

## J&K a living tapestry of culture and spirituality: Rajni sethi

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**JAMMU, JUL 25:**

Jammu and Kashmir, often called the Crown of India, is a land of immense cultural, religious, and geographical diversity. This region is known not just for its breathtaking landscapes and snow-clad mountains, but also for its vibrant traditions, rich heritage, and deeply spiritual roots. People from various castes, communities, and religions coexist peacefully here, contributing to a beautiful mosaic of unity in diversity. Both Jammu and Kashmir divisions are dotted with tourist destinations that attract millions of visitors from across India and abroad. While Kashmir is known for its valleys, gardens, and lakes, Jammu holds an equally significant place in spiritual tourism, being revered as the City of Temples. Temples like Raghunath Mandir,

Ranbireswar Mandir, and Mata Vaishno Devi shrine are central to the spiritual identity of the region.

Currently, the sacred Amarnath Yatra is underway, bringing a spiritual wave across Jammu and Kashmir. This annual pilgrimage sees lakhs of devotees making their way to the holy Amarnath cave in the Himalayas, reinforcing the spiritual character and religious harmony of the Union Territory.

In this spiritually vibrant environment, a new initiative has taken shape in Jammu—the Tawi Aarti, held every evening on the banks of the revered Tawi River. Recently inaugurated, the Tawi Aarti has quickly become a powerful spiritual and cultural symbol. It is held daily at 7 PM near the fourth Tawi bridge and has already started attracting thousands of devotees, pilgrims, and



tourists. The river Tawi is not just a geographical entity; it holds deep mythological and spiritual significance. Often referred to as Suryaputri, or the Daughter of the Sun, Tawi is sacred to the people of the region. Performing Aarti on its banks is both a mark of devotion and a celebration of Jammu's spiritual essence. The decision to hold the Tawi Aarti regularly is a historic and commendable step. It symbolizes the revival of traditional values

and the promotion of Jammu's cultural and religious identity. It has added a new spiritual dimension to the city, making it a must-visit location for devotees and tourists alike. Especially during the Amarnath Yatra season, the Tawi Aarti is seen as a spiritual extension of the pilgrimage, allowing pilgrims to experience divine vibes even before reaching the cave shrine.

More than just a religious ritual, the Tawi Aarti is a cultural movement. It connects the younger generation with the age-old traditions of the Dogra community and promotes pride in our rich heritage. In a fast-changing world, such initiatives serve as reminders of our glorious past and encourage the youth to stay rooted in their culture and values. The participation of local people, administration, and religious leaders in organizing and promoting

the Tawi Aarti reflects a collective effort to elevate Jammu's profile as a spiritual and cultural destination. This initiative has not only enhanced the religious tourism potential of the region but has also strengthened the spiritual atmosphere during the Amarnath Yatra.

I request all the people of Jammu to wholeheartedly join the Tawi Aarti and become part of this divine initiative. Let us come together to reconnect with our cultural and spiritual roots, celebrate our sacred river, and promote unity, faith, and tradition. Y

our presence will make it more meaningful. In conclusion, the Tawi Aarti is more than a daily ritual—it is a proud expression of Dogra identity, a beacon of spiritual revival, and a step toward preserving and promoting Jammu's rich traditions for generations to come.

## MLA Marh Surinder Kumar visits Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar

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MLA Marh Surinder Kumar paid a visit to Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar, where the Vishva Hindu Parishad had organized a langar (community kitchen) for Amarnath Yatra pilgrims. During his visit, Kumar had the privilege of serving the pilgrims and inspecting the arrangements made for their comfort and well-being.

Kumar's visit highlighted the importance of selfless service to the pilgrims undertaking the sacred Amarnath Yatra. The langar, organized by the Vishva Hindu Parishad, provided an opportunity for the pilgrims to rest and rejuvenate during their journey. During his visit,



Kumar inspected the arrangements made for the pilgrims, ensuring that they were comfortable and well-cared for. He appreciated the efforts of the Vishva Hindu Parishad in providing this essential service to the pilgrims. Kumar's visit demonstrated his com-

mitment to the welfare of the pilgrims and his dedication to ensuring that they have a safe and comfortable journey. The event showcased the spirit of community service and the importance of coming together to support those undertaking the sacred pilgrimage.

## Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu busts duplicate Paneer syndicate

*Eight quintals of Paneer recovered while three detained*

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In act alertness and to safeguard the general public from consuming duplicate cheese (Paneer) Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu Jammu did a tremendous job by recovering around 800 kg of duplicate Cheese from a bus which was on its way from Delhi to Katra. Information received through reliable sources at Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu Jammu to the effect that one person namely Abdul Ahad S/O Abdul Khaliq R/O Loran

Kharpa Poonch who is driver of a Bus bearing Registration Number AP-20B 0888 who was detained at Naka point Bravo 03 by active police Party of Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu where two other Auto driver namely Arif Hussain S/O Rashid Ahmed R/O Malik Market driver of Auto bearing registration no. JK02DG 1890 and Mysir Bhat S/O Mohd Sharief Bhat R/O Magam Kokernag Anantnag driver of Auto bearing registration Number JK02CN 2757 were unload-

ing the same for distribution among different dairy store of Jammu city. Upon questioning it came out that thus consignment belongs to Mohd Iqbal S/O Bashir Ahmed r/o Takiya Kokernag and Manzoor Ahmad Sardan S/O Mehboob Ahmed Sardan R/O Kokernag A/P Bus Stand Jammu. Food security department have also been informed and sampling done. Further investigation into the matter is going on. General public appreciated this swift action of police.

## IHRO secures exam relaxation for paramedical students in J&K

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In a landmark achievement for student rights, the International Human Rights Organization (IHRO) has successfully secured examination relaxation for paramedical students across Jammu and Kashmir. This long-awaited relief addresses academic stress and institutional delays, especially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The breakthrough comes after persistent advocacy led by Adv. Pardeepak Singh Chib, State Chairman, IHRO J&K UT, and coordinated by Mr. Shubham Langer, State

Youth President, and Mr. Akash Bhagat, Jammu Province Youth President. The IHRO team submitted formal representations, held consultations with key authorities, and highlighted the urgent need for student-friendly examination policies. Adv. Pardeepak Singh Chib, State Chairman, IHRO J&K UT: "IHRO will always raise its voice for the voiceless. Education is a fundamental right, and we will continue to monitor and support fair practices throughout the UT." Shubham Langer, State Youth President: "We stand with every student who feels unheard. This victory

marks the beginning of several youth-centric interventions we aim to lead."

Akash Bhagat, Jammu Province Youth President: "Our commitment to the youth is unwavering. No student should be made to suffer due to administrative hurdles or outdated policies."

"IHRO invites individuals across Jammu and Kashmir to come forward with any human rights grievance, including issues related to education, employment, public services, social justice. The organization provides free assistance, legal guidance, and representation to those in need.

## ABVP stages protest against arbitrary fee hike, demands immediate rollback

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Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Central University of Jammu unit today organized a massive protest at university, demanding the immediate rollback of the recently announced hostel lodging fee hike. Students from various hostels today stages an hours-long dharna demanding affordable and accessible education to all. ABVP condemned the administration's decision of steep and arbitrary increase in hostel fees for both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The fee, which has been increased from ₹8000 to ₹12000 and now to ₹18000 over the last few years, has created financial burden on students coming from diverse backgrounds across the nation. ABVP raises the concern that students from rural, economically weaker and socially marginalized backgrounds are disproportionately affected by the fee increase. Many are already dependent on scholarships. ABVP argued that it is a violation of Public University mandate, as a central university is funded by the Government of India, the institution has an obligation to ensure affordable higher education for all. The fee hike directly contradicts the vision of an inclusive and equitable education system.

The protest began with a march from the Aryabhata Block to the newly construct-



ed administrative building, with students holding placards, banners and raising slogans demanding "Fee Hike Wapas Lo". ABVP also organized a sit-in outside the administrative block, calling for immediate redressal of student grievances.

ABVP Unit Secretary, Abhishek Choudhary while addressing the gathering, stated "Education is not a privilege, it is a right. At a time when the government is advocating for Digital India, Skill India and New Education Policy, such fee hikes are a betrayal of the promise of equitable access to education. The Central University of Jammu is not a private institute; it has a responsibility to serve the public interest."

He also added that "We are not opposing development or improvement in facilities. But students cannot be the ones paying the price for administrative inefficiency or budget-

ary mismanagement. We demand transparency in financial planning and inclusion of students in all fee-related discussions"

"We are committed to the welfare of students and the cause of education. If our voices are not heard through peaceful means, we will explore every democratic option available to us," said by another protesting student. The protest ended peacefully after the assurance from Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor that we will not increase the fee and hostel will be allotted on the criteria basis. He said that student's interest will be our first priority and we will work for the betterment of academics and university facilities. ABVP reaffirmed that it remains steadfast in its mission to safeguard student interests and will continue to stand against policies that burden students financially or compromise the accessibility of education.

## GCEJ celebrates Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary with poster making competition

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To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a key figure in India's struggle for independence and the architect of a unified India, Government College for Education, Jammu, organised a vibrant celebration yesterday. The event featured poster-making competition with the theme "Life and teachings of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel." The competition was designed to pay tribute to Sardar Patel's vision of a united India and to inspire students to reflect on his contributions to the nation's history. The event was a resounding success, with about 20 students showcasing their artistic talents and creativity via their posters.

Khushi Sharma from M.Ed sem 4th emerged as the winner, Mansi Rajput from B.Ed sem 3rd secured the second position, while Yogita Sharma from B.Ed sem 3rd came third. Prof. Sarita Dogra judged the competition, evaluating the submissions based on creativity and technique. The winners were felicitated with cash prizes, recognizing their artistic talents and achievements.

The Principal of Government College for Education, Jammu, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, applauded the efforts of the NSS Programme Officer (NSSPO) Dr. Shubhra Jamwal for organising the event. She encouraged the students to draw inspiration from Sardar Patel's life and legacy, emphasising the

importance of unity, integrity, and dedication to the nation.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, affectionately known as the "Iron Man of India," played a pivotal role in India's struggle for independence and subsequently in the integration of the princely states into the Indian Union. His vision of a strong, unified India continues to inspire generations of Indians. NSS's initiative to organize such competitions is a testament to the college's commitment to fostering creativity, patriotism, and a deeper understanding of India's rich history among its students. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners, and the principal congratulated all participants for their outstanding work.

## Two bovine smuggling attempts foiled, 12 bovines rescued, 02 accused arrested

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During routine checking at PCP Battal, a Bolero Load Carrier (HP38C-2245) coming from Mansar side was abandoned by its driver before reaching the Naka point. Upon checking, 06 bovine animals (03 cows, 03 bulls) were found tied cruelly without food or water, being smuggled towards Kashmir. FIR No. 61/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act was registered at PS Majalta. Based on reliable information, Mahindra Pickup (JK19/9700) was intercepted near Gau Karan area, Sudhmahadev. Driver Abrar Ahmed (Reasi) and co-passenger Basrat Ahmed (Anantnag) were found illegally transporting 06 bovines in inhumane conditions without valid permission. Both were arrested on spot. FIR No. 69/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act was registered at PS Chenani. Investigation is ongoing.

## Missing person from Punjab reunited with family by Khour Police

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**KHOUR, JUL 25:**

An unidentified individual, appearing to be mentally unstable, was found wandering aimlessly in the Khour market area. Observing his condition and inability to communicate clearly, concerned locals brought the individual to Police Station Khour. Upon inquiry and with considerable effort, the police team managed to establish contact with the individual's family. He was identified as Naresh Kumar, son of Hans Raj, resident of Nagodar, Jalandhar (Punjab). It was revealed that he had been reported missing from his home in Punjab. Subsequently, his family members arrived at Police Station Khour. After thorough verification and proper identification, Naresh Kumar was safely handed over to his family. The family expressed deep gratitude to the Khour Police for their timely assistance and compassionate handling of the case.

## ACB traps & arrests Patwari demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 40,000

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Jammu & Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau, received a complaint alleging therein that the complainant want to register his name on ancestral land after the death of his father. In this regard, complainant applied for registration of virasati intiqal on ancestral land and the concerned Patwari namely Ashok Kumar has demanded bribe of ₹50,000 for registration of Virasati Intiqal and after negotiation, he agreed on ₹40,000. Since the complainant didn't want to pay bribe and he approached ACB for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law. On receipt of complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirms the demand of bribe by the public servant concerned. Accordingly, case FIR No.04/2025 U/S 7 of PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) against accused public servant was registered at PS ACB Doda and investigation taken-up. During the course of investigation, a trap team headed by Gazetted Rank Officer was constituted. The team laid a successful trap and accused Patwari was caught red handed while demanding and accepting of bribe ₹40,000 from the complainant in presence of independent witnesses. The accused Patwari was arrested on spot by the ACB team after following the due procedure of law. The bribe money was also recovered in presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team. Further investigation of the instant case is going on.

## Two vehicles transporting illegally felled Khair wood seized

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In a significant crackdown on illegal timber smuggling, police teams from Gharota and Chowki Choura, in coordination with the Forest Department, seized two vehicles transporting illegally felled Khair wood during late-night naka checking operations on the intervening night of July 23 and 24. In the first incident, a joint naka and night patrolling team of Gharota Police and forest officials intercepted a black Safari vehicle (Reg. No. MH02CB-0457) near Thathi Bridge. The driver, upon spotting the police, attempted to flee and managed to escape under the cover of darkness. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found carrying 11 Khair wood logs, weighing approximately 5 to 6 quintals, meant for unauthorized commercial sale. The vehicle was seized, and a report has been registered at Police Station Gharota. Notably, the said vehicle had been under suspicion due to repeated complaints from locals and the Forest Department regarding its involvement in smuggling activities. In a separate incident on the same night, the naka team at Chowki Choura signaled a Tata Mobile vehicle (Reg. No. JK02DG-6322) approaching from the Bhamla side to stop. The driver attempted to evade the naka and abandoned the vehicle before fleeing into the nearby forest. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found loaded with Khair wood logs weighing nearly 20 quintals, suspected to be intended for illegal trade. The vehicle and forest produce were seized, and necessary legal proceedings have been initiated at Police Post Chowki Choura. Both vehicles and the seized timber will be handed over to the Forest Department after completing the formalities under the Forest Act. The swift action by the police and forest officials reflects their ongoing commitment to protecting forest resources and cracking down on illegal trade. Investigations are underway to identify and apprehend the culprits.

## JSS Kathua hosts inspiring session on 'Operation Sindoor'



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**KATHUA, JUL 25:**

Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua had the distinct honour of hosting Army Officials from Rising Star Corps for an exclusive debriefing on Operation Sindoor, followed by a powerful motivational address delivered by officers of the Indian Army. The session, attended by over 200 students from Classes IX to XII, aimed to instill a deeper understanding of national defence and to cultivate values of leadership, discipline, and patriotism.

The highlight of the event was an exclusive, officially curated video presentation offering an in-depth overview of the strategic planning and execution of Operation

Sindoor. The rare footage gave students a unique window into the operational excellence and unwavering commitment of the Indian Armed Forces.

The motivational address by a senior Army officer from the Gurj Division struck a powerful chord with the audience. Drawing on his rich experiences from a distinguished military career, he emphasized the importance of national service, inner resilience, and moral integrity—urging students to adopt these values in both personal and professional spheres.

Mili R. Sumbria, Principal of Jammu Sanskriti School, expressed her gratitude and pride, stating: "It was a privilege to welcome Indian Army

officers from the Gurj Division to our campus. The debriefing on Operation Sindoor and the thought-provoking address made a profound impact on our students. Events like these not only educate but inspire—sowing seeds of courage, patriotism, and leadership in the hearts of tomorrow's changemakers."

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, allowing students to interact directly with the Indian army officer from Gurj Division and gain further insights into military life and national security. This enriching experience left a lasting impression, strengthening students' admiration for the Armed Forces and reinforcing the values of duty, honour, and service.

## Shiv Sena demands end to dual power system in J&K



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With the tenure of the Lieutenant Governor ending on August 6, the post should be abolished and a complete stop should be put on the dual power system. A retired army or police officer should be appointed as the Governor and the state status should be restored with special privileges under Section 371, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the experiment of making Jammu and

Kashmir a Union Territory with the abrogation of Section 370 in August 2019 has proved to be a complete failure. Which will be seen as a period of violation of the rights of the sons of the soil and conspiracies to destroy the local cultural identity.

Nefarious and illegal activities like terrorism, target killing, drug trafficking, crime, and women trafficking are continuing as usual. Drug trafficking along with terrorism is at its peak in Jammu and Kashmir. According to the data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), more than 1.12 lakh kilograms of drugs

have been seized in Jammu and Kashmir between 2018 and 2022. At the same time, after the police department came under the Union Home Ministry and the increase in the jurisdiction of the Lieutenant Governor, the era of accountability is almost over. The dream of rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits is still incomplete. Despite 11 months of formation of the elected government, four Rajya Sabha seats from Jammu and Kashmir are lying vacant. At the same time, by-elections are not being announced on the assembly seats of Budgam, Nagrota. Sahni has demanded from the Modi government at the Center to appoint a retired senior army or police officer (with experience of fighting terrorism) as the Governor, not a politician and to restore the state status with special privileges under Section 371. On this occasion, Meenakshi Chhibber (President Mehila wing), Raj Singh (President Kamghar) were present.

## DPS girls strike gold at Pencak Silat League 2025-26

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Bringing pride to their school and families, the students of Delhi Public School Jammu showcased exceptional skill and determination by securing top positions at the Asmita Pencak Silat League 2025-26. The event was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council and held at Polo Ground, Srinagar, from 19-21 July, 2025.

The medal winners are Mahika Sharma (Class XI-G) – Gold Medal, Raizel (Class

VII-C) – Gold Medal, Kriti Badyal (Class IX-E) – Silver Medal. The School Management, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble President-RCT, Sh. M.K. Ajatshatru Singh Ji; Distinguished PVC, Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh Ji; Hon'ble Director, Sh. S.S. Sodhi Ji; along with Principal Ms. Ruchi Chhabra and the dedicated faculty, congratulated the young achievers and their proud parents. They lauded the students' hard work and perseverance, and extended heartfelt wishes for their continued success in all future endeavours.