

Multi-layered security in place across Kashmir for peaceful Republic Day celebrations

**SRINAGAR, JAN 23:** Kashmir Police chief V K Birdi on Friday said multi-layered security arrangements have been put in place across the valley to ensure peaceful Republic Day celebrations. "The main Republic Day functions will (Cont. on P-8)»

J&K issues high-danger avalanche warning in 6 districts

**SRINAGAR, JAN 23:** Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir issued a high-danger avalanche warning on Friday for six districts of the Union territory following fresh snowfall, officials said. Avalanches with a high-danger level are likely to occur (Cont. on P-8)»

Pak prisoner dies during treatment for intense stomach pain complaints at Jammu Hospital

**JAMMU, JAN 23:** A Pakistani man lodged in a prison here since 2024 for illegally crossing over to India died at the Government Medical College hospital on Thursday during treatment for medical complications, officials said. Mohd Rafiq was arrested after he illegally crossed the International Border into the Ramgarh (Cont. on P-8)»

Northern Army Commander reviews inter-agency core group security

**SRINAGAR, JAN 23:** Northern Army commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma chaired an inter-agency core group security review meeting here, with a focus on enhancing joint operations and strengthening coordination among various security agencies in Kashmir, the Army said on Friday. "Lt Gen Pratik Sharma chaired a (Cont. on P-8)»

## Snowfall disrupts life in Jammu's higher reaches; rains break long dry spell in plains



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS JAMMU, JAN 23:** Moderate to heavy snowfall was experienced in high-altitude areas, including the

famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in the Jammu region, leading to the suspension of traffic on key roads and disruption of air and rail service.

es. More than 100 stranded persons were rescued from snowbound areas in Poonch and Udhampur districts, while moderate rains lashed

the plains, including Jammu city, bringing an end to a dry spell that had lasted for over two months.

»Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra suspended as heavy rain, snowfall lash J&K, more than 100 stranded persons were rescued from snowbound areas in Poonch and Udhampur districts  
»Heavy snowfall, gusty winds disrupt power supply across Kashmir; KPDCL restores 80% network, restoration efforts continue on war footing in affected districts

As predicted by the meteorological department, it started snowing in most high-altitude areas late Thursday evening, preceded by gusty winds, while intermittent (Cont. on P-8)»

## Power supply restoration underway in Kashmir valley: CM Omar

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU SRINAGAR, JAN 23:** Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said efforts were on to restore the power supply in the valley, which was severely hit by the gusty winds and heavy snowfall. Abdullah said the active power load in

the valley is less than 100 Megawatts (MW) against the usual 1700 MW. "As per KPDCL, the active power load in the valley is less than 100 MW as against the usual 1700 MW, essentially due to the outage of almost all 33KV feeders, (Cont. on P-8)»

## Schools closed in several Jammu Division Districts due to inclement weather

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, JAN 23:** In view of prevailing inclement weather conditions, the district administrations across several parts of Jammu division have ordered the closure of schools on Friday, January 23, 2026, as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of students

and staff. As per details available, schools will remain closed in Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur. According to the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Rajouri, all government and private schools in Rajouri district shall remain closed today following directions issued (Cont. on P-8)»

## Top JeM terrorist killed in encounter in Kathua

**JAMMU, JAN 23:** In a significant breakthrough in counter-terror operations, security forces on Friday eliminated a top Pakistani terrorist linked to the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit in an encounter in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. Inspector General of Police, (Cont. on P-8)»

## UFM Committee meeting on Jan 27: JKBOSE

**JAMMU, JAN 23:** The Unfair means Committee of Jammu Division is holding a meeting on January 27, 2026 to examine the nature of irregularities resorted to by certain candidates of Higher Secondary Part-I (Class 11th) Annual Regular 2025, Winter Zone areas of Jammu (Cont. on P-8)»

## True faith reflected in selfless service and compassionate devotion: LG Sinha

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, JAN 23:** Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha on Friday attended the Silver Jubilee commemorative event of the Shri Baba Kashi Vishwanath Seva Samiti at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor hailed the Shri Baba Kashi Vishwanath Seva Samiti's 25-year legacy of dedication and unwavering commitment to service. "True faith lives in selfless service; real devotion is found in compassion," the



Lieutenant Governor said. He stated that the Samiti, serving the pilgrims at the

Chandanwari Base Camp during the annual Shri (Cont. on P-8)»

Lieutenant Governor attends Silver Jubilee celebrations of Shri Baba Kashi Vishwanath Seva Samiti at Varanasi, urges to commit to weaving service into the fabric of our daily lives, translating our spiritual beliefs into tangible actions, and working together to create a society built on the foundations of kindness, mutual support, and peaceful coexistence

## 12 stranded in J&K snowfall rescued by Cops in daring 3-hour mission

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, JAN 23:** The Udhampur police in Jammu and Kashmir have successfully rescued 12 people, including women and children, who were stuck in heavy snow. Locals, reported to be from mobile families, got stuck amid inclement weather in the Chochru Galla area. A distress call was received by the police post at Sangh, nearly 12 kilometres

from the Chochru Galla area. Following this, officials were rushed to the spot. It took Udhampur police officials three hours to navigate and reach the area where locals were stuck. Photos and videos shared by the Udhampur Police on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter) show locals coming down the hill, bracing the challenging terrain. In a video, police officials are

seen holding elderly women and helping them walk safely through the snow. Following the rescue operation, all 12 were provided with food, shelter and medical assistance at the police post. The rescue was carried out under challenging conditions as many parts of the region continue to witness heavy snowstorms. Sharing an update with pictures and (Cont. on P-8)»

## CM Omar chairs pre-Budget consultation meeting with stakeholders in Srinagar

**Says consultations aimed at shaping policies and effective resource allocation**  
**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU SRINAGAR, JAN 23:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday chaired a pre-Budget consultation meeting with key stakeholders at the Civil Secretariat here to gather inputs and perspectives from various sectors ahead of the Budget 2026-27 of Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was attended by Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javid Ahmad Dar and Satish Sharma; Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta; ACS Tourism Ashish Chander Verma; Principal Secretary Finance Santosh D. Vaidya; Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh; Secretary Social Welfare Sarmad (Cont. on P-8)»



## All flights cancelled at Srinagar airport due to heavy snowfall

**SRINAGAR, JAN 23:** The air traffic to and from Kashmir was suspended on Friday after flight operations were cancelled at the Srinagar airport due to heavy snowfall in the valley, which has rendered the runway unsafe for aircraft operation, officials said. "In view of continuous snowfall, accumulation of snow on (Cont. on P-8)»

## Army pays tributes to 10 soldiers killed in road accident

**JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, JAN 23:** A wreath-laying ceremony was on Friday held here to pay tributes to 10 soldiers who lost their lives in a road accident along the Bhaderwah-Chamba interstate road in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The ceremony was led by General Officer Commanding of White Knight Corps Lieutenant General P K Mishra and was attended by Army, Indian Air Force (IAF), BSF, CRPF,

police and civil administration officers at technical airport, the officials said. They said wreaths were also laid at the mortal remains of the soldiers on behalf of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. Inspector General of Police, Jammu zone, Bhim Sen Tuti and Inspector General of CRPF, Jammu, R Gopal Krishna Rao also laid wreath at the tricolour-draped coffins of the soldiers. The mortal remains of the fallen soldiers -- Monu of Bulandshahr-Hindom,

Jobanjeet Singh (Roopnagar-Ambala), Mohit (Jhajhar-Hindam), Shailendra Singh Bhadoriya (Morar-Gwalior), Samiran Singh (Jhargram-Kalaikonda), Pradumna Lohar (Purulia-Ranchi), Sudhir Narwal (Yamunagar-Ambala), Hare Ram Kumar (Bhojpur-Bihta), Ajay Lakra (Ranchi) and Rinkhil Baliyan (Hapur-Hindom) -- are being dispatched to their home towns for last rites, the officials said. An armoured vehicle of the Army carrying (Cont. on P-8)»

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