

Jammu records 190.4 mm rainfall in 24 Hours, second-highest August downpour in nearly 100 years

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Jammu City witnessed an extraordinary spell of rainfall in the past 24 hours, recording 190.4 millimetres of precipitation till 8:30 a.m. Sunday. This has gone down as the second-highest single-day rainfall for the month of August in nearly a century. The only higher mark, remains the 228.6 millimetres recorded on 5 August 1926. With the latest spell, Jammu has also surpassed its previous second-highest figure of 189.6 millimetres, which was logged on 11 August 2022. Heavy downpour



triggered water-logging in several parts of the city, disrupted traffic and raised concerns over the flood situation in low-lying areas. Authorities are monitoring river levels, particularly in streams prone to sudden swelling during intense rainfall. Meteorological officials said that while such

Odisha to sterilise stray dogs, launch statewide census and vaccination drive

NEW DEHLI, AUG 24: The Odisha government will soon launch a state-wide drive to sterilise, vaccinate and conduct a census of stray dogs, following the Supreme Court's intervention on their management in New Delhi. The initiative will be implemented with the help of NGOs and municipalities. To support the exercise, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation will collect and display information about stray dogs in each ward. Odisha recorded over 5.20 lakh dog-bite cases between January 2023 and October 2024. Fisheries and animal resources development

From CRPF chief to deputy NSA: Anish Dayal Singh to steer India's security playbook

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The Government of India has named Anish Dayal Singh, a senior Indian Police Service officer, as the country's new Deputy National Security Adviser (Dy NSA). Singh brings over three decades of experience in intelligence and counter-terrorism to one of India's top security posts. Singh has led some of India's most critical security forces. He served as Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), while also holding additional charge of the National Security Guard (NSG). Earlier, he was Special Director at the Intelligence Bureau (IB), giving him deep operational insight into domestic and border security challenges. In his new role, Singh will work closely with the National Security Adviser in providing strategic



guidance on emerging and ongoing threats. His expertise in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism is expected to shape policy at a time when India is confronting terrorism, insurgency and cyber vulnerabilities. Singh will also coordinate with the IB and the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) to strengthen intelligence integration across agencies. Officials have said Singh's leadership and field experience is expected to play a crucial role in strengthening India's national security apparatus.

White tiger cub dies at Nandankanan Zoological Park in Bhubaneswar

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A white male tiger cub died at the Nandankanan Zoological Park here, an officer said on Sunday. The tiger cub was born on June 7, 2025, to white tigress Mousumi and normal coloured tiger Rajesh, along

with a female cub. "From the beginning, this male cub was very weak, underweight (650 grams), and had deformities in its forelimbs similar to swimmer puppy syndrome in dogs," said the zoo officer. On June 11, the cub was unable to

suckle milk and was shifted to the zoo's Centre for Rearing Animal Babies. It was found to be suffering from infection in the navel, low body temperature, and general weakness, he said. The official further said that the cub was placed in an incubator and

given oxygen, infrared therapy, and reconstituted milk formula. Physiotherapy and bandage support were also given daily to improve its limb condition. Despite continuous care and repeated check-ups by expert veterinarians, the cub could not

stand and remained in a recumbent position. Over the weeks, it also suffered from blood in stools, ear infection, and wounds on its body due to lying down all the time. All these conditions were treated with medicines and dressings. However, on the morning of August

23, the cub died, the official said. The other female normal-coloured tiger cub of Mousumi is also having a congenital problem in right hind limb. It has arthritis and the joint is fused (ankylosis). So it is having problems with movement, he added.

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Rajnath Singh lauds efforts of doctor treating injured in Kishtwar cloudburst incident

And I want to congratulate all the doctors of this medical college for taking care of all the injured people with full dedication, and all are in good condition. We are going to the Raj Bhavan. LG Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh and I will talk to the people there through video conference," Singh said. As this happened, Sinha welcomed the Defence Minister at Raj Bhavan, where the latter is expected to talk to injured persons admitted in the hospital via video conference.

Lieutenant Governor visits GMC Jammu; enquires about health of citizens injured in Chashoti flash floods

"Government stands firmly with the bereaved family members who have lost their loved ones. Along with relief and rescue, the Government of India and J&K Administration is working on ensuring quick rehabilitation of the families affected by the tragic natural calamity. Search and rescue operations are underway on war footing to trace the missing persons," the Lieutenant Governor said. He further advised the people to take all necessary safety precautions. Advisory was issued today on inclement weather. NDRF and the SDRF are prepared to respond to emergencies, he said.

IIIM students evacuated after floodwaters inundate hostel ground floor in Jammu

the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Dr Zabeer Ahmed said the institute has made arrangements for the safe stay of the students. Thanking police and SDRF for their assistance in evacuating the students, he said there was no need to panic. "We have enough alternative arrangements to provide accommodation to students," he said, adding as the floodwaters started collecting in the ground floor, the institute mobilised all resources, including dewatering pumps for the safety of the students. S R Choudhary, one of the students, said their colleagues putting up in the ground floor suffered losses due to the flash floods. "My room is located on the top floor but those in the ground floor immediately shifted to upstairs, leaving behind their belongings," he said, adding they waited for at least five hours for getting shifted out of the submerged buildings. Meanwhile, a portion of a road adjacent to a temple near Tawi bridge caved in, while a culvert on the exit gate of Jammu bus stand also collapsed owing to the heavy rainfall. The overflowing streams and drains aggravated the situation in low-lying areas where the flood waters entered home, damaging boundary walls at several places and dozens of vehicles.

Rana reviews flood control preparedness across J&K

collaboration with the Information and Forecasting Cell (IFC), has developed the Kashmir Flood Watch App. This mobile application provides real-time updates on water levels in the Jhelum and its key tributaries, drawing data from a network of automatic water level recorders. The app plays a critical role in issuing early warnings and supporting informed, timely decision-making during emergencies. To ensure an organized and effective flood response, an extensive institutional framework has been established. This included a Central Flood Committee, District Coordination Committees, Flood Zonal Committees, Sectors and Beats. Each of these have been assigned specific roles and responsibilities to ensure smooth coordination, resource mobilization and on-ground execution. Regarding the logistics front, the Minister was informed that an ample stock of EC bags has been prepared. Many of which are already filled and strategically placed for immediate use during emergencies. This is part of a broader logistics and mitigation strategy aimed at facilitating a rapid and effective response to any breach or rising threat. Rana commended the proactive efforts of the Flood Control Department. He reiterated the Omar government's commitment towards safeguarding lives and property through timely interventions, technology-driven solutions and public awareness initiatives.

He urged all the departments and citizens to stay vigilant, cooperate with the authorities and make effective use of the digital tools and real-time updates being provided by the government.

Allegations of SSB paper leak spark outrage, officials say matter being examined

Many claimed that the question paper was available on social media before the examination. Subsequently, protests erupted outside the centre against the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (SSB). Political parties directed their ire at the NC, asserting that the paper leak represented a "blow" to the youth of J-K. "After banning books and locking schools, the sale of SSB exam papers by the government is yet another blow to J&K's youth. This is the so-called 'youth package' for a region where 65% of the population is under 35," the PDP said in a post on X. "Scam after scam, and now another SSB paper leak. Students are seen openly trying to solve problems, yet after banning books and locking schools, the government's sale of exam papers is another blow to J&K's youth," PDP leader and MLA Pulwama Waheed Para said. Iltija Mufti, another leader from the PDP, slammed the NC government for "wrecking" the future of the youth who had placed their faith in the party. "Youngsters across J&K placed an overwhelming faith in NC hoping for transparency in recruitment exams after electing them. But I'm appalled at how NC government is wrecking their future because of their sheer incompetency to even conduct today's JE Electrical Exam at Kothi Bagh Centre," Mufti said on X. Mufti added that instead of promoting transparency, "today's paper leak suggests that this government is becoming a den of corruption". Peoples' Conference chief Sajad Lone termed the paper leak as "brazen daylight robbery" in recruitment. "We have finally made it. We are top in scams. This is nothing short of brazen daylight robbery in recruitment. Will someone please tell us what is happening?" he said in a post on X. Lone alleged that candidates for the JE electrical examinations were initially asked to leave the exam halls because the paper was cancelled. He claimed that some students continued taking the exams, and later, they were all requested to come back in again. "The paper is on social media well before the aspirants are ready to take the exam. Will heads roll, or will we be dished out yet another round of third-grade fiction?" Lone, who is also an MLA from Handwara, questioned.

Commissioner JMC Conducts Extensive Inspection of Rain-Affected Areas, Orders Swift Restoration and Public Safety Measures

dewatering units to clear stagnant water, and inspect drainage channels, stormwater lines and culverts to identify blockages and remove debris obstructing water flow. He further directed the officers to ensure round-the-clock monitoring of flood-prone zones to avoid further damage and inconvenience to the residents. While addressing the public, Dr. Yadav appealed to the residents of Jammu to exercise utmost caution during this spell of heavy rainfall. He urged citizens to refrain from visiting low-lying areas unnecessarily, stay away from overflowing rivers and drains, and avoid dumping waste into drainage systems, which aggravates waterlogging. The Commissioner reiterated JMC's commitment to provide continuous support and relief to the affected areas in coordination with other line departments and the district administration. He stated that additional teams have been kept on high alert to respond promptly to any emergency, and helplines are active to receive public complaints. Dr. Yadav also emphasized the importance of long-term preventive measures, stating that the corporation is working on strengthening the city's drainage infrastructure and implementing sustainable solutions to minimize the recurrence of such incidents in the future. The Jammu Municipal Corporation appeals to all residents to

cooperate with the ongoing efforts, stay vigilant, and report at these helpline numbers (9419027458, 9469300005, 9419156769) in case of any emergency or rush to nearest JMC office for prompt assistance.

FICCI FLO JKL hosts second 'Skill to Scale' workshop to empower women

The session was led by Iruvanthika Chowdhary, who imparted hands-on training in flower-making using scraps of Katrana cloth. The exercise not only promoted upcycling and creativity but also highlighted opportunities for income generation through handcrafted products. Speaking on the occasion, Aarti Chowdhary said that such initiatives are crucial in equipping women with sustainable livelihood skills, fostering self-reliance, and creating a ripple effect of empowerment at the grassroots level. She added that FLO JKL will continue to design and deliver programs that strengthen women's entrepreneurial spirit and community collaboration. With this workshop, she reaffirmed her commitment to nurturing women's entrepreneurship, fostering collaboration, and building self-reliant communities across the region. The workshop was met with enthusiastic participation, as women expressed confidence in passing on their learnings to larger groups in their communities.

Jammu Sanskriti School Organises 'The Profit Chase': An Intra-School Business Competition

practical approach to real-world challenges. The school had the honour of welcoming Dr. Atul Hans, Principal, IDRS, as the Chief Guest, and Shivani Darangal, PGT Commerce, APS Nagrota, as the Judge. Both dignitaries appreciated the students' efforts and shared valuable insights to encourage the budding entrepreneurs. Chief Guest Dr. Hans remarked, "It is inspiring to see young learners articulating their business ideas with such clarity and innovation. Events like these shape confident, visionary leaders who will excel in an ever-changing world." Judge Shivani Darangal added, "The creativity and sharp business sense displayed by the participants were highly impressive. Each idea carried uniqueness and promise, making the event a truly enriching experience." On the occasion, Rohini Aima, Principal-cum-Vice Chairperson, Jammu Sanskriti School, expressed pride in her students, stating, "At Jammu Sanskriti School, we believe education must extend beyond the classroom. The Profit Chase is an effort to instill creativity, critical thinking, and entrepreneurial spirit in our Sanskritians, preparing them to excel in real-world scenarios."

The competition concluded with resounding applause and appreciation for the participants, whose zeal and innovation made the event a grand success. "The Profit Chase" once again reaffirmed Jammu Sanskriti School's commitment to holistic education and its mission to nurture confident, socially responsible, and forward-thinking leaders.

J&K Assembly Speaker urges early restoration of statehood, says 'Prime Minister has assured it and people are hopeful that J&K will very soon regain its full state status'

restored, and even the Supreme Court has said it should happen at the earliest," Rather added. The Speaker said fulfilling this promise is not just about governance but about building trust among the people. "Restoring statehood will not only meet the expectations of the people of J&K but will also further strengthen the very spirit of Indian democracy," he remarked.

JKBOSE Postpones Class 10th, 11th Exams Scheduled For Aug 25

severe inclement weather. "The new dates for the postponed examinations shall be notified separately, it reads. All BOSE officers are directed to flash the message in their respective WhatsApp groups for the information of centre superintendents and jurisdictional SHOs/police posts, reads the statement."

