



CRPF Cup Second Edition | Jammu & Kashmir | 26 Nov 2024

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Recently, the **second edition of the [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\) Cup Srinagar Sector](#), a cricket tournament** scheduled from 20th to 28th November 2024, was inaugurated. Its aim is to **establish maximum engagement with the youth of Kashmir.**

Key Points

- **Situation in Kashmir:**
 - A senior CRPF officer in Srinagar stated that the **situation in Kashmir is under control**, highlighting that all **security agencies are working in close coordination to ensure stability** in the region
- **Inauguration of CRPF Cup:**
 - The CRPF Inspector General inaugurated the second edition of the CRPF Cup at the **Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium in Srinagar.**
 - The tournament features **16 teams**, 12 from Srinagar district and two each from Budgam and Ganderbal districts.
- **Upcoming Sports Events:**
 - It was announced that a **football tournament is planned for December 2024** as part of ongoing youth engagement initiatives.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- **Inception and Evolution:**
 - The CRPF was initially **established as the Crown Representatives Police in 1939** in response to political turmoil and unrest within the princely states.
 - The force was **renamed the Central Reserve Police Force in 1949.**
 - [Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel](#), the then Home Minister, envisioned a multifaceted role for the CRPF, aligning its functions with the evolving needs of a newly independent nation.
 - **Specialised Units:**
 - The CRPF has several specialised units, including [the Rapid Action Force \(RAF\)](#), [Commando Battalion for Resolute Action \(CoBRA\)](#), **VIP Security Wing**, and **Mahila Battalions.**
 - **Achievements and Contributions:**
 - The force has thwarted attacks on important national landmarks, **controlled militancy in Punjab and insurgency in Tripura**, and made significant contributions to **eradicating Naxalism.**
 - **Honouring the Bravehearts:**
 - The CRPF has paid a heavy price, with 2,255 of its **soldiers making the supreme sacrifice** and being honoured with decorations, including the [George Cross](#), [Ashok Chakra](#), [Kirti Chakra](#), [Shaurya Chakra](#), etc.
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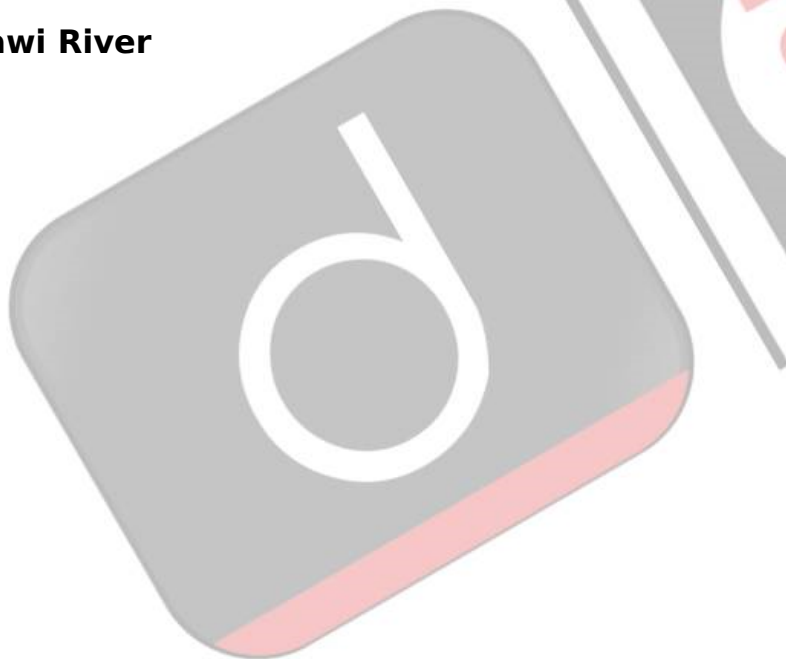
Recently, **Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor** Manoj Sinha conducted the on-site inspection and reviewed the progress of [Tawi Riverfront project](#).

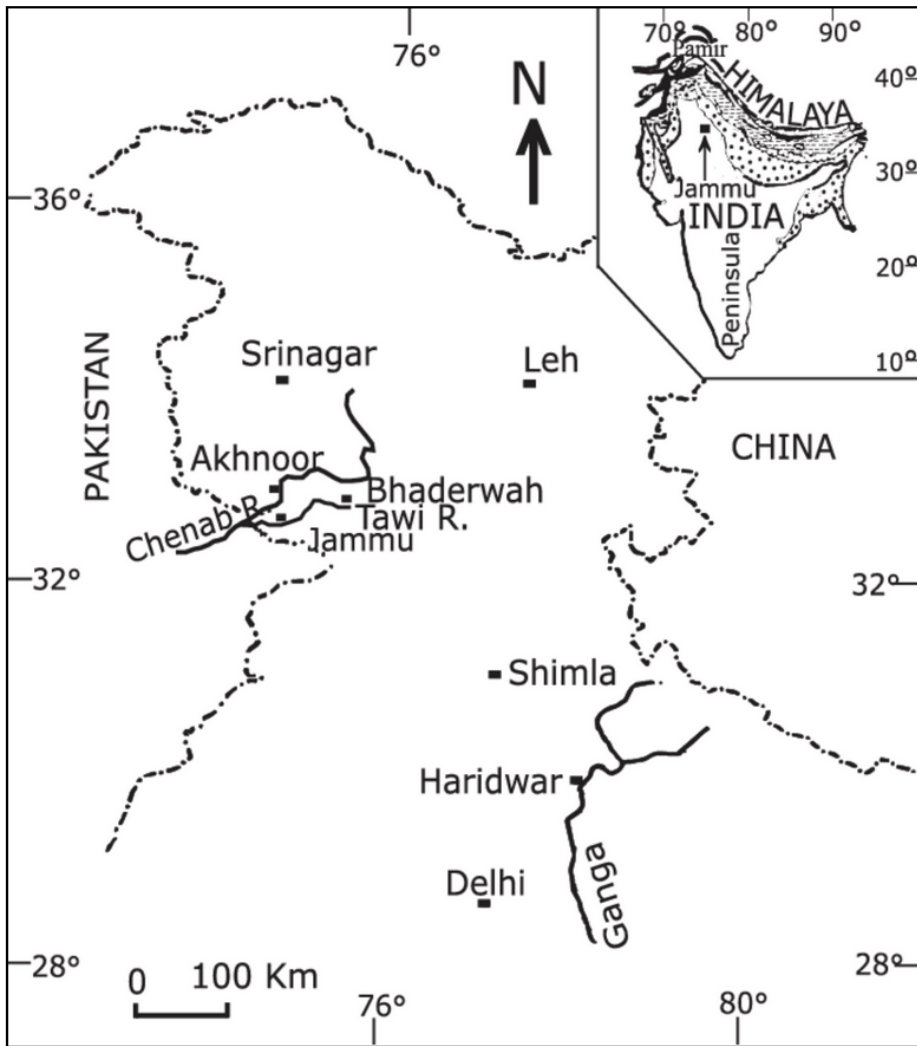
Key Points

- **Accelerating Project Completion:**
 - The Lieutenant Governor (L-G) directed officers and implementing agencies to **expedite the completion of the prestigious Tawi Riverfront project** in a time-bound manner.
- **Timeline and Significance of the Project:**
 - Interacting with mediapersons, the L-G announced that the first phase of the **flagship Tawi Riverfront project** under [Jammu Smart City](#) is **expected to be completed by January 2025**.
 - The project **aims to enhance Jammu's tourism potential and provide recreational spaces** for residents and visitors.
- **Completed Tourism Initiatives:**
 - Several initiatives to boost Jammu's tourism have already been completed, including the **Jammu Zoo, light and sound show, and the [Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Temple](#)**.
- **Future Plans for Tourism Development:**
 - Efforts are underway to create additional tourist destinations in Jammu city and the wider region with the support of the Government of India.

Tawi River

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▪ **Location:**

- The Tawi River is a **major tributary of the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir**. It originates from the **Kali Kundi glacier** in the Doda district and flows through the city of Jammu. The river then crosses into Pakistan's Punjab province and merges with the Chenab River.

▪ **Significance:**

- The Tawi River is an important river in the Jammu region and was once the main **source of drinking water for the city**. It is **also known as Surya Putri in ancient texts**.

▪ **Challenges:**

- The quality of the Tawi River has **deteriorated due to pollution from solid waste and the dumping of sewage** into the river.
- The **river's course also changes** throughout the year, causing erosion of fields and breaching embankments.

▪ **Catchment area:**

- The Tawi River's **catchment area is 2,168 square kilometers** and falls within the **districts of Jammu, Udhampur, and a small part of Doda**.

▪ **Length:**

- The Tawi River is about **141 kilometers long**.