

**Truck loaded with firewood seized in Kathua**

**KATHUA, APR 4:**  
In a continuous drive against the illegal smuggling of firewood from the border area, a Joint team of Forest Protection Force Gamma Unit J-3, Kathua and Forest (Cont. on P-8)

**Govt sets up Tribunals for adjudicating ban imposed on 2 Kashmir groups**

**NEW DELHI, APR 4:**  
The Centre has constituted two separate tribunals, both consisting of Delhi High Court judge Sachin Datta, for adjudicating whether there is sufficient ground in declaring two Jammu and Kashmir-based organisations as banned groups. Awami (Cont. on P-8)

**With Waqf Bill passage, RSS-BJP regime reaffirmed anti-Muslim intent: Ruhullah**

**SRINAGAR, APR 4:**  
National Conference Lok Sabha MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi on Friday said the BJP has no moral or political right to speak for Muslims, and by passing the Waqf Bill, the RSS-BJP regime has reaffirmed its "anti-Muslim, anti-minority intent". "Today, India has moved into a dark era of (Cont. on P-8)

**Rise in incidents of Hindu temples being defaced with anti-India graffiti in US: MEA**

**NEW DELHI, APR 4:**  
The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday said there has been a rise in the number of instances of the Hindu temples being (Cont. on P-8)

**Parliament's nod to Waqf Bill highlight as Budget Session ends with over 100 per cent productivity**

**NEW DELHI, APR 4:**  
Parliament's nod to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill rendering it the government's most consequential piece of legislation in its third term, (Cont. on P-8)

**Widely abused neurological drug formulations worth over Rs 5 cr seized in Punjab in 2024**

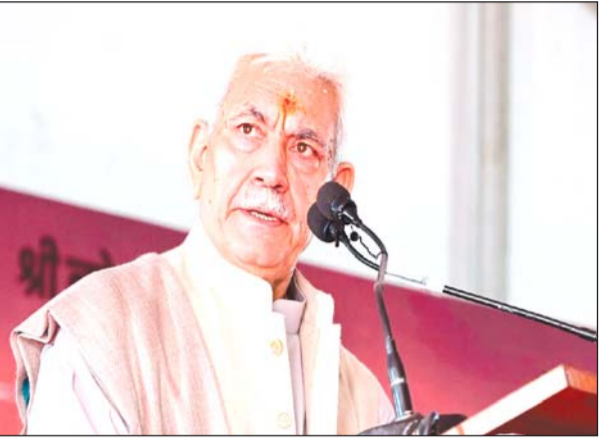
**NEW DELHI, APR 4:**  
The Food and Drugs Administration of Punjab Government last year seized drug formulations containing pregabalin worth Rs 5.97 crore from 72 premises, Union Health Minister J P Nadda told the Lok Sabha on Friday. Pregabalin is a widely abused neurological drug. The drug is used to treat epilepsy but some people use it for recreational purposes. (Cont. on P-8)

**Congress, AIMIM leaders move SC against Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025**

**NEW DELHI, APR 4:**  
Congress MP Mohammad Jawed and AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Friday challenged the validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the Supreme Court, saying it violated the constitutional provisions. Jawed's plea alleged the bill imposed "arbitrary restrictions" on Waqf properties and their management, undermining the religious autonomy of the Muslim community. (Cont. on P-8)

**'I know my limits, will never cross them': LG Sinha defends transferring J-K Officials**

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU SRINAGAR, APR 4:**  
Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday defended his recent order of transferring 48 Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officials, saying he knows his limits and would never cross them. Sinha made the remarks at an event in Delhi on a day Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chaired a legislature party meeting here of his National Conference and its allies, including the Congress.



Delhi event, the Lt Governor is heard saying, "I would like to make it clear that the J&K Reorganisation Act was passed by the Parliament in 2019. And I am saying with great responsibility that I have not done anything outside this Act. I am well within my domain and I will never do anything outside of that. I know my limits and I will never cross those limits," he says in the clip, which has been widely circulated on social media. Amid differences with the Raj Bhavan over transfer of

state officials, MLAs from the ruling NC-led alliance in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday stressed the need for

► **Ruling MLAs call for respecting people's mandate: say 'our silence not weakness'**  
► **Omar deliberately creating situation of confrontation with LG to divert attention, says Chugh**  
► **Sunil defends LG's move to transfer 48 officers, calls it routine**

all to respect people's mandate, asserting "our silence" should not be construed as weakness. "We are repeatedly saying this and this is our final request that do not push us to the wall," National Conference chief (Cont. on P-8)

**Shah hails Parliament's approval for Waqf Amendment Bill, says it ends years of injustice**

**NEW DELHI, APR 4:**  
Parliament's approval for the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 ends years of injustice and corruption, ushering in an era of justice and equality, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said. Shah's comments (Cont. on P-8)

**Six injured in road accident on Srinagar-Jammu Highway**

**SRINAGAR, APR 4:**  
At least six people were injured in a road accident on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway near the Mirbazar area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Friday. Officials said a vehicle lost control near (Cont. on P-8)

**PM Modi raised with Yunus India's concerns over safety of Minorities in Bangladesh**

**BANGKOK, APR 4:**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his meeting with Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Friday underlined India's concerns over the safety of minorities, including Hindus, and conveyed the expectation that the Bangladeshi government would ensure their security, including by thoroughly investigating cases of atrocities against them. The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Summit meeting of the leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Cooperation (Cont. on P-8)

**Dr Jitendra launches indigenous 'Trainer Aircraft' technology, private sector to collaborate**

**NEW DELHI, APR 4:**  
Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today officially launched indigenous "Trainer Aircraft" technology for Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL) and also announced the decision to involve the private sector to collaborate in the manufacture of this aircraft. At a ceremony held at National Media Centre here, the Minister formalised the Transfer of Technology (ToT) of CSIR's indigenously designed and developed HANSA-3(NG) trainer aircraft for Commercial Pilot Licensing (Cont. on P-8)

**Omar Abdullah govt has surrendered before New Delhi: Mehbooba Mufti**

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU SRINAGAR, APR 4:**  
Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday lashed out at the ruling National Conference (NC), saying it was focusing on who between them and the Lieutenant-Governor is empowered to transfer officials rather than taking a stand on issues that really (Cont. on P-9)



**Rs 6,166 cr spent on J&K Smart City projects, 288 completed, 23 ongoing**

**SRINAGAR, APR 4:**  
The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs informed the Lok Sabha that 288 smart city projects have been completed in Jammu and Kashmir, while 23 projects are still ongoing. The data, accessed was presented by Minister of State, Tokhan Sahu in response to a question regarding the Smart (Cont. on P-9)

**J&K Govt, BISAG-N explore tech collaborations to establish Centre of Excellence in emerging technologies**

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, APR 4:**  
In a major push towards harnessing the emerging technologies for governance and development, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high level meeting to deliberate on collaboration with the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N) for establishing a Centre of (Cont. on P-9)



Excellence in the Union Territory. The meeting was graced by Director General, BISAG-N, T.P. Singh and Special Director General, (Cont. on P-9)

**Five JK startups showcase innovation at Startup Mahakumbh 2.0**



**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, APR 4:**  
Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) marked a significant presence at Startup Mahakumbh 2.0, India's largest startup platform by showcasing five promising startups from J&K. These startups demonstrated the innovative solutions, thereby taking the Startups from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to the national stage. The five startups representing Jammu & Kashmir at the event are CLMRAT India Pvt. Ltd., GR8 Sports Pvt. Ltd. Studio Agama, BISA Pvt (Cont. on P-9)

**Over 10 kanals of land attached under UAPA in Ramban**

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, APR 4:**  
Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday attached agricultural land measuring 10.18 kanals in Ramban district under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, an official said. The attached properties, registered in the name of Mohd Sharief of Dalwah-Gool and Mohd Younis of Hara-Gool, are linked to an FIR filed last year, he said. Earlier in February, (Cont. on P-9)

police had attached 23.13 kanals of land belonging to five Hizbul Mujahideen operatives -- Saraj Din (48) of Sangaldan, Reyaz Ahmed (45) of Dalwah, Farooq Ahmed (46) of Banj Bhimdassa, and Mohd Ashraf (50) and Mushtaq Ahmed (47) of Moila -- in connection with the same case. All of them are said to have crossed over to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) a few decades ago and (Cont. on P-9)

**NC focused on power to transfer officers instead of statehood restoration: Para**

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU SRINAGAR, APR 4:**  
People's Democratic Party leader Waheed Para on Friday criticised the ruling National Conference, saying the party was focusing on powers to transfer officers instead of resisting the changes enforced post August 2019. On August 5, 2019, the Union government had scrapped Article 370, which granted special powers to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. "A party in Jammu and Kashmir (Cont. on P-9)

that once appointed its own Sadr-e-Riyasat (Head of State) and Prime Minister is now fighting over Tehsildar appointments, not rights. Goalposts aren't just shifting, they've hit rock bottom. Fifty MLAs unite, not for resisting August 5, but for KAS transfers. Focus on symptoms only, not on August 5?" Para wrote on microblogging site X. He was referring to the legislative party meeting conducted by the National Conference and its alliance partners on Friday, in the backdrop of Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha ordering the transfer and posting of 48 officers of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service. The Pulwama MLA accused the National Conference of surrendering and normalising the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status. "You started by surrendering and normalising August 5, expecting them to facilitate you because you facilitated them. If only you had taken a (Cont. on P-9)

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