory on Tanker Movement on Jammu-Srinagar Highway



The Jammu and Kashmir Traffic Police issued a new advisory today regarding tanker movement on the Jammu-Srinagar Highway. The directive applies to all tanker vehicles operating between the two cities and aims to enhance road safety and reduce congestion. Authorities have not yet disclosed the specific conditions or time limits of the restriction. The advisory was issued following recent concerns raised by heavy vehicle traffic. Motorists have been advised to adopt alternative routes or follow updated guidelines.

Jammu and Kashmir Government Announces Retirement of 66 Education Department Officials



The Jammu and Kashmir government has issued official notices for the retirement of 66 senior officials and teachers from the Education Department. The notices are being implemented under the department's service rules.

The retiring employees include departmental officers at various levels and teaching staff who have served the state's educational system for different durations. Their positions are planned to be filled through regular recruitment and promotion processes.

A spokesperson for the Education Department stated that this step is part of a regular staff reorganization aimed at ensuring a smooth transition and maintaining the department's efficiency. The notices do not mention individual names or timelines for replacements.

Teachers' unions and student groups have been informed of the changes and are awaiting clarity on how the vacancies will be addressed in the upcoming academic session.

FOOD

MMU Requests Inquiry into Insecure Food Supply Chain in Jammu and Kashmir



The Maharaja Yeshwanth College (MMU) has requested an inquiry into the safety of the food supply chain in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting potential health risks. This demand follows reports of contamination and irregularities in food distribution. State health authorities have acknowledged the issue and pledged to cooperate with the inquiry. The investigation aims to identify deficiencies in the supply chain and ensure compliance with food safety regulations.

Pakistani National Detained at Jammu Border



Indian security forces operating on the Jammu border have detained a Pakistani national, according to a report by Kashmir Life. The individual was apprehended at a border checkpoint, but no detailed information has yet been provided regarding the reasons for the detention or the circumstances involved. Authorities have not commented on the person's identity or any further legal action. The incident highlights the continued need for vigilance along the India-Pakistan border in the Jammu region. Statements from the relevant authorities are awaited for further details.

TECHNOLOGY

Jammu and Kashmir Police Warns of Dangerous Apps and Financial Fraud Risks



The Jammu and Kashmir Police has issued a warning urging citizens to avoid downloading unknown mobile apps. The advisory notes that certain apps steal personal information, particularly banking details, leading to financial fraud. Officials have advised installing apps only from official stores and verifying the authenticity of developers.

The police have warned against unsolicited messages or links, which often promise financial gains while deploying malicious code. Citizens are urged to immediately report such cases to the Cyber Crime Cell.

The warning, published by Kashmir Life, is described as part of the state's cyber-crime prevention plan, given the rise in online fraud in recent months. The police have pledged to block malicious apps and enhance cooperation with technology companies.

Citizens can help prevent large-scale financial scams by staying vigilant about personal data security and reporting incidents promptly.

Candidates Demand New FAA Exam After Fraud Scandal in Jammu



Hundreds of candidates in Jammu have protested, demanding a new Flight Aptitude Assessment (FAA) exam after a cheating racket was exposed. The protest followed the revelation of cheating during the recently conducted FAA examination. The protesters allege that the integrity of the examination process has been compromised and are demanding a fair and transparent re-evaluation for all candidates. They are calling on the concerned authorities to address their concerns and take immediate action to ensure a level playing field for all participants.

WEATHER

Temperatures Rise in Jammu and Kashmir; Srinagar Crosses Zero



The region had faced a severe cold wave with sub-zero temperatures for several consecutive days, causing inconvenience and disruptions to daily life.

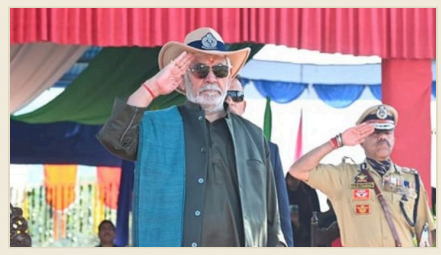
According to recent reports, temperatures in Jammu and Kashmir have now climbed above zero degrees, with Srinagar also recording temperatures above freezing. This marks the first clear change from the recent sub-zero period.

Local authorities have welcomed the shift, noting that milder weather reduces the demand for heating and lowers health risks associated with extreme cold. They are continuously monitoring the situation and advising citizens to remain vigilant.

According to forecasts from the Meteorological Department, this mild spell may be temporary, with temperatures likely to drop again in the coming days, requiring officials to stay alert.

JOBS & CAREER

74 New Officers Inducted into Jammu and Kashmir Police and Forest Security Forces at Udhampur Academy



A formal induction ceremony was held at Udhampur Academy, where 74 newly recruited officers were inducted into the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Forest Security Forces.

These officers will be posted in various districts, where they will participate in patrolling, forest conservation, and law and order operations.

Governor of Jammu and Kashmir urged the new officers to "carry forward the legacy of bravery" and demanded integrity and courage in public service.

This induction is a significant step towards strengthening the state's policing and forest security capabilities, preparing the new team to address regional security and environmental challenges.

RELIGION

105-Year-Old Kashmiri Shia Scholar Passes Away; Witnessed Six Rulers



A 105-year-old Shia scholar from Kashmir has died, bringing to an end a life journey that spanned from the final years of the Qajar dynasty to modern Iran and six Indian governments.

The scholar was known for his unwavering commitment to traditional Shia scholarship and witnessed a century of turmoil in the region, including political changes and social transformations. His longevity made him a living bridge between the past and the present for the Kashmiri Shia community.

According to local sources, the scholar was in good health until his sudden death. A large number of devotees and scholars attended his funeral, praising his dedication to religious education.

The Kashmir Observer reported that his death is a significant loss for the community, as he was regarded as the custodian of a century of theoretical knowledge.

His legacy is expected to inspire future scholars in the region.

Jammu and Kashmir Government Dismisses Two Food Department Employees in Narcotics Case



The Jammu and Kashmir government has taken strict action against two employees of the Food Department, dismissing them from their posts following their arrest in a narcotics case. The government highlighted its zero-tolerance policy towards drug-related activities while making the announcement. Specific details regarding the nature of the NDPS charges and the circumstances of their arrest have not yet been made public.

JOBS & CAREER

Jammu and Kashmir Government Promotes Six JKAS Officers



The Jammu and Kashmir state government has officially promoted six members of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS). In a statement released by the government, this step was described as a recognition of outstanding performance in service. No additional information was provided regarding the selection criteria, new ranks, or the officers' seniority. This decision is considered a positive step towards boosting the morale of JKAS personnel and strengthening efficient administration in the state. Officials stated that the promotions are part of the regular career progression process.

Jammu and Kashmir Bank Launches Project Hridayan for Children's Heart Diseases



Jammu and Kashmir Bank has announced Project Hridayan, an initiative designed to assist children afflicted with heart diseases. The bank stated that the scheme aims to alleviate the burden on affected families by combining financial and medical assistance. The launch was reported by Daily Excelsior, highlighting the bank's commitment to social responsibility.

Detailed operational procedures have not yet been made public, but this step reflects a trend of financial institutions increasing their contributions to the healthcare sector. Through this initiative, the bank hopes to help bridge the gap in pediatric heart disease treatment in Jammu and Kashmir, providing lasting support to children in need and their families.

SARKARI YOJANA

J&K Government Grants Allowance to PG Students and Senior Residents During Maternity and Paternity Leave



The Jammu and Kashmir government has announced that postgraduate (PG) students and senior residents will receive an allowance during maternity and paternity leave.

provide financial assistance to students and residents taking leave for family responsibilities.

The policy applies to all PG students and senior residents in the state, ensuring that their academic and professional progress is not affected despite the leave.

Through this allowance, the government aims to promote gender equality and encourage more students to pursue higher education.

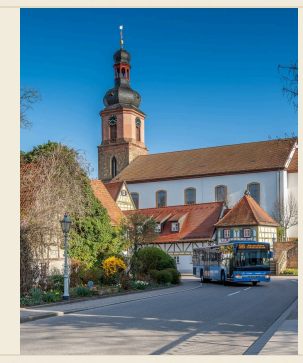
POLITICS

J&K Government Makes Changes in Economic and Statistics Service



The Jammu and Kashmir government has carried out a significant reorganization in the Economic and Statistics Service. The changes include the transfer of several officers to various positions within the service. The government stated that these transfers are intended to enhance the service's efficiency and effectiveness to ensure it fulfills its responsibilities. Specific details regarding the transfers, including the names of the officers involved and their new posts, have not yet been released to the public.

School Bus Collides with Electric Pole in Central Kashmir, Several Injured



A school bus traveling in central Kashmir collided with an electric pole, causing the bus to stop and several children to be injured. Witnesses reported that the bus lost control and hit the pole, which also disrupted electricity in the area.

Emergency services, including police and ambulances, arrived at the scene immediately. Injured students were taken to the nearest hospital, while the driver and assistant staff were questioned by the police.

Local authorities have initiated an investigation into the causes of the accident and indicated a review of road safety measures. The incident has heightened concerns among parents and school administrations regarding the safety of school transportation in the region.

Police have advised travelers to exercise caution, especially on mountainous routes during bad weather, and stated that further information will be provided once the investigation results are available.