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CRIME

Security Alert Issued After Encounter in Kulgam, One Body Recovered





This is a bad news coming from Jammu and Kashmir. An encounter was carried out by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Kulgam, Jammu and Kashmir today. After the encounter, a dead body has been recovered from the site.

Following this incident, security forces have launched a search operation throughout the district. Armed personnel have established control at various points to check for potential threats and have appealed to the public to remain vigilant.

The local administration stated that a forensic investigation is underway to identify the deceased and further action will be taken once complete information is available. The public has been instructed to avoid unnecessary travel and follow police instructions.

— Ankit Parihar

Magnitude 5.1 earthquake strikes Afghanistan; tremors felt in Jammu and Kashmir

A magnitude 5.1 earthquake struck Afghanistan, registering on the Richter scale. Regional monitoring centers recorded the seismic event. Residents in parts of Jammu and Kashmir felt the tremors, but no reports of damage or casualties have been received so far.

Jammu DM bans inter-district transport of bovine animals without permission

The District Magistrate (DM) of Jammu has issued an official directive banning the inter-district transport of bovine animals without explicit permission. The order, issued through the district administration, applies to the transport of all types of cows, buffaloes, and other bovine animals. The D

TECHNOLOGY

LG Manoj Sinha: AI will bring speed, but direction must remain human



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha shared his perspective on the use of artificial intelligence (AI). He noted that AI can significantly accelerate data processing, decision-making, and service delivery across various sectors.

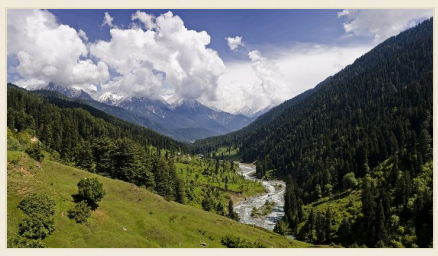
However, he warned that without clear human direction, AI's rapid capabilities could lead to incorrect outcomes. Policymakers, technical experts, and administrators need to establish ethical frameworks and strategic goals before implementing AI.

Sinha stated that AI should be a complement to, not a replacement for, human decision-making, particularly in the areas of governance, public welfare, and security. He called for training programs to equip officials with the necessary skills to oversee AI-based initiatives.

These remarks come amid rapidly advancing efforts under India's National AI Strategy, which focuses on economic development while also addressing issues such as bias, privacy, and accountability.

CRIME

Property worth ₹13.05 crore seized in North Kashmir under NDPS Act



Law enforcement officials in South Kashmir have seized significant property in a strict crackdown against drug-related financial assets under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The move aims to curb the financial gains from illegal drug trafficking in the region.

According to official reports, the seized assets include a private residence and 17 kanals of agricultural land. The total estimated value of these properties is ₹13.05 crore. This seizure is part of the legal process to recover proceeds generated from drug crimes.

The NDPS Act contains specific provisions for the seizure and attachment of property linked to drug trafficking to prevent money laundering. By attaching these assets, the police are attempting to dismantle the economic infrastructure of the drug trade in the area.

This action reflects the security forces' ongoing efforts to reduce the influence of drug networks in the Kashmir Valley. The attached property will now undergo further legal proceedings for its final disposal under the law.

CRIME

Five charged in international work visa fraud case in Jammu



A charge sheet has been filed against five individuals involved in an international work visa fraud racket exposed in Jammu, as reported by Kashmir Life. The document cites the accused's involvement in filing fake visa applications for foreign employment.

According to the investigation, the scheme collected fees from Indian job seekers by promising them valid visas and providing false information in the documents. The racket operated across several states, but the primary arrests were made in Jammu following a coordinated police operation.

The accused have been produced before a local court and will face charges under the Indian Penal Code and the Foreign Exchange Management Act. Police stated that the investigation is ongoing and further arrests are possible.

RELIGION

Dr. Karan Singh donates ancient rudraksha seat to Ranbireshwar Temple



Dr. Karan Singh and his family recently made a significant contribution to the Ranbireshwar Temple. They presented temple officials with a rare and ancient rudraksha seat. In Hinduism, the rudraksha seat is a revered religious object of spiritual significance. The donation was made as a gesture of devotion and respect for the temple and its historical importance.

DEFENCE

CRPF Chief Reviews Security Setup After Attack in Kulgam



The Inspector General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) visited Kulgam district in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday following an attack. He met with regional officials and reviewed the intensified counter-terrorism operations in the area. The CRPF chief also visited the site of the attack and later went to the Army Hospital in Srinagar, where an injured jawan is receiving treatment.

POLITICS

BJP Leader Blasts J&K Police Over Police Officer Deaths in Kishtwar Terror Attack



Political tensions have risen following a recent terror attack in Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir, in which several police personnel lost their lives. The incident has sparked intense political debate regarding the preparedness and response of security agencies.

A senior BJP leader publicly criticized the Jammu and Kashmir Police, expressing dissatisfaction with the management of the security situation. The core of his criticism was the loss of law enforcement officers' lives, with the leader questioning the effectiveness of the security protocols in place in the region.

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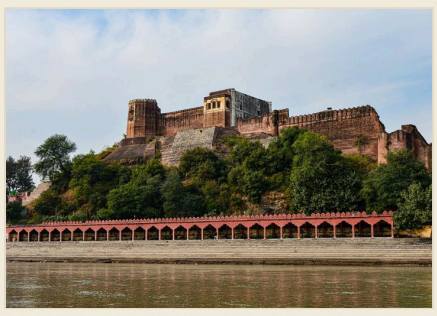
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LOCAL

J&K Police Organizes 'Run for Unity' in Jammu on Unity Day



Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir – On the occasion of Unity Day, the J&K Police organized a 'Run for Unity' in the city center, inviting residents, students, and local officials to participate. The event started from the police headquarters and continued along a short route on major roads, providing participants with an opportunity to interact and experience the police's public outreach initiative.

Police officials stated that the aim of the run was to send a message of national unity and to build trust between the police and the public. Senior officers said that such initiatives help reduce social gaps and foster a sense of shared responsibility for peace.

Spectators lining the route enthusiastically cheered the participants, reflecting the city's desire for unity. Organizers said the positive response indicates that people are ready to actively participate in community activities.

At the end of the run, a small cultural program was held by local artists, highlighting Jammu's cultural diversity and the people's shared aspirations.

Officials are planning to repeat similar community events in the future to sustain the wave of unity in the region.

Questions Raised Over Volvo SUV After-Sales Service in J&K



An inquiry has been launched into Volvo SUV after-sales service in Jammu and Kashmir due to customer complaints. The prominent regional newspaper, The Daily Expressor, has reported on the growing dissatisfaction among car owners in the region. No information has yet been released regarding the specific nature of the complaints or the ongoing inquiry.

CRIME

Police Officer Injured in Accidental Firing of Service Rifle in Anantnag



A police officer in Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir, was injured when his service rifle accidentally discharged. According to reports, the officer was injured when his weapon fired unexpectedly.

The local administration has taken note of the incident, and the injured police officer has been admitted to a nearby hospital for treatment. The police department is likely to investigate the exact circumstances of the accidental firing.

The incident highlights the risks associated with the handling of service weapons by personnel responsible for maintaining law and order in the region. No further information is immediately available regarding the severity of the injuries or the officer's unit.

DEFENCE

Congress Accuses Army Over Deaths in Kashmir, BJP Refutes



Following the deaths of two special police officers in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir, the Congress party has called for a thorough investigation. Congress alleges that the officers were killed due to the negligence of military personnel engaged in an anti-militancy operation. The party has urged that justice be delivered to the families of the deceased SPOs. The BJP, however, has rejected these allegations, describing them as baseless attempts to tarnish the image of the security forces.

Two-way traffic resumes on Jammu-Srinagar Highway



The Jammu-Srinagar Highway, a vital link for the movement of people and goods in Jammu and Kashmir, has reopened for two-way traffic. The highway had been closed for some time due to repairs and weather conditions, causing disruptions to supply chains and the transport of essential goods. The reopening is expected to provide relief to residents and businesses in the region, facilitating the flow of essential supplies and reducing travel hurdles.

POLITICS

Mir demands restoration of statehood and local elections



Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has reiterated his demand for the restoration of statehood in the region. He has also called for the immediate holding of Urban Local Body (ULB) elections in the Union Territory. Abdullah made these remarks during a recent public speech, emphasizing the importance of democratic processes and local governance in the area. He argued that the current situation, where Jammu and Kashmir is administered as a Union Territory, deprives people of the right to self-determination and representation.

POLITICS

BTSM delegation hands over memorandum to Khan



A delegation from the BTSM organization recently met with Khan to formally present its demands. The nature of these demands is not specified in the headline. The meeting was part of a sustained effort by BTSM to advocate for its interests and draw attention to its concerns. More details regarding the specific content of the memorandum and Khan's response are expected to emerge in subsequent reports.

Jammu and Kashmir CM: Youth unemployment is the state's biggest concern



The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has expressed concern over the issue of unemployment prevalent among the state's youth. In a recent statement, the Chief Minister identified the lack of jobs as the biggest problem for the region's young people.

Taking into account the state's demographic realities, the Chief Minister argued that the absence of adequate employment opportunities is a serious challenge that requires immediate government attention. These comments indicate growing pressure on the administration to formulate effective policies to engage the workforce.

By declaring unemployment a key issue, state leadership has signaled a focus on economic development and industrial growth. The aim is to create a sustainable environment where young people can find stable careers within the state, thereby reducing the need for migration.

This situation in Jammu and Kashmir highlights the region's socio-economic challenges, particularly in the context of post-conflict reconstruction and economic integration.

LOCAL

Teenager injured in bear attack in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir



According to local sources, a bear attacked a teenager on the edge of the forested area in Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir. The young man sustained several injuries, prompting an immediate call for help. Rescue teams and Forest Department officials reached the scene within hours and took the injured teenager to the nearest hospital. Doctors stated that the injuries are not life-threatening but require monitoring for suturing and infection prevention. The Forest Department has initiated an investigation into the incident and has warned the public to avoid entering the forest alone during early morning and evening hours, as wildlife is more active during these times. The department is also reviewing recent bear sightings to prevent such encounters in the future.

J&K government grants Old Pension Scheme benefits to 33 employees



The Jammu and Kashmir government announced that 33 government employees will receive benefits under the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). According to a report by Kashmir Life, this move will grant pension rights to employees who were not covered under the new pension reforms.

Eligible employees under the OPS will receive a fixed pension based on their last drawn salary and years of service, fulfilling the long-standing demand of several senior officials. The decision is seen as a step towards alleviating employees' long-term concerns regarding administrative security.

The announcement did not mention the specific departments of the 33 employees or the selection criteria, but officials stated that the selection was made in accordance with existing government guidelines. Implementation is expected to begin soon, with orders to be issued to the relevant departments.

Stakeholders have welcomed the move, viewing it as a step towards equal treatment for employees who retired before the new pension system. No clear indication has been given regarding the possibility of extending OPS benefits to additional employees in the future.

CRIME

2,000 kg of rotten buffalo meat seized from Delhi parcel trains in Kashmir



On Thursday, customs officials seized 2,000 kg of rotten buffalo meat that had arrived in Kashmir via Delhi parcel trains.

The meat was found to be in a spoiled condition and was declared unfit for consumption.

Officials cited violations of food safety regulations and health risks to consumers.

This seizure reflects efforts to prevent the illegal distribution of low-quality food items across state borders.

MIET and FICCI FLO organize JK Startup Conclave 2026



The Jammu and Kashmir Startup Conclave 2026 was recently organized jointly by the prestigious Maharaja Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry Ladies Organization (FICCI FLO). The event aimed to promote collaboration and innovation in the emerging startup landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. The conclave likely featured opportunities for discussions, workshops, and networking for entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers. It served as a platform to showcase the startup potential in the region and attract investment and support for their growth.

J&K Congress chief demands full investigation into SPO murder



The murder of a senior police officer (SPO) in Jammu and Kashmir has triggered demands for a comprehensive inquiry. The incident has heightened security concerns in the region, where police officers frequently face threats. The Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief publicly stated that the investigation must be complete and transparent, urging officials to take all possible measures. He said that a swift and impartial investigation is essential to restore public trust and ensure accountability. Police have confirmed that the case has been registered and investigative teams have been deployed, but no further information has been released at this time.

Gulmarg becomes coldest spot in J&K with -2.5°C



Gulmarg, the famous hill station in Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a night temperature of -2.5°C, the lowest temperature recorded in the state in recent weeks, according to the Jammu and Kashmir Meteorological Department.

This drop makes the area the coldest spot in the region. The temperature is significantly lower than Gulmarg's usual night temperatures, which typically remain above zero degrees in winter. Meteorologists are describing this intense cold as a sudden cold wave affecting the high-altitude areas of the Himalayas.

Local tourism agencies have warned that this sudden cold could affect skiing activities and road conditions, and have advised travelers to wear warm clothing and exercise caution on icy roads.

J&K LG and CM attend Cluster University convocation in Jammu

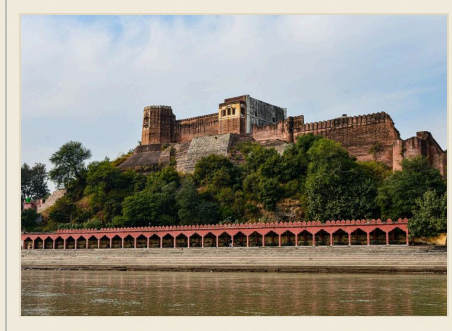


The Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir attended the convocation ceremony organized by Cluster University in Jammu. The event marked a significant academic milestone for the institution, with top state officials witnessing the conferral of degrees on graduates.

The joint presence of the LG and CM highlighted the state government's focus on the development of higher education infrastructure in the region. The convocation served as a formal occasion to recognize the academic achievements of the university's students.

However, initial reports did not provide detailed information on the number of graduates or specific awards, but the joint attendance of the state's key executive and constitutional heads underscored the significance of the event for the local academic community.

Jammu Police Disrupt Cheating Ring in JKSSB Exam, 14 Arrested



Jammu police recently exposed an organized cheating network targeting the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) recruitment examination. Officers conducted a raid at a location where suspects were preparing to use electronic assistance during the exam, thereby thwarting the scheme.

In the investigation, 14 individuals were taken into custody, found in possession of smartphones, smartwatches, and memory sticks that could have been used to transmit answers in real time. The seized items are undergoing further examination to determine any link to a larger cheating syndicate.

JKSSB conducts competitive examinations for various government posts, and any form of malpractice undermines the fairness of the selection process. Officials have stated that strict legal action will be taken against such acts.

Police have registered formal FIRs against all the arrested and handed the case over to the Cyber Crime Branch for further investigation. The inquiry continues to identify any additional accomplices.