

Decades of injustice ended for J&K tribals in 2019: LG

'Dard-Shina community is India's cultural treasure'

Under PM Modi's leadership, ancient tribal glory is being restored

Gurez connected to Power Grid in 2023 for the first time since Independence

Gurez now among India's top offbeat tourist destinations

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Gurez, Aug 06: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the two-day National Tribal Festival at Gurez today, celebrating



the rich heritage and traditions of the Dard-Shina tribal community. Highlighting the government's commitment to uplifting tribal communities, he praised the transformative progress achieved under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, which has restored dignity and fostered empowerment for tribal populations across India.

Addressing the gathering virtually, the Lieutenant Governor said, "Decades of injustice against tribals ended in August 2019. Since

then, transformative initiatives have improved the socio-economic landscape for our tribal brothers and sisters."

LG Sinha also highlighted a significant milestone for Gurez: the region was connected to the power grid for the first time in 2023, ending decades of energy isolation since independence.

The festival honors the vibrant culture of the Dard-Shina community, whom the Lieutenant Governor described as "one of the

most precious treasures of India." He praised their deep-rooted connection with nature and their efforts to preserve age-old traditions and rituals.

"The Dard-Shina community's rich traditions are a guiding light for us. Their close bond with nature has shaped a unique culture and set of values, imparting a powerful lesson on living sustainably and harmoniously with the environment," he said.

In a landmark development, >>>Contd on | Page 08

Centre must honour statehood promise to J&K: CM

Shafat Malik

Srinagar, Aug 06: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday asserted that the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood is not a political demand, but a constitutional commitment made by the Government of India, one that must now be fulfilled without further delay.

Omar said he has written to the leaders of all major political parties in the country with a significant presence in Parliament, urging them to raise the issue of statehood in the ongoing session and push for a bill to restore J&K's status.

"This is not about a party or a person but about a promise made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Omar said. "That promise was made publicly, reiterated in Parliament, and even submitted before the Supreme Court. Now it is time for that promise to be fulfilled."

He reminded that when the special status of Jammu



and Kashmir was revoked on August 5, 2019, the government had assured that statehood would be restored "as soon as possible."

"How many years is 'as soon as possible'? It hasn't happened yet," he remarked.

Omar also expressed hope that the Supreme Court, which is currently hearing petitions related to the constitutional changes made in 2019, would take note of the delay.

"It was the Supreme Court's intervention that ensured timely elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Otherwise, I wouldn't be speaking to you today as Chief Minister. We now

hope that, just like elections, the court will ensure that statehood is restored as well," he added.

Commenting on the prevailing security situation, Omar acknowledged a shift in the environment following the April 22 attack, but noted that the annual Amarnath Yatra concluded peacefully this year.

"Around 4 lakh pilgrims completed the Yatra via both Baltal and Pahalgam routes. It went smoothly, and we now hope that tourists from across the country will once again return to Kashmir and experience the warm hospitality we are known for," he said.

Omar also expressed >>>Contd on | Page 08

Job appointments bring joy to Kashmir's terror victim families

"Years of grief finally recognised," say families of terror victims



Younus Rashid

Srinagar, Aug 06: For the families who lost their loved ones to the scourge of terrorism in Kashmir, August 5 was more than just another day, it was the culmination of decades of waiting, hoping, and quietly enduring.

At the serene banks of Dal Lake, where the SKICC function hall bustled with emotion and remembrance, 158 families touched by tragedy finally received a long-awaited acknowledgment: job appointment letters, handed over by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha himself.

Among those present was Anju Reyaz, a resident of Anantnag, whose voice trembled as she remembered the day her father, a Special Police Officer, was killed in 1991.

"We have struggled a lot ever since. The day we were finally heard, we celebrated," she said, her eyes brimming with a mix of joy and years of silent sorrow.

Anju was just six months old when her father was martyred. She spoke of a life shaped by loss, of growing up in a rented house, watching her mother take up menial jobs to make ends meet, and of carrying the weight of an absence she was too young to understand.

"My mother was left alone with me, a baby. She worked in other people's homes so we could survive. We kept visiting offices, they told us 'come tomorrow, come the day after.' It never ended. Then LG Sinha sahib called us. He said our cases would be resolved in 30 days. Today, he fulfilled that promise."

Bisma Mushtaq from Shopian >>>Contd on | Page 08

'Our fight is over': Villgam families celebrate jobs under LG's scheme

Aatif Qayoom

Srinagar, Aug 06: For over three decades, two families from Villgam in north Kashmir's Handwara have lived with grief, poverty, and the painful feeling that their pleas for justice went unheard. Now, with the recent job appointment orders announced by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for victims of terrorism, they say their long wait for recognition and relief has finally come to an end.

Aijaz Ahmad Bhat of Villgam still vividly remembers the tragedy his family faced on Eid day in 2001. His elder sister, a Special Police Officer (SPO) and the sole breadwinner, was brutally killed by terrorists inside their home. "I was just 18 months old when it happened," he told Rising Kashmir.

"Whenever my parents recall that day, it feels like the pain is still fresh. For years, we knocked on every political door for help. We visited countless offices, submitted applications, and followed up

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Terror victims' kin in Tral get jobs after years of struggle

Mansoor Peer

Srinagar, Aug 06: Shabir Ahmad Gojjer's life changed forever in 2003 when his father, Ghulam Mohammad Gojjer, a labourer and sole breadwinner of the family, was killed in a mine blast in Khulbagh, Tral. The tragedy left the family, including Shabir and his four siblings, bereft and struggling to survive.

A resident of Nagbal, Kulshanpora, Tral, Shabir was among the 158 Next of Kin (NoKs) of civilians killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists who received appointment letters from Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at a poignant ceremony held at SKICC, Srinagar.

"My father was returning from work when he was killed in that mine blast. He was an innocent civilian," Shabir recalled. "At the time, we were all very young. In 2019, we applied under the SRO scheme and submitted the required documents."

However, the long wait continued as Shabir had to meet the age eligibility criteria before finally qualifying for a government job. Recently, he was appointed to

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Northern Rly to launch Katra-Amritsar Vande Bharat on Aug 10

PM to flag off virtually



Irfan Yattoo

Srinagar, Aug 06: Northern Railway is all set to launch a new Vande Bharat Express between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Amritsar on August 10, in a major boost to pilgrimage and regional connectivity.

The semi-high-speed train will be virtually flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through video conferencing.

The new Vande Bharat Express will connect Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station in the Jammu Division with

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After April tragedy, Baisaran Valley set to get road access

Rs 7.5 Cr motorable road proposal offers new life to 'Mini Switzerland' of Kashmir

MLA Altaf Kaloo submits proposal for 4-km road under NABARD

Abid Bashir

Srinagar, Aug 06: In a step towards turning tragedy into transformation, the scenic Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam, famously known as Kashmir's "Mini Switzerland", is likely to get long-overdue road connectivity, with a proposal for a 4-kilometre motorable stretch now under active consideration.

Local MLA Muhammad

Altaf Kaloo has submitted a 7.5 crore proposal to the government for the construction of a motorable road from Circuit Road (Pahalgam) to Baisaran, under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) scheme.

The move follows the April 22 terror attack, one of the most horrifying tragedies in recent memory, when terrorists opened fire

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"We were voiceless for decades today we feel heard"

Irfan Yattoo

Srinagar, Aug 06: For Khurshid Ahmad Ganai, a resident of Chanderhama village in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the government job letter he received on Wednesday was far more than just an official document. It was a long-overdue recognition of loss, struggle, and survival, and, most importantly, dignity.



Ganai is among the 158 next of kin (NoKs) of terror victims who were handed appointment letters by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha under a special employment package aimed at supporting families shattered by decades of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Khurshid was only six years old when his father, Ghulam Rasool Ganai, a village lumberdar, was shot

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Arhan Bagati honoured with ET Indo Global Leaders Award for social impact

Arhan Bagati, a Kashmiri youth change-maker and founder of KYARI (Kashmir's Yumberzal Applied Research Institute), was honoured with the ET Indo Global Leaders Award for Excellence in Social Impact at a prestigious ceremony in Dubai. The award was presented by actor and philanthropist Kunal Kapoor at the Al Habtoor Palace, recognizing Bagati's outstanding efforts in driving social transformation across Jammu & Kashmir. Currently pursuing a Master's in Public Policy at Harvard

University, Bagati has emerged as a dedicated advocate for sustainable development and community empowerment in Kashmir. Through KYARI, he has launched a series of impactful initiatives that range from promoting tribal welfare and curbing youth drug abuse, to boosting eco-tourism and supporting women-led entrepreneurship. The award also acknowledged his efforts to bring Bollywood and film crews back to Kashmir, notably co-producing Ground Zero, boosting local tourism and cultural economy. "This recognition isn't just



mine - it belongs to everyone striving to make Kashmir a beacon of hope, inclusion, and innovation," Bagati said, reaffirming his commitment to social impact through policy and purpose.

Bagati's academic journey spans Pomona College, the University of Cambridge, and now Harvard, yet his vision remains rooted in Kashmir. KYARI has spearheaded research initiatives across rural tourism, climate change, tribal communities, waste management, women's empowerment, eco-mobility and more.

Earlier in 2025, Bagati was also named in the Hindustan Times 30 Under 30 Social Impact Leadership list - a tribute to his youth-led innovation and policy-driven change in J&K.

The ET Indo Global Leaders Awards, organised by the Times of India, honours individuals worldwide who successfully catalyse positive change through leadership, innovation, and compassion.

Arhan Bagati's achievement is a milestone for J&K - a reminder of the transformative potential of youth-led social entrepreneurship in the region.

As the Awareness and Impact Ambassador for the Paralympic Committee of India, he has developed digital platforms such as LetsEnable.com and apps like InRio and IndTokyo, assisting athletes with disabilities. His roles in the 2020 Tokyo and Paris 2024 Paralympics further underscore his engagement in inclusive development.

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Encroachments overrun Srinagar's dedicated cycle tracks

Cyclists struggle to navigate blocked pathways, demand action against encroachers

M Haziq Pandit

Srinagar, Aug 06: The much-publicised dedicated cycle tracks developed under the Smart City project across Srinagar are increasingly losing their purpose as encroachments have effectively rendered them unusable. Aimed at promoting eco-friendly transportation and reducing traffic congestion, the initiative has fallen short as street vendors and parked vehicles occupy large sections of the tracks, making them nearly impossible for cyclists to use.

Laid strategically across high-footfall and scenic areas such as Foreshore Road by Dal Lake and the bustling city centre of Lal Chowk, the tracks were meant to provide safe and convenient routes for cyclists. Instead, they are now blocked by food carts, ice cream vendors, vegetable stalls, and even parked vehicles. This forces cyclists to shift onto busy roads or footpaths to avoid the obstructions, defeating the tracks' purpose and posing a significant safety risk for all road users.

Cycling enthusiasts, who initially welcomed the project, are growing frustrated over the failure to maintain and protect the tracks. "I was excited when I first saw the cycle tracks being developed, thinking they would finally give cyclists a proper space in Srinagar. But unfortunately, they have been overtaken by vendors and carts,



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Mehraj's sentiment is echoed by others who regularly use the tracks. "When I ride along Foreshore Road, I often have to stop multiple times because the track is blocked. There are points where I have no choice but to ride on the road, putting myself in danger. The tracks were supposed to be a safe space for us, but they are practically non-existent now," said Momin Beigh, another cyclist.

Many cyclists also expressed concern over the lack of civic responsibility, with pedestrians often using the cycle tracks despite footpaths being nearby. "It's not just about infrastructure; it's about how people use it. Many

pedestrians use the cycle tracks as well, even though the footpaths are right next to them. It's disheartening to see that these facilities are being misused, as it completely undermines the government's efforts," said Faizan Qureshi, a cyclist from Gogji Bagh.

Adding to the woes, cyclists mentioned that footpaths adjacent to the cycle tracks have become informal parking zones, with vehicles parked haphazardly along the walkways. The encroachment on both tracks and footpaths is causing serious inconvenience not only to cyclists but also to pedestrians. "It's frustrating to see vehicles blocking both the cycle tracks and footpaths. We cyclists are forced into risky traffic, while pedestri-

ans struggle to find space to walk safely. This lack of order is turning what should be a simple commute into a daily challenge," said Omar Wani, a regular cyclist. Responding to these concerns, a senior SMC official, requesting anonymity, acknowledged the problem but assured that steps are being taken to address it. "The department has stepped up its anti-encroachment operations across the city with the aim of clearing public pathways and restoring public spaces, including cycle tracks." The official further explained that efforts are underway to restore the tracks to their intended purpose. "We understand the concerns of cyclists and pedestrians. We are working to clear the encroachments and ensure that these public spaces serve their intended purpose. We have issued formal notices to all violators and given them time to remove their encroachments voluntarily. Our aim is not to harm anyone's livelihood but to ensure that city infrastructure works for everyone, especially the common citizens who face daily hardships due to blocked footpaths and narrow roads," the official said. As authorities work to clear the encroachments, locals remain hopeful that the cycle tracks will once again serve their intended purpose. Until then, cyclists and pedestrians will remain burdened by these challenges.

NIT organises rally under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

Over 1000 participants including faculty, students join rally ahead of 79th I-Day

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Srinagar, Aug 06: As part of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday organised a large-scale Tirangarally within its campus to celebrate the spirit of patriotism ahead of India's 79th Independence Day.

According to a statement issued here, the rally, aimed at instilling national pride and unity among students and staff, was flagged off by Prof. Roohi Naaz, Incharge Director of NIT Srinagar, in the presence of Institute's Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman. The event witnessed participation from over 1,000 individuals, including deans, heads of departments, faculty members, research scholars, non-teaching staff



and students. Carrying the national flag and chanting patriotic slogans, the participants marched across the institute's campus in a coordinated display of national unity. The rally began at the administrative block and passed through Mechanical Department, water resource centre, new guest house and before culminating at the

fountain park of the campus. Speaking on the occasion, Incharge Director Prof. Roohi Naaz said that the rally was not just a symbolic gesture but a reminder of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters. "This event reflects our deep respect for the nation and its core values. It is a matter of immense pride to see the entire NIT Srinagar fra-

ternity coming together to honour our national flag and the spirit of independence," she said.

Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman said that the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is about reconnecting with our identity as Indians. Through this rally, we seek to foster a sense of civic duty and national consciousness, especially among the youth who are the future of the country," he said. The Tiranga Rally was part of a broader set of activities being conducted by NIT Srinagar in the lead-up to Independence Day. The Institute has planned a series of events over the next week. It includes cultural programs, patriotic song competitions, debates, and awareness drives to highlight the significance of India's freedom struggle and constitutional values.

Mushtaq Barq, Gulzar Ganai selected for Ahad Zargar memorial awards 2025

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Srinagar, Aug 06: Ahad Zargar Memorial Research Foundation announces the decision of the jury for two annual awards. The jury chose the famed writer, translator and interpreter of Sufi poetry Mushtaq B Barq for the Ahad Zargar Literature Award 2025 while as the famed top grade folk music singer Gulzar Ahmad Ganai has been selected for Ahad Zargar Award for Cultural Contribution.

A statement issued here said that the jury unanimously selected these two luminaries for this year's award. The note of the jury reads—"Mushtaq B Barq has translated and interpreted the poetry of Sochi Kral, Wahab Khar,



Ahad Zargar, Ahmad Batwari and others into English. He has three translations of Ahad Zargar's works to his credit. In addition to this, his writings on Sufi poetry of Kashmir have made a mark on the literary landscape of our times."

The note also read that maestro Gulzar Ahmad Ganai is a top-grade folk artist who is an ambassador of the Sufi ethos globally. "He is not only celebrated amongst the Kashmiri speaking people within the country but beyond the boundaries too. His musical contribution is worth the celebration," the statement said. The awards will be presented on Ahad Zargar Memorial Day August 12.

Two held by Crime Branch for defrauding investor with fake deposit schemes

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Srinagar, Aug 06: The Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir has arrested two individuals for defrauding an investor with fake deposit schemes.

According to a statement issued here, the two individuals—namely Majid Nazir Najar, son of Nazir Ahmad Najar, resident of Batamalo near Mehboob Public School Srinagar, and Mubarak Ahmad Rather, son of Nissar Ahmad Rather, resident of Gulshan Nagar, Gulposh Colony, were arrested in connection with case FIR No. 11/2025 under Sections 420,

467, 468, 471, and 120-B IPC of Police Station EOW (Crime Branch Kashmir), for defrauding a complainant on the pretext of investment in various deposit schemes.

The accused individuals had promised high returns on investments in Adarsh Cooperative Society, SBI Life Insurance, and HDFC Insurance companies, and provided the complainant with deposit certificates. However, upon verification, the certificates were found to be fake and forged. The accused had projected themselves as authorised representatives and agents working with various financial institutions

and lured the complainant into making investments in these fraudulent deposit schemes. A case was registered under the relevant sections of law, and during the course of investigation, evidence confirmed the involvement of the accused. Both individuals have been taken into custody and are being further questioned. Crime Branch Kashmir continues its efforts to investigate economic crimes and bring fraudsters to justice. The general public is advised to remain cautious and verify the credentials of individuals before making any financial investments.

Special Lok-Adalat on traffic challans & other civil cases on Aug 23



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Srinagar, Aug 06: In pursuance to the calendar of activities issued by the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority, a special Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of Traffic challans and other civil cases is scheduled to be held on August 23 at the District Court Complex, Srinagar and at Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Panthachowk, Srinagar.

As per a statement issued here, it is further notified for the information of the general public and the legal fraternity that the Lok Adalat earlier scheduled to be held on July 26 for the disposal of

Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) cases, Matrimonial cases and Bank recovery matters shall now also be held on 23rd August 2025 along with the above-mentioned matters. All concerned learned Advocates and litigant parties who are willing to settle their cases amicably through this Lok Adalat mechanism are encouraged to approach the respective courts well in time to facilitate listing and settlement of their matters. This initiative aims to promote timely and peaceful resolution of disputes, reduce the burden of litigation, and provide expeditious justice to the public.

DCO intercepts illegal consignment of Tapentadol tablets

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Jammu, Aug 06: In a major crackdown on the illegal trafficking of pharmaceutical drugs, the Drugs Control Organisation, Jammu and Kashmir, has intercepted and confiscated a consignment of 4,400 Tapentadol tablets that were being illicitly transported through a private courier service in Jammu.

A statement issued here said that acting on specific intelligence and routine surveillance of courier networks, Drugs Control Officers, under the supervision of Assistant Drugs Controller (HQ) J&K Pankaj Malhotra, conducted a targeted inspection at a local courier facility. During the inspection, a suspicious parcel was identified and opened in the presence of authorised personnel. The team recovered 4,400 tablets of Tapentadol 100 mg (TD NERV-100), a centrally acting opioid analgesic

often misused for intoxication. The tablets were concealed and lacked valid documentation. The team immediately seized the consignment on the spot using Form-16 under provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. Preliminary investigations indicate that the consignment originated from a neighbouring state and was intended for illegal sale in Jammu and Kashmir. Authorities are verifying consignee details and continuing efforts to trace the parcel's origin and intended destination, with further legal action likely under the relevant provisions of the Act. State Drugs Controller, Lotika Khajuria, reiterated the Government of J&K's commitment to eliminating illegal drug trafficking. She stated that surveillance on courier services, transport agencies and pharmaceutical distribution channels has been intensified, and strict action will be taken against violators in accordance with the law.

AHWC Heerpora & Sedo whost awareness camp

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Shopian, Aug 06: On the directions of Director Ayush J&K Dr. Nuzhat Bashir Shah, AHWC Heerpora and AHWC Sedo Wednesday held a free School health check-up. Anemia Mukt awareness camp at Sunrise Public School Sedo Shopian.

A statement issued here said that on the

occasion, students were screened for Anemia, recurrent RTI, Helminthiasis and PCOD. Free immune boosting medicine was also distributed among 50 students. Moreover, Ayush Shopian also held an awareness event on PCOD in collaboration with the Department of Education at Vehl. Female teachers and staff of the zone attended the session.

Police seize six vehicles involved in illegal extraction, transportation of minerals

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Srinagar, Aug 06: In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, Police along with Geology and Mining Department Wednesday seized five tractors and a tipper involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Ganderbal district of Central Kashmir.

As per a statement issued here, these vehicles were illegally loaded with minor minerals extraction from Nallah Sind Ganderbal and were seized within the jurisdiction of Police Post Nagbal. This proactive approach to curb illegal mining has been actively taken up by district Police and



Geology and Mining Department, thereby ensuring the individuals involved in such illegal activities are legally prosecuted. These seizures highlight the commitment of Police towards acting tough against these violators. Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding illegal mining activities in their neighbourhood. Police assure complete anonymity and strict action against the violators as per law.

DIG SKR flags off students for 'Bharat Darshan' tour

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Srinagar, Aug 06: In a commendable initiative aimed at promoting national integration and broadening the horizons of young minds, DIG SKR Anantnag Javid Iqbal Matoo Wednesday flagged off a group of 80 students for a Bharat Darshan tour. The students, hailing from various schools across district Anantnag, will visit prominent historical and cultural landmarks in Mumbai and Kolkata.

A statement issued here said that the flag-off ceremony was held with great enthusiasm at District Police Lines Anantnag, where SSP Anantnag Amritpal Singh and other officers were also present, who extended their best wishes to the students. This educational tour, under the Civic Action Programme of Jammu and Kashmir Police, is designed to expose students to the diverse cultural heritage and development of the country. It provides an opportunity for the youth to learn about the history, culture, and progress of different regions, thereby fostering a sense of unity and national pride.



Speaking on the occasion, DIG SKR emphasised the importance of such exposure visits in shaping the personality of young students and instilling in them values of discipline, confidence, and patriotism. SSP Anantnag also encouraged the students to make the most of this opportunity and return with enriching experiences and new perspectives. Police remain committed to engaging with the youth through such constructive initiatives and will continue to work towards their empowerment and development.

Islamia College hosts seminar on 'Handicrafts in Shahr-e-Khas'

Artisans, scholars & policymakers unite to explore challenges, opportunities in reviving craft

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Srinagar, Aug 06: Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar, held a significant one-day seminar titled "Handicrafts in Shahr-e-Khas: Challenges and Opportunities", drawing artisans, academicians, researchers, government officials and industry leaders into a shared dialogue on safeguarding Kashmir's centuries-old craft heritage.

A statement issued here said that the event focused on the historical and cultural vibrancy of Shahr-e-Khas, Srinagar's old city, which has long been the heart of traditional handicrafts such as papier-mâché, wood carving, Kani weaving, copperware, and carpet-making. The seminar was inaugurated by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Tehmina Yousuf, who, in her presidential address, stressed the need to reconnect traditional artisan knowledge with modern economic systems. "The real empowerment of the craft community lies in building sustainable linkages between their heritage and contemporary entrepreneurship," she said. Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Jhat, Convenor of the Innovation and Incubation Centre, underlined the



College's proactive approach in integrating youth and start-ups into the craft economy through innovation and incubation models. Keynote speakers and panellists provided multifaceted perspectives. Prof. Arshad Suleh, Head of the Department of Art, College of Education, warned of the existential threats to traditional crafts due to lack of international exposure, dwindling artisan numbers, and the rise of machine-made imitations. Prof. Fayaz A. Nika, Dean, School of Management Studies, CUK, advocated for the active involvement of higher education institutions in craft revival through design thinking and managerial expertise. Aamina Asad, Chief Designer, Department of Handicrafts and Handlooms, and Dr. Yasir A. Mir of NIFT Srinagar, showcased ways to modern-

ize Kashmir's crafts through digital branding, product innovation and market intelligence. Interactive sessions empowered students, researchers, and aspiring entrepreneurs to discuss themes such as heritage preservation, export potential, design-led innovation, digital marketing, and incubation pathways. What set the event apart was the active participation of artisans from Shahr-e-Khas, who shared real-life experiences of resilience amid challenges like economic slowdown, fading interest among younger generations, and insufficient institutional support. The seminar marked a vibrant step toward creating a sustainable, innovation-driven ecosystem for Kashmir's famed handicrafts — where tradition meets technology, and heritage fuels entrepreneurship.

Two pastoral nomads killed, two injured in stone-slide in Kulgam upper reaches

Younus Rashid

Waltangu (Kulgam), Aug 06: Two members of the Bakarwal nomadic community were killed and two others injured after a stone slide struck their doka (temporary shelter) in Kanzalpathri, Waltangu Nard, in the upper reaches of Kulgam district on Wednesday morning.

Soon after the incident, locals, the Kulgam district administration, police, and SDRF teams rushed to the spot and, along with members of the nomadic community, rescued the injured and retrieved the bodies. The victims were shifted to the emergency hospital in Qazigund.

Forest and Tribal Affairs Minister Javed Ahmed Rana expressed grief over the tragedy and assured government support to the affected families.

“Deeply saddened by the tragic loss of two Gujjar-Bakarwal nomads in a stone slide in Kulgam. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. May Allah (SWT) grant the departed the highest place in Jannat. DC Kulgam is overseeing rescue efforts; the government will ensure full support to the affected,” he posted on X (formerly Twitter).

Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan said Kanzalpathri is about a two-and-a-half-hour uphill trek from Waltangu and had two dokas of the Bakarwal community.

“Early in the morning, we received information about the incident. SDRF, revenue, and police teams were immediately mobilised,” he said.

He added that the stone slide was triggered by falling trees. “The 2005 avalanche that hit

Waltangu Nard occurred in the same belt. This nomadic community, from Marhore, had migrated here for a few months for grazing, along with their livestock,” DC said.

The deceased have been identified as Mohd Shafi Bokad, son of Mehboob Bokad, and his daughter Reshmi Jan. The injured — Zakir Ahmad, son of Mohd Shafi Bokad, and Sakeena Begum, wife of Mohd Shafi Bokad — are undergoing treatment and are stated to be in critical condition.

Hilal Ahmad, a local resident, said that on Tuesday late night, gusty winds and rains lashed the Kund belt of Waltangu Nard (behak) Kanzalpathri, where the incident occurred.

He said the pastoral nomadic community had set up a few dokas in the upper reaches of Waltangu Nard Kanzalpathri behak. During the night, possibly due to the

rains and strong winds, trees fell, triggering a stone slide that hit the dokas where the family was staying.

“The father and daughter died on the spot, while two other family members were injured and shifted to the hospital, where their condition is stated to be critical,” Hilal added.

MLA Devsar Peerzada Feroze Ahmad visited the site and assured the victims of full support. “Waltangu Nard has witnessed such tragedies before. People here have been demanding permanent huts, which I will ensure are provided from my Constituency Development Fund. Some quarters sanctioned after the snow avalanche earlier this year are still pending. I have spoken to the Tribal Minister, and the remaining work on that project will be expedited,” he said.

Time to root out organised crime, mafia in J&K: DGP

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Srinagar, Aug 06: Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Wednesday said it is “high time” to root out organised crime and mafia networks operating within Jammu and Kashmir.

During his visit to the Crime Branch Headquarters in Srinagar, the DGP reviewed the unit’s ongoing work, current investigations, and overall operational effectiveness. He was welcomed by the IGP Crime Branch and senior officers, and participated in a detailed briefing on key cases, including cybercrime, financial frauds, and other serious criminal activities, a police spokesperson said in a statement issued here.

Prabhat directed officers to prioritise honesty, efficiency, and



speed in their investigations. He called for utilising advanced technology and maintaining meticulous case documentation to strengthen judicial proceedings.

Praising the Crime Branch’s efforts, he assured that increased training and resources would be provided,

particularly to combat cyber and financial crimes.

Later, the DGP interacted with staff members, encouraging them to continue their dedicated work and reaffirming the full support of Police Headquarters, Jammu and Kashmir.

DSEJ orders verification of employee attendance before salary disbursement

All CEOs, DDOs instructed to confirm attendance via JKSED, biometric portals

Arif Rashid

Srinagar, Aug 06: The Directorate of School Education (DSEJ) has instructed all Chief Education Officers (CEOs) and District Drawing Officers (DDOs) of the Jammu division to ensure proper verification of employee attendance before releasing salaries. It said salaries should only be disbursed after confirmation through the JKSED Portal or the Biometric Attendance

Portal.

An official from the Directorate of School Education Jammu said, “The attendance of all employees, especially teachers in government institutions, is crucial for ensuring quality education, accountability, and equitable learning outcomes, especially in rural and unserved areas.”

All CEOs and DDOs have been directed that no salary of any employee should be released without proper verification from the JKSED Portal or the Biometric Attendance Portal.

The Heads of Institutions (HOIs) have also been instructed to verify and update employee details on the JK Attendance or



Biometrics Attendance Portal. “The retired employees should be kept in a common pool on the portal after seeking consultation from VSEK/NIC,” the official added.

In cases where an employee is working in another office, school, district, or department, the salary will only be processed after receipt of the Duty Slip and JK Attendance or Biometric Report, duly signed by the

respective DDO where the employee is working.”

The official added, “All the chief education officers, district drawing officers, and heads of the institutions have been directed to verify the attendance of employees on these portals before the release of salaries for the month of 08/2025. Besides, concerned treasury officers are also informed to obtain a satisfactory attendance certificate of all employees before drawing the bills.”

He said all the DDOs, HOIs have also been directed for the implementation of these instructions, which should be fully monitored by the Chief Education Officer in their respective districts.

Govt bans 25 books in J&K for promoting secessionism, glorifying terrorism

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: The Jammu and Kashmir government has banned 25 books, citing their role in spreading false narratives, glorifying terrorism, and promoting secessionism among youth.

The publications, the government said, have been identified based on investigations and credible intelligence inputs, which suggest that such literature has played a role in radicalising young people in the Union Territory.

In a notification issued under Section 98 of the



heroism, which deeply affects the psyche of the youth,” the notification reads. “They have been found to play a critical role in spreading a culture of violence and alienation.”

The notification further reads that the 25 publications attract provisions of Sections 152, 196, and 197 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, as they endanger the sovereignty and integrity of India.

The books are now declared forfeited to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir which means all printed copies and any material reproducing the contents of these books whether physical or digital will be subject to seizure.

CBK arrests two in cheating case involving false investment promises

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: The Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir (CBK) has apprehended two suspects in connection with a case of cheating involving false investment promises.

The accused are Majid Nazir Najar, son of Nazir Ahmad Najar, resident of Batamalo near Mehboob Public School, Srinagar, and Mubarak Ahmad Rather, son of Nissar Ahmad Rather, resident of Gulshan Nagar, Gulposh Colony, the CBK said in a statement issued here.

“The case, registered as FIR No. 11/2025 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, and 120-B of the IPC at P/S EOW (Crime Branch



Kashmir), pertains to cheating a complainant by promising high returns on investments in various deposit schemes,” it said.

The CBK said the accused had falsely claimed to be authorised representatives and agents of several financial institutions,

including Adarsh Cooperative Society, SBI Life Insurance, and HDFC Insurance, and issued deposit certificates to the complainant. “However, during verification, these certificates were found to be fake and forged. They lured the complainant into

making investments by projecting themselves as legitimate representatives of reputed financial companies,” it said.

A thorough investigation led to the registration of the case, and evidence confirmed the involvement of the accused, the statement said, adding that both individuals have been taken into custody and are currently being questioned.

Crime Branch Kashmir said it remains committed to investigating economic crimes and ensuring that fraudsters are brought to justice. “The public is urged to exercise caution, verify credentials, and conduct due diligence before making any financial investments,” it said.

3-week capacity building prog in glaciology concludes at KU

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: To strengthen national research capabilities in glaciology and climate science, a three-week Capacity Building Programme in Glaciology organised by the Centre of Excellence for Glacial Studies in the Western Himalayas, University of Kashmir (KU) concluded on Tuesday.

Sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, the programme included eleven days of classroom-based theoretical training followed by a rigorous ten-day field component at the Machoi Glacier, Drass (Ladakh). Twenty participants, selected from over 75 applicants from prestigious institutions such as IITs, IISERs, NITs, central and state universities, and national research labs, underwent this interdisciplinary training delivered by KU faculty and experts from



leading national institutions.

In her message, Vice Chancellor KU, Prof Nilofar Khan said, “The Centre of Excellence has become a national hub for research on climate change, water security, and related challenges. Capacity-building initiatives like this are vital for empowering the next generation of scientists and creating impactful knowledge ecosystems.”

Dr Anita Gupta, Head of the Climate, Energy, and

Sustainable Technology Division at DST, New Delhi, who was the chief guest at the valedictory function, lauded KU’s leadership in advancing glaciological research and expressed hope that the participants would contribute meaningfully to India’s climate and sustainability goals.

Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice-Chancellor, IUST, and Principal Investigator (PI) and coordinator of the programme, highlighted

the strategic significance of glaciology in ensuring food, water, and energy security. He acknowledged the continued support of DST in developing world-class research infrastructure at KU under national missions.

Registrar KU, Prof Naseer Iqbal, emphasised the growing prominence of the Centre of Excellence and stressed the need to make its research findings accessible to policymakers and the general public for informed decision-making.

Earlier, Prof M. Farooq Mir, Head, Department of Geoinformatics KU, welcomed the guests. Dr Khalid Omar Murtaza, Co-PI of the Centre, presented a summary of the programme, while Dr Reyaz Ahmad Dar, also Co-PI, delivered the vote of thanks.

The valedictory function was attended by several deans, heads of departments, co-PIs of the Centre of Excellence, faculty members and scholars from KU and IUST.



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We welcome statehood demand but CM must prioritise restoration of Art 370 & 35A: PDP

Chief Spokesperson Mehboob Beg asks Omar Abdullah to lead with 'courage, clarity'

RK NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Aug 06: People's Democratic Party (PDP) on Wednesday welcomed the appeal by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for a collective push toward restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

However, the party has expressed serious concern over what it termed as "selective focus" on statehood, while overlooking the "far more critical demand" for restoring Article 370 and Article 35A, which form the constitutional foundation of Jammu and Kashmir's identity, rights, and autonomy, PDP Chief Spokesperson Mehboob Beg said in a statement issued here.

He said that while the party wholeheartedly supports the call for statehood and stands ready to back any meaningful initiative that fulfills promises made

to the people in Parliament, public forums, and before the Supreme Court, it is "disheartening" to see that the National Conference (JKNC), under CM Omar Abdullah's leadership, has not demonstrated equal urgency or clarity on the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

"The abrogation of Article 370 and 35A in August 2019 was a historic betrayal that struck at the heart of our political and cultural identity. Ignoring this reality while demanding statehood alone dilutes the larger struggle for justice and dignity," Beg said.

The PDP, he said, views the current narrative centred only on statehood as one that aligns too closely with the BJP-led central government's agenda, which has selectively promised statehood while remaining silent on special status. "In



"The restoration of Articles 370 and 35A must remain central to any political roadmap for Jammu and Kashmir"

this context, the party believes it is imperative that NC, which enjoys a substantial mandate from the people, must leverage its political capital to prioritise the complete restoration of constitutional guarantees under Articles 370 and 35A," Beg said.

The Chief Spokesperson added, "Statehood without special status is akin to treating the symptoms while ignoring the root cause. The people did not vote for administrative adjustments; they voted for the return of their rights, their land, and their constitutional dignity."

He said the PDP reiterates its position that statehood, while important, cannot be the ultimate goal. The restoration of Articles 370 and 35A must remain central to any political roadmap for Jammu and Kashmir. "The party pledges its full

support to any multi-party initiative that seeks to build a united front—both in Parliament and on the ground toward this larger objective," Beg said.

The PDP leader urged Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to "lead with courage and clarity—not just on statehood, but on the full restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional position." "This is not just a political necessity, but a moral obligation," he asserted.

Beg said the PDP calls on all political parties and the people of Jammu and Kashmir to unite in the "struggle for justice, dignity, and constitutional rights".

The party, he said, remains firm in its resolve to relentlessly pursue the restoration of Articles 370 and 35A, irrespective of the central government's stance.

Raabita Outreach Office

Delegations call on CM, raise issues; Omar assures redressal

RK NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Aug 06: Several delegations and public representatives called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at Raabita office here on Wednesday to discuss a wide range of issues concerning public infrastructure, traders' issues, higher education, and opportunities for technocrats.

The day's engagements began with a meeting of Members of the Legislative Assembly—Farooq Ahmad Shah (Gulmarg), Sajjad Shafi (Uri), Irshad Rasool Kar (Sopore), Shafi Ahmad Wani (Beerwah), and Pawan Gupta (Udhampur West)—who apprised the Chief Minister of various constituency-specific issues requiring immediate attention.

Subsequently, a delegation from the Traders Federation of Shopian raised concerns of the local business community. They sought the government's intervention to resolve logistical challenges and improve market access for Shopian-based enterprises.



A separate delegation from the School of Architecture, Kashmir, met the Chief Minister to highlight the lack of job opportunities for architects in Jammu and Kashmir. They urged the government to create posts and integrate architectural expertise for urban development planning.

A deputation representing transporters and shopkeepers of the Old Batmaloo General Bus Stand also met the Chief Minister. They demanded the revival of commercial activity along with basic civic restoration at Batmaloo.

The Chief Minister also held a separate meeting with former minister and senior political leader Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo, who discussed the developmental scenario in the Chenab Valley.

Scores of individuals also called on the Chief Minister and apprised him of various personal and public concerns.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to all delegations and assured that the issues raised would be appropriately addressed through the concerned departments.

Statehood key to J&K's progress: Dr Farooq

RK NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Aug 06: National Conference (NC) president, Dr Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday reiterated the party's long-standing demand for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, asserting that it is essential for the region's return to peace, development, and good governance.

Addressing a gathering of NC block presidents and senior functionaries in Pahalgam, Dr Farooq said, "Restoring statehood is not just a political necessity, but a vital step towards addressing the growing hardships of the people, which have only worsened since 2015."

The meeting was convened by MLA Pahalgam, Altaf Ahmad Wani. Also in attendance were senior party leader and former Member of Parliament Sharief Ud Din



Shariq, and MLA Shangus, Advocate Reyaz Ahmad Khan, the party said in a statement issued here.

The NC chief commended the achievements of the Omar Abdullah-led government, emphasising its role in bridging the disconnect between the administration and the common people. He called for a renewed commitment to the party's mission of safeguarding the rights and

dignity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier in the day, Dr Abdullah visited the residence of late G.A. Peer in Seer Hamdan. Peer was a respected bureaucrat who passed away recently after a protracted illness. Accompanied by party functionaries, Dr Farooq offered Fatiha for the departed soul and offered condolences to the bereaved family.

I believe in dialogue, delivery & development, says MLA Kangan

UMAR RAINA

Ganderbal, Aug 06: Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Kangan, Mian Mehar Ali, met with a local delegation in the picturesque hill station of Sonamarg on Wednesday to discuss pressing developmental issues affecting the region, particularly in its remote villages.

The meeting, attended by locals, focused on issues related to healthcare infrastructure, water supply, road connectivity, and environmental concerns. Residents highlighted the need for better public services and the swift execution of pending works.

Speaking to Rising Kashmir after the meeting, MLA Mehar Ali assured the people of Kangan that no effort will be spared to

transform the region through inclusive and sustainable development.

"The people of Kangan have always shown faith in me, and I'm committed to delivering on that trust," he said. "Development is not a privilege, it is a right, and my team is working round the clock to ensure every village gets its due share."

The MLA said that improving healthcare access was among his top priorities. "We are taking concrete steps to strengthen primary health centres and ensure the availability of staff and medicines in remote areas," he said. "I believe in dialogue, delivery, and development. Kangan deserves the best, and I will continue to stand by every citizen till we achieve lasting progress."



Ali said safe drinking water remains a basic necessity. He said new water supply schemes are being fast-tracked, and repairs of existing pipelines will be completed without delay. On road connectivity and macadamisation, Mian Mehar said the government has already approved sev-

eral road upgradation projects.

"We are focused on improving link roads that connect far-flung villages to main roads. Timely macadamisation work is essential, especially before the onset of winter," he said. The MLA also addressed

the long-standing demand for dredging of the Sonamarg stream, which locals say causes waterlogging and environmental hazards.

He said the ecological balance of Sonamarg must be preserved. "I will talk to the concerned departments to begin dredging work at the earliest to safeguard both the environment and the people," he assured.

Nazir, a resident of Sonamarg, said, "We are happy that our MLA is personally listening to our problems. His assurance gives us confidence that positive change is on the horizon."

Another local added, "The MLA Sahib has spoken so clearly about local healthcare and road conditions. We feel heard."

NC leaders condole tragic deaths in Kulgam thunderstorm

RK NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Aug 06: National Conference (NC) president Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President & Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives caused by a severe thunderstorm in Waltangoo Nard-Kund in Devsar. The calamity led to the unfortunate death of a nomadic father-daughter duo and left several others seriously injured.

The leaders prayed for eternal peace for the departed souls and extended heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

Party General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar, senior leader and former Cabinet Minister Sakina Itoo, MP for south Kashmir

Mian Altaf Ahmad and State Spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar also expressed condolences. They prayed for the safety of other tribal families and urged the administration to ensure the protection and well-being of nomadic communities and their livestock in the upper regions of Kulgam and Shopian districts.

Meanwhile, MLA Devsar Peerzada Faroz Ahmad visited the affected area and met with the grieving family. He expressed solidarity with the victims and assured that immediate relief would be provided. He also urged district officials present on the occasion to expedite relief distribution and ensure ongoing support to all affected families.

BJP practises women empowerment in its core functioning: Sat Sharma

Adv Neha Mahajan assumes charge as J&K BJP Mahila Morcha President

RK NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Aug 06: Adv Neha Mahajan on Wednesday assumed charge as the new president of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir. The party's UT chief Sat Sharma congratulated her in a grand felicitation ceremony held here.

"The BJP not only preaches, but practises the women's empowerment in its core functioning," Sharma said.

Vice-President Priya Sethi, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Gopal Mahajan, MLAs Yudhvir Sethi, Vikram Randhawa, and Shagun Parihar, National Secretary BJP Mahila Morcha Rekha Kumari, BJP Spokesperson Rajni Sethi,

District President BJP Jammu South Naresh Singh Jasrotia, senior BJP leaders, hundreds of Mahila Morcha activists, members of FIC-CIFLO and Dharm Jagran Manch, advocates from J&K High Court, and many representatives of various social organisations were present on the occasion.

Sat Sharma said the J&K BJP has always been an example of women's empowerment, encouraging women-led leadership, which should continue to move ahead. He highlighted the crucial role of women in strengthening the party at the grassroots and expressed confidence that under her dynamic leadership, the Mahila Morcha will reach new heights in organisational and social outreach.

Priya Sethi encouraged the Mahila Morcha cadre to take inspiration from the BJP's women-centric initiatives and to work tirelessly to ensure the party's ideology reaches every home in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sanjita Dogra, as the former Mahila Morcha President, formally handed over the charge to the new president. She applauded the consistent efforts of the Mahila Morcha and emphasised the importance of collective dedication for upcoming electoral challenges.

Gopal Mahajan said the empowerment of women is at the core of the BJP's ideology. He called upon the Mahila Morcha to continue

its efforts in reaching every booth and household with the party's message.

Yudhvir Sethi praised the ever-growing participation of women in politics and encouraged Mahila Morcha workers to focus on development-oriented campaigns and women-centric welfare initiatives.

Vikram Randhawa said the active involvement of women in political and social fields is a reflection of the party's commitment to Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.

Shagun Parihar stated that the Mahila Morcha is the backbone of grassroots-level outreach, and under Adv Under Neha Mahajan's leadership, the Morcha will create new benchmarks of

Kejriwal, Mann must explain alleged Rs 30,000 cr deal with realtors: Chugh

'Land pooling scheme in Punjab a loot exercise by Delhi-based AAP'

RK NEWS DESK

Jammu, Aug 06: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh, on Wednesday demanded that the Kejriwal-Bhagwant Mann duo must come clean on the charges that they have struck a secret deal of Rs 30,000 crore with Delhi-based realtors in the land-pooling scheme launched in Punjab recently.

Addressing a key organisational meeting of Punjab BJP in Chandigarh, Chugh, in a statement issued here, said, "The land pooling policy introduced by the Mann government is a 'Ponzi scheme' to loot 40,000 acres of fertile farmland and a total of 75,000 acres of land in Punjab to benefit Arvind Kejriwal and his friends."

He said under the leadership of working president Ashwani Sharma the BJP will launch a protest agitation to protect the interests of farmers.

Chugh called upon the newly appointed district president to strengthen the party at the grassroots level and connect directly with the cadre. He



stressed the need for a strategic push to energise the BJP's structure across Punjab.

The BJP leader declared that if the AAP government does not withdraw this "anti-farmer" policy, the party will take the fight to every village and town. "If needed, we will drag this issue to court. But we will not let our annadas be robbed of their land," he asserted.

On Rahul Gandhi's latest comments against PM Modi, Chugh said, "It has become Rahul Gandhi's habit to speak from the script dictated by his foreign handlers. Questioning India's armed forces and defaming the nation has become a fashion in the Congress. But this country has not forgotten that Prime Minister Modi gave Pakistan a fitting reply. The people of India will not entertain such theatrics anymore."

BJP leaders review preparations for 'Tiranga Yatra' campaign across districts

RK NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Aug 06: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders convened a review meeting in the districts to assess preparations for the upcoming 'Tiranga Yatra' campaign, held under the broader national initiative of 'Har Ghar Tiranga'.

In Srinagar, BJP J&K General Secretary Anwar Khan chaired the meeting, in Pulwama, State Vice President Dr Shehnaz Ganie chaired it, and in Bandipora District, State Secretary Arif Raja chaired it

with District Office Bearers, Morcha Presidents, District Convenors, Co-Convenors of the campaign, District Presidents, and other senior leaders.

BJP General Secretary Anwar Khan presented a detailed roadmap of upcoming activities under the campaign. He emphasised the importance of comprehensive planning at the booth and mandal levels to ensure widespread participation. He announced that grand Tiranga Rallies and Padyatras would be organised to celebrate the occasion.

In her address, Dr Shehnaz Ganie emphasised the need for wholehearted participation by every party worker to ensure the success of the campaign.

Reiterating the directives of BJP National President JP Nadda, she urged the cadre to take the Tiranga, the national flag, to every rooftop across the region. She called for meticulous planning and robust training of workers through grassroots-level workshops.

Arif Raja, in his address, highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of

widespread public involvement. "This Independence Day should reflect a nation unified under the colours of the Tiranga," he said.

Raja warned against the attempts of those who once opposed the spirit of nationalism, saying the campaign must send a strong message of unity and resilience.

He called for extensive involvement of the youth and emphasised the need to engage with security personnel and their families, acknowledging their immense contributions to the nation.

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project has brought Jammu and Kashmir in the national mainstream as it connects the nation with the Union Territory (UT) in a comprehensive manner. It integrates the various districts of the UT that include Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Srinagar, Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam and Baramulla. The 272 km railway track is one of the first of its kind that has been developed on a purely scientific basis and speaks volumes about the expertise and professionalism of the Indian Railway engineers who have created an international marvel. The USBRL project is one of the most difficult new railway line projects undertaken in the country post-independence. The terrain passes through young Himalayas, which are full of geological surprises and numerous problems. In this project, Railway has made the world's highest Railway Bridge over Chenab river in Reasi district of Jammu & Kashmir. The iconic Chenab Bridge is 1315 m long having an arch span of 467 m and height of 359 m above river bed. Indian Railway's first cable-stayed bridge has been constructed over Anji Khad in this project. Its bridge deck is 331m above the river bed level and height of its Main pylon is 193m. The USBRL project has made substantial socio-economic contributions to the region, with employment generation being a significant aspect of its impact. The project has generated more than 5 Cr. man-days of employment. Another crucial facet of the USBRL Project's socio-economic development efforts has been the construction of over 215 km of approach roads, which include construction of a tunnel and 320 small bridges. This road network has helped the local population in improvement of their connectivity with other areas and also improvement in socio-economic states. The adherence to international norms besides the safety provisions have made this project one of the best of its kind in the contemporary times in India and as such is attracting the national and international gaze. All tunnels having length more than 2Km have been provided with mechanical ventilation systems to ensure air quality. Firefighting systems comprising fire hydrants and fire extinguishers have been provided to promptly address and contain potential fire incidents in all the tunnels. Further, to ensure the safety of passengers, escape tunnels have also been made where the length of the tunnel is more than 3 Km. A total of 66 Km escape tunnels have been made in this project. To ensure minimum disturbance to Himalayan ecology, due care has been taken for slope stabilization and the best institutes of the world were roped in for execution of this project. Comprehensive schemes for slope stabilization have been adopted as per NEERI guidelines and Detailed Design Consultants' suggestions to prevent erosion and damage to natural terrains. Slope stability at Chenab Bridge was designed by Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore & IIT/Delhi. Other global firms having experience of such works were also engaged for independent check for slope stability for Chenab Bridge. Slope stability at Anji Bridge was also designed and proof checked by experienced global firms. Total land acquired for the USBRL Project includes 1559.48 Hectares of Private land and 276.71 Hectares of Govt. Land. Complete payment of these land acquisitions amounting to Rs. 816.21 crores. has already been deposited with concerned Collector Land Acquisition. The mechanism for resolving pending claims related to land acquisition is already included vide section 18 of Jammu & Kashmir State Land Acquisition Act 1990. This information has been provided by the Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.

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•QUOTE OF THE DAY

Faith and doubt both are needed - not as antagonists, but working side by side to take us around the unknown curve.

Lillian Smith

The Tragedy of Dharali (Utterkashi) and the New Face of Cloudbursts

Dharali is gone. But its memory must remain—not as another entry in a list of disasters, but as a turning point



UTTARKASHI DISASTER
SANJAY PANDITA

There was a time when the word "cloudburst" conjured images of distant Himalayan heights—those inaccessible ridges where the clouds gathered in isolation and occasionally wept with such intensity that torrents would come crashing down into the deep gorges. It was an event the villagers heard of, not one they feared personally. But now, the clouds are no longer breaking only on remote summits—they are collapsing over rooftops, market lanes, and village paths. The sky is falling lower. The threat has descended.

The tragedy that unfolded in Dharali, a quiet hamlet in Uttarkashi, was a horrifying manifestation of this change. In mere minutes, a cloudburst transformed serenity into sorrow. A whole village—its houses, shops, roads, and lives—was swept away by an unrelenting wall of water and debris. It wasn't just a flash flood. It was annihilation. People had no time to run, no warning to react. What descended from the sky was not rain, but ruin.

This is not the first time nature has cried out in this region, but something fundamental has shifted in the pattern. Once confined to higher altitudes, cloudbursts are now striking at lower elevations—where people live, work, and dream. It is not just geography that is changing, but the nature of risk itself. Places once considered safe are now marked red. Mountains that once nurtured now threaten. And all of this is happening with a regularity that is alarming.

Dharali had no large river snaking through its heart. There was no looming glacier threatening to give way. It was a modest, peaceful village. But when the sky itself becomes the source of destruction, there is no terrain that remains immune. This wasn't merely a case of excessive rainfall—it was an atmospheric fracture. A collapse of equilibrium. And in its wake, silence.

In the last three years alone, Himalayan states like Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have suffered repeated shocks. In 2023, it



was Kinnaur. Then came Chamba. And now, Dharali. Each time, the scale has grown. Each time, the distance between tragedy and population has shrunk. What used to be a phenomenon of the upper wilderness is now a deadly visitation in our own courtyards. It is no longer nature's distant fury—it is a scream in our ears.

These catastrophes are not isolated acts of chance. They are the echoes of years of environmental imbalance. The mountains, once considered sacred and inviolable, are now being carved, dynamited, and tamed in the name of development. Concrete roads cut through ancient forests. Hydropower projects twist the arteries of rivers. Forests that held soil and memory together are vanishing. And in this dizzying pursuit of progress, we have forgotten that the Himalayas are not just rocks—they are living, breathing ecosystems.

When such ecological wounds go unhealed, nature responds. Sometimes in landslides. Sometimes in floods. And increasingly, in cloudbursts. This is no longer an occasional anomaly—it is a pattern. One born of altered rainfall systems, rising temperatures, disappearing tree cover, and a loss of balance between what we build and what we destroy. The clouds are not just full of water now; they are heavy with consequence.

In Dharali, the people who paid the price were not those who laid highways or sanctioned dams. It was the

ordinary villager—the shopkeeper, the farmer, the child on his way to school. Their lives, their memories, their futures—all dissolved in a single unrelenting burst from the sky. And as always, it is those least responsible for climate collapse who suffer the most from its consequences.

What is most chilling is the speed. Cloudbursts give no space for retreat. The time between detection and disaster is so narrow that even the best of technology often fails to warn in time. What, then, is to be done? What hope is there when water falls not gently but violently, like judgment from above?

There are lessons here—but only if we are willing to draw them with honesty. We must acknowledge that the development model we have pursued in the Himalayas is flawed—recklessly ambitious, and deeply disconnected from ecological realities. The hills are not places to be conquered, but to be coexisted with. Every tunnel bored, every forest cleared, every stream diverted—these are not acts without consequence. The mountains remember. And when they respond, they do so with devastating force.

Preparedness must now become more than a bureaucratic term. It must be embedded in the fabric of planning, in the architecture of villages, in the daily consciousness of those who govern. Local communities must be trained, informed, and empowered.

Infrastructure must be reimagined—not as dominion over nature, but as harmony with it. And above all, the voices of those who live closest to the land must be heard first and loudest.

Perhaps the deepest change we need is not infrastructural, but spiritual. Once, our ancestors treated mountains, rivers, and forests as sacred entities—not resources. Somewhere along the way, that reverence gave way to arrogance. We began to see nature not as a giver, but as a challenge to be overcome. Now, as the clouds burst over our heads, we are reminded that nature was never silent. She was patient. And now her patience is wearing thin.

Dharali is gone. But its memory must remain—not as another entry in a list of disasters, but as a turning point. A moment when we could no longer deny that the sky is falling lower. That the boundaries between nature and human life have blurred. That unless we stop treating the Himalayas as terrain to be conquered, we will find ourselves buried beneath their rage.

Cloudbursts are no longer distant phenomena. They are knocking at the doors of our homes. The question is—will we listen now, before the next one knocks them down?

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Frequent Diet Soda intake may Harm Brain and Increase Stroke Risk

A study published in the American Heart Association's leading journal 'Stroke' has raised serious concerns about the long-term neurological effects of consuming diet sodas



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In today's health-conscious world, diet sodas have long been marketed as a guilt-free alternative to their sugary counterparts, offering the same taste without the added calories. However, recent evidence suggests that what many perceive as a "healthier" option may in fact be doing more harm than good—particularly to our brains.

A study published in the American Heart Association's leading journal *Stroke* has raised serious concerns about the long-term neurological effects of consuming diet sodas. The research followed over 2,800 adults aged 45 and above for a decade and found that those who consumed one or more artificially sweetened beverages daily had a nearly threefold increased risk of developing both ischemic stroke and Alzheimer's dementia. The hazard ratio for ischemic stroke was 2.96 and for Alzheimer's was 2.89—staggeringly high figures that demand attention and caution.

To put these numbers into perspective, a hazard ratio (HR) of 1.0 implies no difference in risk between two groups. An HR of 2.0 means there is a 100% increase in risk, and an HR nearing 3.0, as found in this study, is significant enough to raise alarms across the medical



community. In simpler terms, individuals consuming diet sodas daily are nearly three times more likely to suffer a stroke or develop Alzheimer's than those who do not.

Artificial sweeteners—like aspartame, sucralose, and saccharin—are the common ingredients in diet sodas. While these substances are calorie-free, they are not metabolically inert. Multiple studies have suggested that artificial sweeteners may disrupt gut microbiota, alter insulin sensitivity, and impact vascular health. But when it comes to brain function, these sweeteners may have more insidious effects.

The vascular system plays a crucial role in maintaining brain health. Any compromise in blood vessels—such as those caused by chronic

inflammation or endothelial dysfunction—can lead to reduced cerebral blood flow. This is the key driver of ischemic strokes, where parts of the brain are deprived of oxygen due to blocked arteries. Similarly, chronic vascular insufficiency and inflammation have been strongly linked with neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's.

Another hypothesis is that the artificial sweetness tricks the brain into craving more sugar and processed food, indirectly leading to metabolic syndrome—a known risk factor for stroke and cognitive decline. Moreover, repeated exposure to non-nutritive sweeteners may interfere with learning and memory by altering neurotransmitter pathways, although more research

is needed in this area.

From a neurologist's point of view, this study should be a wake-up call. Stroke is already one of the leading causes of disability and death worldwide, and Alzheimer's disease continues to be an escalating public health crisis with no definitive cure. If a simple lifestyle habit like switching to artificially sweetened beverages can dramatically increase these risks, then it is imperative we reconsider our dietary choices.

The findings also highlight the need for better public education and food labeling. Most people believe they are making a healthier choice when they pick up a can of diet soda instead of regular cola. This perception is reinforced by aggressive marketing campaigns that focus solely on weight loss and calorie count, often ignoring the broader metabolic and neurological consequences.

As a medical professional, I advise my patients to adopt a cautious and informed approach to their diet. Water, fresh fruit juices, herbal teas, or even sparkling water with a dash of lemon are safer and healthier alternatives to diet sodas. Moderation is key—occasional indulgence may not be harmful, but habitual consumption, as this study shows, could be a recipe for long-term neurological damage.

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The Cost of Informality in a Global Economy: Operating without a written contract

As Kashmir's business climate evolves and expands, especially into international arenas, written contracts are no longer optional, they are essential



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Kashmir is undergoing an exciting economic transformation. With projections estimating business growth at INR 1,750 crore for FY 2024-25, local enterprises are making a mark in global markets. From Sozni and Kani embroidery becoming international fashion highlights to hand-knotted carpets gracing homes worldwide, and Pampore saffron savored across continents, the Valley's artistry is telling stories far beyond its borders. Fueled by this surge, wholesalers, distributors, and retailers from India and abroad are increasingly partnering with Kashmiri businesses. Large consignments are being ordered directly, and yet this momentum is shadowed by a significant legal lapse: agreements are often not put into writing.

As Kashmir integrates with global supply chains, informality is becoming a liability. International buyers, investors, and partners expect due diligence, transparency, and written accountability. When those are absent, even high-quality products or services lose credibility. Foreign businesses work within ecosystems where compliance and contract culture are standard. A missing agreement can signal risk and unreliability, even when the intention is good. For Kashmiri firms to sustain long-term relationships with global partners, transitioning to a professional business framework is imperative.

Trust is Good but a Contract is Better

In Kashmir, trust and personal relationships are sacred. But in business, as the stakes grow, so must the tools. It doesn't replace trust; it reinforces it. A written agreement provides security, clarity, and accountability. As Kashmir's business climate evolves and expands, especially into international arenas, written contracts are no longer optional, they are essential.

From apple exports to carpet consignments, handshake deals remain common but risky. Human memory is unreliable, disputes are frequent, especially when crores are at stake, and without written documentation, there's no clear way to recover payments, assign liability, or resolve conflicts. In today's market, trust alone is not enough, contracts are essential.

Imagine renting out heavy machinery without a contract, then facing delayed payments, or worse, the other party denying the rental altogether or disputing the number of days it was used. Without written terms, you're left directionless, unsure how to recover your dues or prove your claims. When reconciliation fails, litigation is often the only resort, increasing costs and draining business energy.

All of this can be avoided with a single well-drafted contract that includes a dispute resolution clause like arbitration or mediation. A supplier delivers electronics or clothes that arrive damaged, how do you prove who's responsible? What if a natural



calamity or a war delays shipping? A force majeure clause covers it.

The WhatsApp Contract Culture is a Trap

As commercial lawyers, we've seen too many high-stake business deals sealed over WhatsApp chats or vague verbal promises. These informal agreements, while convenient, lack the legal teeth to protect businesses when things go wrong.

Recent cases underline this issue starkly

A Kashmiri carpet supplier engaged for the FIFA World Cup in Qatar suffered significant financial losses when subcontractors, from whom he had sourced smaller batches of carpets, backed out at the last moment. With no formal contract in place, there was no way to hold them accountable. As a result, he failed to fulfill the order, incurred penalties, and suffered heavy losses.

Exporters dealing in walnuts, saffron, and apples frequently face challenges such as spoilage during transit or withheld payments by distributors or buyers, often without the protection of a written contract. In the absence of clear payment terms, liability clauses, or insurance provisions, they are left with no recourse when things go wrong.

A promising deal between a Dubai-based business chain and a Kashmiri consulting agency collapsed due to ambiguity over commission terms. The disagreement wasn't about quality or capability, but the absence of clearly defined payment arrangements.

A Srinagar-based businessman shipped goods worth crores to an international distributor based solely on a verbal agreement. The payment was never made, and his only proof is a WhatsApp voice note and a few vague messages, hardly enough to hold up in court.

Worldwide, commercial contracts are very essential, whether the deal is worth a few thousand or millions. Why? Because contracts help avoid disputes, assign accountability,

and offer remedies. Yet in Kashmir, many entrepreneurs particularly start-ups and small vendors avoid documentation to move quickly. Deals are struck over trust, credibility, and goodwill. But trust, while valuable, is not a legal remedy.

Are Oral Contracts Even Valid in India?

Yes, under the Indian Contract Act, 1872, oral contracts are valid as long as there is offer, acceptance, consideration, and lawful object. However, the challenge lies in proving them. In court, vague WhatsApp messages like "payment sent" or "delivery soon" rarely establish a clear contract. Multiple interpretations arise. There's no documentation of obligations, scope, timelines, or penalties. Without a clear written agreement, even valid contracts can become unenforceable. Legal remedies like specific performance suits drag on, with little relief.

What Creative Artists, Startups and Small Businesses Must Know

Kashmir's booming creative economy comprising artists, musicians, filmmakers, influencers, and designers is witnessing unprecedented exposure and opportunities. However, this sector is particularly vulnerable due to the widespread absence of legal safeguards. Many collaborations and deals are initiated informally, often sealed through quick phone calls, WhatsApp chats, or social media DMs. While these methods may feel efficient, they leave creatives exposed to exploitation, especially when projects cross borders or involve larger entities.

Real-world examples from the Valley are telling that a local musician's track was used in a foreign advertisement without credit or compensation, a fashion brand was invited to showcase its work on an international platform, only to be denied payment later on the pretext that it was merely an "opportunity" and/or an artisan's original designs were sold internationally without any royalty arrangement or

intellectual property acknowledgment. These cases are not isolated. Without written contracts, creative professionals are left with limited or no legal recourse. Verbal assurances or digital messages rarely hold up in disputes, especially across jurisdictions.

Many small vendors and new startups worry that contracts are only for large businesses. But that's a myth. In fact, small businesses are often more vulnerable to losses, and therefore have more to gain from basic contractual protections. A basic agreement doesn't require a full legal department, it just needs clarity. Even one-page contracts with clear terms, signatures, and timelines can be enforceable.

What Every Business Contract Should Include

A contract need not be a 50-page document or need not even have fancy legal jargons to make it enforceable. However, it is important to have a clear picture of what the terms between the contracting parties are.

Credentials of the parties: It is important to clearly define who the parties are to determine who the contract is between? Further, it must also include the proper and correct addresses of the parties for the purposes of serving notices. Whether the contract can devolve among the successors or assignees? This ensures clear accountability in case of default by either of the parties.

What the contract is about? Details of the contract can include setting of the background of the contract, the business of the parties, the purpose behind the contract, the reciprocal rights and obligations of the contracting parties.

Duration of the contract: It is important to predetermine the lifecycle of the contract to know whether it is for a fixed period or renewable or terminable on certain established grounds. If so, mention the process of renewing or termination.

Timely delivery of the work: Lay out a well-defined time frame for the performance

of the contract and the underlying purpose of the contract. Sometimes the parties have shifting obligations, so delay on one side shouldn't lead to a collapse. The parties must be aware of the purpose of the contract so that the work is delivered on time and suits the purpose it is being met for. **Terms of payment:** It's important to mention the precise amount in numbers as well as words with currency to avoid any confusion, the frequency or dates of payment whether the amount is to be paid at once or in instalments, if so, on what date. Will the amount be a gross up amount inclusive of applicable taxes?

Dispute Resolution mechanism: Make clear your preferred resolution option like mediation or arbitration or litigation. This becomes extremely important in transnational contracts where parties reside in different countries or even different states because eventually if the dispute goes to courts, then which court will have jurisdiction?

Sub-contracting or Assignment terms: Reduce it into writing if you want to keep the contract or rights arising out of it transferrable, or whether it can be done freely or with consent of the other party. If the contract gets sub contracted to third parties, who will be responsible for major breaches like non-delivery of work, payment defaults etc.

Insurances: From the point of dispatch to the point of delivery, if anything goes wrong during the transit, who will look after the damages? Insurances like transit insurance or general product liability insurances are ways to secure the parties from any unforeseen losses or damages that may occur.

In order for a contract to be enforceable in a court of law, it is equally important that the contract is duly executed by all the parties concerned and is properly notarized. Further, it must be ensured that proper stamp duty on the agreement is paid for to make it legally enforceable. Yes, it might cost a few thousand bucks but isn't it still better than losing lakhs in a transaction that has no legal proof?

Conclusion

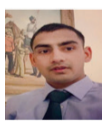
In Kashmir's rapidly evolving business landscape, relying solely on verbal agreements, handshakes, or WhatsApp messages is no longer sustainable especially when the stakes involve crores in goods, services, or international partnerships. While trust remains the foundation of any business relationship, a well-drafted written contract strengthens that trust and provides clarity, accountability, and legal recourse when things go wrong.

Whether you're a small vendor or a growing exporter, investing time in a basic contract can save you from costly disputes, delays, and irreparable losses. In today's market, having a contract is not just smart business, it's essential business.

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Discovering Ganderbal's Multifaceted Charm

A Place where Spirituality meets Scenic Beauty



BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS

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Another while gateway to central Asia and a prominent silk route transit, Ganderbal has gained prominence as a hotspot haven for tourists and pilgrims alike. The district located in north-east part of the newly carved Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir borders Kargil district of Ladakh. It's a unique destination in India, catering to those seeking spiritual enrichment and families looking for memorable vacations. From adventure sports for thrill-seekers to serene relaxation perfect parks, Ganderbal caters to all visitors, young and old.

Whether you're a newlywed couple seeking a romantic getaway in place like Sonamarg, or a Hindu pilgrim on a spiritual journey to Amarnath, or an adventurer eager to conquer the NH 1 route to Leh (passing through Sonamarg, Zoji La, Drass, and Kargil) on a bike or to explore the stunning Kashmir Great Alpine Trek by foot, Ganderbal has something to offer every visitor, attracting both domestic and international travelers alike.

It was my first encounter to Kashmir valley as uniform personnel: a dream for every defence personnel who don the olive green uniform to serve this part

of the country. And it was really an eye opening experience which completely changed my perception on Kashmir. Having encountered the name of majority of the districts in news headlines for anti-terrorist operations, Ganderbal painted a completely different picture of itself.

A district which was completely unknown to me few weeks back and which remains outside the military's focus due to its relative quietude will now be my new permanent address for almost next 03 years. What was striking was how this area, once cut off during winters due to heavy snow and impassable roads along NH1, has undergone a remarkable transformation with the opening of the Sonamarg tunnel. This development ensures that the region will now be accessible to tourists year-round. The completion of the Zoji La tunnel will further enhance connectivity to Leh throughout the year.

And midway across the year comes the most important event of the year: Amarnath Yatra. The region's inherent vibrancy receives a substantial boost and significant national attention during the Hindu month of Shraavan from this annual pilgrimage which takes place from late June to mid August.

While the Amarnath cave lies on the border of Anantnag and Ganderbal districts and is accessible via both Pahalgam (Anantnag) and Baltal (Ganderbal) axes; however the latter for the simpler reason of combining the dual benefit of a spiritual journey and tourism is increasingly becoming the preferred route for young devotees of Bholenath.



For countless Lord Shiva devotees across India, reaching the Amarnath cave, nestled at an elevation of 12,756 feet, represents a profound spiritual aspiration. Pilgrims from all walks of life endure the challenging climate and arduous journey to pay homage to the Amarnath: Lord of Immortals.

Throughout the Yatra, the entire pilgrimage route is heavily secured, with security personnel stationed every 100 meters. To guarantee the safety and security of the pilgrimage, numerous CAPF Battalions, Army units, and various intelligence agencies are deployed on these axes.

The Amarnath Yatra serves as a bridge

between the Hindu and Muslim communities. It not only offers Hindu pilgrims a profound spiritual experience but also generates employment opportunities for local Muslims who are deeply involved in various aspects of the pilgrimage. From route preparation to camp setup and providing essential services, thousands of locals collaborate to make the event a success, putting aside religious differences to ensure a safe and smooth pilgrimage highlighting the interdependence among the two communities.

With ongoing infrastructure development on a large scale, upcoming roadways and railway projects such as

Vande Bharat & Zoji La tunnel, Ganderbal is set to welcome a substantial increase in tourism in coming days which makes it a compelling destination for those seeking spiritual enrichment and discovering Kashmir's unexplored and offbeat tourist locations.

And as you tread these pristine trails and sip Kahwa beside gurgling Sind, know this: We're here with you. Brave soldiers of the defence forces stand watch in the meadows and shadows of these majestic mountain ranges, not just as guardians of the motherland, but as silent protectors and promoters of peace. Many of them grew up in villages not far from where you stand, had childhood not different from yours and families much the same as yours. While their jungle boots may tread rugged paths, their hearts are rooted in the same warmth as yours.

With boots in snow and a silent gaze, a soldier stands unseen when the Yatra climber and descend Amarnath trek. Protecting peace, step after step, inch by inch like phoenix that never dies praying to the Almighty Lingam that "may another day also unfold peacefully and wrap successfully."

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LG Sinha dedicated the ShinaGilgit 88.8 FM Radio Station to the Dard-Shina community. Calling it a vital platform to amplify local voices and preserve indigenous knowledge, he urged the station to produce programs showcasing the community's oral histories, customs, and natural heritage.

"This new community radio must carry the voice of Gurez—its natural beauty, artistic heritage, and cultural strength—to audiences across the country," he added.

The Lieutenant Governor also noted Gurez's emergence as a favored offbeat tourist destination, celebrated for its serene landscapes and picturesque villages. He expressed hope that the community radio would reflect and promote the region's natural, artistic, and cultural wealth.

LG Sinha further appreciated the Indian Army, Tribal Affairs Department, district administration, and voluntary organizations for their dedication to preserving the priceless cultural heritage of the Dard-Shina people.

The festival featured captivating performances by artists from Jammu & Kashmir and other states under the banner of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, earning special praise from the Lieutenant Governor.

During the event, members of the tribal community and Indian Army personnel were honoured for their contributions to society.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by dignitaries including Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jai Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment; Nazir Ahmad Khan, MLA from Gurez; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Prasanna Ramaswamy G, Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department; Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora; senior officials from security forces, civil and police administration, and a large number of local residents.

Centre must

concern over the rising frequency of natural disasters in J&K and other parts of the country. Citing recent landslides and flash floods in Ramban and the tragic events in Uttarakhand, he warned that unchecked deforestation and hill-cutting were contributing to environmental imbalances.

"The weather is changing. Forests are being cleared, mountains are being cut. This kind of threat is now real for us too," he said. "We are deeply saddened by what has happened in Uttarakhand and stand in solidarity with its people and government."

Job appointments

echoed a similar pain. Her father was killed in 1996—a loss that haunted her family for nearly three decades.

"My parents sacrificed their lives for this nation," she said, standing tall with pride and grief intertwined. "For 29 years, we waited. Now, finally, we feel justice has been done."

For Bisma, the loss extended beyond her parents. Her grandfather, who had long hoped for some recognition of the family's pain, passed away during the long wait. "He would've been so proud today," she whispered.

The sombre yet hopeful function was more than a government event. It was, for many, a closing chapter—not of grief, but of bureaucratic neglect and forgotten promises.

On Tuesday, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted personally with the next of kin of terrorism victims and handed them government job appointment letters—a step many families see as both symbolic and substantial.

"These are not just appointments; they are acknowledgments of sacrifice," said one official at the event. "No compensation can ever bring back a lost loved one, but dignity and recognition matter."

Our fight

on files. Nothing happened. The promises would fade as soon as we left the room," Aijaz recalled.

He shared how once officials even took his measurements for a uniform and assured him a job. "I thought our struggle had ended, but after that day, there was only silence. The promise vanished, and it shattered me completely. It felt like someone had pulled the ground from under

my feet."

Without his sister's support, the family slipped into deep financial hardship. Survival meant taking odd jobs and relying on relatives. "We felt abandoned," Aijaz said, "as if the system had forgotten us. This job announcement is not just employment; it is dignity restored. It is like we finally got justice."

For Tahir Ahmad Dar, also from Villgam, tragedy struck even earlier. In 1999, while he was still a schoolboy, terrorists abducted and killed his father. The loss shattered his family emotionally and financially.

"My father was everything to us," Tahir recalled. "After he was killed, I managed to finish my 10th class, but then I had to stop my studies. There was no money to continue. I had to take daily labour to keep the family going. We lived with the pain and the feeling that no one cared."

Both men described the years of relentless efforts—visiting local leaders, district offices, and government departments; filling forms and submitting documents; clinging to hope.

"But hope fades when years turn into decades without a single result. Many times we felt it was pointless to try again," Tahir said.

The Lieutenant Governor's recent announcement of government jobs for the families of terror victims has changed their fortunes. This scheme, designed to offer relief and rehabilitation to those who lost loved ones in terrorism-related violence, has been widely welcomed across Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is not just about money," Aijaz emphasized. "It's about being seen, being acknowledged. For so long, we felt invisible."

Tahir echoed the sentiment: "We will never forget our loss, but this step by the government shows that our sacrifices are not forgotten. We are grateful."

For these two families of Villgam, the appointment letters handed over at SKICC Srinagar marked the end of a decades-long struggle.

As Aijaz summed up, "We can finally stop running from office to office. Our fight is over."

Terror victims

a position in the Irrigation and Flood Control Department.

"We are deeply thankful to the Lieutenant Governor's administration. I cannot express the happiness I feel today," said Shabir. "After my father's death, only one of my brothers was married; the rest of us were still children. Our mother remarried and left us, so we were raised by our elder siblings."

Since childhood, Shabir worked as a labourer to support his family. "This government job is a ray of hope for me. Now, I can help support my siblings' education and live with dignity," he added.

The appointment marks the end of a long struggle for Shabir and many families affected by terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, providing not just jobs but renewed hope and recognition for their sacrifices.

In another case, Kasim Ahmad Gojjer was still a child when his father, Ghulam Hassan Gojjer, a labourer, was killed in a grenade attack at the Bus Stand in Tral in 2017. He died on the spot, leaving the family devastated and without any source of support.

Kasim, a resident of Tral, said they were unaware of any official assistance until some relatives later informed them about the SRO scheme for civilians killed in terrorist attacks. "We were struggling for years, and no one helped us during that time," he said.

A few days ago, Kasim came to know about an announcement by the LG administration, offering government jobs to the Next of Kin (NoKs) of civilians killed by terrorists. The family applied under the scheme and completed all the required formalities.

"All the verifications by the police and CID were completed, and we were invited to SKICC, where we received the appointment letter," Kasim said.

He expressed gratitude to the LG administration, calling it a "right decision" that brought relief to families like his. "No one had listened to us for years. Today, we finally feel seen," he said.

Kasim attended the ceremony at SKICC along with his elderly mother, who is now on regular medication and depends on him for care.

"We had no source of livelihood. We belong to

a poor family. This job is a lifeline," Kasim said, adding that he has been appointed in the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department.

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dead by unknown terrorists in 1996. Five years later, in another devastating blow, his uncle was also killed in a similar terrorist attack. The two losses, just years apart, plunged the family into emotional turmoil and economic hardship.

"Those were the darkest years of our lives," Khurshid recalled. "I was too young to fully understand what had happened, but I remember the fear, the silence, and how our family struggled to survive."

Raised by a widowed mother alongside three siblings, Khurshid's childhood was defined by resilience. Only one of his siblings was married at the time; the rest were left to navigate grief and instability. But Khurshid refused to be defined by tragedy. He pursued his education with determination, eventually completing a Master's degree and B.Ed.—becoming the pillar his family needed.

On Tuesday, more than two decades after his father's death, he was appointed to a post in the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department.

"This job is not just about livelihood, it's about respect," he said. "It recognises my father's sacrifice and our family's suffering. For the first time in 30 years, I feel like our pain was seen."

Expressing gratitude, Khurshid credited LG Manoj Sinha for keeping a promise many others before him did not.

"We were voiceless for decades. No one ever acknowledged what we went through. But today, LG sahib has heard our silence. He gave hope not just to me, but to hundreds of families like mine."

He emphasised that this recognition extends beyond one appointment. "There are still many families living with the wounds of terrorism. I hope this mission continues. It tells people like us that our sacrifices were not in vain."

The administration's move to provide jobs to the families of civilian victims of terrorism has been widely welcomed across the Union Territory. In communities long haunted by conflict, the gesture has offered something rare—a sense of closure.

"For years, families like Khurshid's suffered in silence," said Farooq Ahmad, an elder from Chanderhama. "This decision sends a powerful message—that the State remembers its own."

As Khurshid walks into his new role in government service, he carries more than paperwork. He carries the memory of his father, the weight of his family's resilience, and, at last, the knowledge that their pain was not ignored.

Northern Rly

Amritsar Railway Station in the Ferozepur Division via Jammu, Pathankot, and Jalandhar. This modern train service is designed to offer a faster, more comfortable, and efficient travel experience to pilgrims and daily commuters alike.

Uchit Singh, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of the Jammu Division told Rising Kashmir that, this Vande Bharat service will particularly benefit passengers traveling to the holy shrine of Vaishno Devi.

"Katra is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in India, and this new train will ease the travel burden of devotees, saving both time and effort," he said.

The train will operate six days a week, excluding Tuesdays, under the train numbers 26407 and 26405. Train No. 26407 will depart from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 6:40 AM and reach Amritsar at 12:20 PM. En route, the train will halt at major stations including Jammu, Pathankot Cantt, Jalandhar City, and Vyas.

In the return direction, Train No. 26405 will depart from Amritsar at 4:25 PM and arrive at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 10:00 PM, with scheduled halts at Vyas, Jalandhar City, Pathankot Cantt, and Jammu.

He said that the service is expected to ensure better connectivity between Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab, especially for pilgrims and tourists.

Katra, located in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, is the base camp for the revered Vaishno Devi temple, which draws millions of devotees each year.

Singhal said that launch of the Vande Bharat

Express on this route is expected to significantly cut down travel time while providing a seamless and modern rail experience.

Hw further said that train will also provide a major boost to regional tourism and economic activity between the two regions.

"The train is part of Indian Railways' ongoing push to modernize its services through the expansion of Vande Bharat trains, known for their indigenous design, plush interiors, and superior speed and safety features,"

Meanwhile Northern Railway has finalized all operational and passenger-related arrangements for the grand inauguration scheduled on August 10, with Prime Minister Modi's virtual flagging-off marking yet another milestone in Indian Railways' journey towards high-speed rail connectivity.

After April

on tourists in the forests near Baisaran, killing 25 tourists and a local guide.

On that fateful day, chaos unfolded in the otherwise tranquil valley. With no proper road access, tourists had to flee along narrow, slippery forest trails. Many slipped in the mud, ran barefoot, and left behind belongings in panic. Local pony men and guides attempted to help, but lack of motorable connectivity hampered rescue efforts and delayed medical aid.

"I stand by my commitment. The Baisaran road is my top priority," MLA Altaf Kaloo told Rising Kashmir.

"I've submitted a 7.5 crore proposal for the 4-kilometre stretch from Circuit Road to Baisaran. It will be a fair-weather, motorable route under NABARD. While we await final approval, it has been placed as the No.1 priority in the Pahalgam constituency's development agenda."

Despite its stunning meadows and panoramic views, Baisaran has remained among the most inaccessible tourist spots in Kashmir, reachable only by ponies or foot. Thousands of visitors come each year, but the lack of basic infrastructure has long posed a safety and development challenge.

Local tourism stakeholders believe the road will boost tourism, enhance emergency response, and support livelihoods.

"This project is not just about convenience," said a shopkeeper in Pahalgam market.

"It's about dignity and safety, for both locals and tourists. The April 22 attack changed everything."

As Kashmir continues to recover from the wounds of violence, the proposed Baisaran road is being seen as more than just an infrastructure project, it is a symbol of resilience, healing, and a safer future for one of the Valley's most cherished destinations.

Arhan Bagati

Impact Ambassador for the Paralympic Committee of India, Bagati has also championed accessibility and inclusivity by developing digital tools and platforms like LetsEnable.com for athletes with disabilities.

His active role in the Paris 2024 Paralympics and continuous advocacy further highlight his deep engagement with national development through inclusive means.

The award also reflects his contribution in reviving cinematic interest in Kashmir, encouraging Bollywood filmmakers and production houses to return to the Valley, thereby revitalizing local tourism and cultural economy.

Expressing his thoughts on receiving the honour, Bagati said,

"This recognition isn't just mine, it belongs to everyone striving to make Kashmir a beacon of hope, inclusion, and innovation. It renews my commitment to use policy and purpose to shape a more empowered tomorrow."

Bagati's journey spans top global institutions like Pomona College, the University of Cambridge, and Harvard University, but his heart and mission remain rooted in the Valley. His approach blends world-class policy thinking with ground-level action, making KYARI a respected name in grassroots innovation.

The ET Indo Global Leaders Awards, a Times of India initiative, honours exemplary individuals worldwide who are catalyzing positive change in their communities through leadership, innovation, and compassion.

Every district to get Centre of Excellence: Javid Dar

Buyer-Seller meet held to boost horticulture trade, market linkages in J&K



RK News Service

Jammu, Aug 06: The Department of Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Jammu and Kashmir, today organised a Buyer-Seller Meet under the theme "Connecting Farmers with Markets", at Convention Centre, Canal Road, with the objective of strengthening the market linkages and promoting agri-business partnerships within the Union Territory's flourishing horticulture sector.

According to a statement issued here, the event was chaired by Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Departments, Javid Ahmed Dar.

The meet brought together a diverse

range of stakeholders including prominent horticulture growers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), traders, exporters, agri-entrepreneurs and representatives of organized retail chains from across the country. It served as a vibrant platform for direct engagement between buyers and sellers, aiming to enhance transparency, ensure better price realization and open up new market avenues for J&K's premium horticultural produce such as Apples, Walnuts, Basmati Rice, Cherries, Pecannuts, Pears and Apricots.

The event featured focused B2B interactions, technical sessions and knowledge-sharing discussions on topics like "Export potential of horticultural produce, Adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Integration with e-market platforms

like e-NAM, Innovations in packaging and logistics."

The department reiterated its commitment towards empowering the stakeholders through targeted training, capacity-building programs, and facilitation of market access at both national and international levels.

This initiative is part of the UT Government's broader vision to strengthen horticulture-based livelihoods and boost the agri-economy of Jammu and Kashmir by creating a market-driven and sustainable ecosystem.

Javid Dar appreciated the initiatives taken by the department to boost the horticulture sector in J&K. He advised the participants to avail the benefits of various schemes launched by the Government for betterment of growers and buyers of J&K.

The Minister said that the government is very keen to uplift the Horticulture sector for the uplift of the economy of Growers of J&K. It shall continue to explore the possibilities for launching similar flagship programs to boost the Horticulture/Agriculture sector.

The Minister assured that every district will have Centre of Excellence, which will provide farmers with access to modern technology, expertise and resources. He directed the concerned officers to focus on developing rainfed areas in various sectors like horticulture, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry to prevent migration due to livelihoods.

J&K Bank provides tranche of barricades to Jmu traffic police

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: As part of a continuing series of contributions to aid traffic management and ensure public safety across the UT, J&K Bank yesterday handed over another tranche comprising seventy high-quality traffic barricades to the Jammu Traffic Police for streamlining vehicular movement and enhancing road safety in the region.

According to a statement issued here, the barricades were formally handed over by the Bank's General Manager and Divisional Head (Jammu) Ashok Gupta along with Zonal Head (Jammu) Anita Nehru to SSP Traffic (Jammu) Farooq Qesar Malik in the presence of senior officers from both the Bank and the Traffic Police Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Head (Jammu) Ashok Gupta said, "These barricades are part of our ongoing commitment towards public safety by facilitating better traffic management in the city, and we are pleased to partner with Jammu Traffic



Police in their efforts to ensure safety on roads. As an institution deeply rooted in the region, J&K Bank remains committed to supporting civic bodies in initiatives that contribute to public welfare."

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the department, SSP Farooq Qesar Malik said, "We appreciate J&K Bank's generous contribution. These barricades will be of great help in

regulating traffic flow, especially during peak hours and in sensitive zones. The Bank's proactive approach towards public safety is commendable."

The initiative is part of a series of similar support measures extended by the Bank to J&K Traffic Police and reflects its broader vision of being a socially responsible corporate institution dedicated to public service across its areas of operations.

Kashmir LPG distributor association calls on Satish Sharma

Seeks permission for stocking extra cylinders amid highway closures

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Transport, Information Technology, and Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma today met a delegation of Kashmir LPG distributor Association, led by Jag Mohan Singh Raina. According to a statement issued

here, the delegation highlighted the difficulties faced by the distributors and consumers due to recurring gas shortages.

The delegation raised the issue of frequent disruptions in LPG supply, attributing the situation to repeated closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and ongoing maintenance works that are hampering timely transportation of gas cylinders to various regions, particularly in the Kashmir valley and remote areas.

KVK G'bl organises "Grapes Day" in model vineyard

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ganderbal organised a vibrant and informative "Grapes Day" on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in the Model Vineyard at Kralbagh Lar, Ganderbal. The event aimed to showcase the grape cultivation potential of the region and encourage scientific practices among local farmers.

According to a statement issued here, the event was graced by Nuzhat Ishfaq, DDC Chairperson, Ganderbal, as the Chief Guest and Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension, SKUAST-K, as the guest of honour. The event was also graced by Aneet Kanwal Singh Bagee, Deputy General Manager J&K Bank besides officers from SKUAST-K and line departments and a large number of farmers from different villages across Ganderbal.

Dr. Ajaz Ahmed Malik, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Ganderbal acknowledged the significant contribution of Ganderbal especially the Lar belt in producing world-renowned quality grapes and



emphasized the importance of adopting modern viticulture practices. Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi, SMS horticulture, served as the stage in-charge.

On the occasion, Nuzhat Ishfaq

distributed Kissan Credit Cards (KCCs) among farmers and encouraged them to actively engage in such knowledge-sharing platforms. She highlighted the role of such initiatives in empowering the farming community and enhancing productivity. In her remarks, Nuzhat Ishfaq urged farmers to attend such programs regularly to stay informed about evolving agricultural practices. She appreciated KVK Ganderbal for organizing the event.

Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension, SKUAST-K, emphasised the need for sensitizing farmers to various government initiatives. Deputy General Manager from J&K Bank Aneet Kanwal Singh Bagee discussed financial schemes and distributed KCC cards among the farmers.

A technical session was conducted by Prof. Urusa Khalil (Fruit Science, SKUAST-K), who guided farmers on best practices in grape cultivation to enhance productivity and global recognition. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Shaheen Farooq, SMS Animal Science, KVK Ganderbal.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE-HOSPITAL

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Department of Materials Management 0194.2493226

eNIT NO: 7 SKIMS MCH Tender of 2025 DATED:05/08/2025

SUB: Abbreviated eNIT for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Five-Part Fully Automatic CBC Analyzer on Reagent Rental Basis for the Department of Pathology, SKIMS MCH Bemina. On behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the Principal, SKIMS Medical College & Hospital, Bemina, Srinagar, invites e-tenders from original manufacturers or their Indian subsidiaries/authorized agents (in case of imported equipment) and Indian manufacturers/then authorized dealers (in case of indigenous equipment) for the supply, installation, and commissioning of Five-Part Fully Automatic CBC Analyzers on reagent rental basis for the Department of Pathology, SKIMS MCH, as per the following details:

Name of Equipment	Quantity	Tender Fee	EMD
Five-Part Fully Automatic CBC Analyzer	02 Nos.	Rs 3000/-	2,00,000/-

The complete tender document is available on the e-tendering portal www.jktenders.gov.in as well as on the official website: www.skims.ac.in and www.skimsmc.edu.in.

Tender Schedule:

- Last Date for Submission of Online Bids: 26-08-2025 by 4:00 PM
- Opening of Technical Bids: 29-08-2025 at 2:30 PM
- Clarification Date: 20-08-2025 till 4:00 PM

Note: The entire bidding process shall be conducted online through www.jktenders.gov.in. Physical submission of bids will not be accepted. No.: SKIMS/MCH/MMD/CBC/25- 2818-26 Dated: 05/08/2025

Sd/-Sr. Materials management Officer, SKIMS MCH, Bemina

DIPK-NB-1523-25 Dated: 06/08/2025

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Directorate of Colleges Higher Education Department

Revised Timelines for Spot Round for Admission to Four-Year Undergraduate Programs (FYUGP) / Integrated P.G. Programs with multiple-exit options for the Academic Session 2025-2026.

The Department of Higher Education Government of Jammu & Kashmir vide No: DCHE/2025/1152 Dated: 15-06-2025 announced the commencement of admissions for the Academic Session 2025-26 for various Four Year Undergraduate Programs (FYUGP) / 5- Year Integrated P.G. Programs (IG) with multiple-exit options across all Degree colleges of J&K, for the Academic Session 2025-2026. Subsequently, the timelines were revised as per notification Nos: DC/HE/2025/276 dated 07-07-2025 and DC/HE/2025/276 dated 07-07-2025, DC-HE/2025/1409 dated 21-07-2025 and DC-HE/2025/1513 dated 31-07-2025

In view of the many representations received from prospective candidates, the timelines for Spot-Admissions for leftover seats to all colleges of J&K are revised as detailed below:

S. No	Activity	Dates
1	<p>Spot-Round for CUET COLLEGES (Listed in Annexure A & C) as well as For NON-CUET COLLEGES (Listed in Annexure B) for Leftover seats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The interface for registration and selection of programs and colleges shall remain available on the Samarth Portal, enabling aspirants to apply for spot admissions. All eligible candidates interested in participating in the Spot Round are required to complete the Registration and College/Program selection within the stipulated timeline. Candidates are advised to follow the instructions issued by the respective colleges on their college websites. Colleges shall grant admission as per the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wherever more than 30% seats of a major subject were vacant on 31-07-2025, the colleges shall continue admitting students to such major subjects on First-Come-First-Serve basis. Wherever less than 30% seats of a major subject were vacant on 31-07-2025, the college shall consolidate their vacancy positions and admit students strictly by framing a merit list of the applicants on the basis of 10+2 marks. The merit-list publication and admission schedule should be duly published on the college website. Candidates who have not registered in previous rounds owing to late declaration of result or due to any other issue, can also register during this period and apply for admission to various colleges. All admission coordinators shall ensure that the fee link is activated immediately after the verification so that candidates get time to pay fee. Candidates who had been allotted colleges in any previous rounds but had been unable to complete admission formalities due to non-payment of fee, missing deadlines or any other issues, can visit the colleges allotted to them in previous rounds and complete their admission formalities. 	6th to 10th August, 2025
2	<p>Shifting of students for Majors with Low Enrollment</p> <p>In case the number of admissions in a particular major falls below the prescribed limit set by JKHEd, the students shall be shifted to another college/major.</p>	10 th to 15 th August, 2025
3	<p>Completion of Admission Process</p>	15 th August 2025

Note:- All other terms and conditions notified earlier vide No: DC-HE/2025/1152 dated 15-06-2025 shall remain unchanged.

No: DC-HE/2025/1525 Dated: 05-08-2025

Sd/-

Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir Director Colleges J&K

DIPK-4874-25 dated: 06/08/2025

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The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education

Rehari Colony Jammu/ Bemina, Srinagar

e-NIT NO: 08 of 2025 Dated: 04-08-2025

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The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education invites online tenders from registered Chartered Accountant/Cost Accounting Firms for "Compilation of Balance Sheets for the Financial Years 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 and Ensuring Financial Compliance in J&K BOSE for the Financial Years 2025-2026 to 2026-2027 and Implementation of Double Entry Accounting System in J&K BOSE". The tender document along with the Terms and Conditions and other details can be downloaded from the Official website www.jktenders.gov.in

Bid Submission start date: 05-08-2025

Bid Submission end date: 26-08-2025

Sd/-

Chief Accounts Officer (J&K BOSE)

DIPK-NB-1528-25 dated: 06/08/2025

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Due to administrative reasons e-NIT No. TLMD-7/03 of 2025-26 dated: 26-07-2025 for "Supply of 220 kV Current Transformers and 220 kV Capacitive Voltage Transformer as Per Specifications." is hereby cancelled abinitio. The e-NIT shall be floated afresh

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

TLMD-VII Srinagar

No. TLMD7/TS/1415-19 Dated: 05 / 08 / 2025

DIPK-NB-1519-25 Dated: 06/08/2025

J&K Bank

The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd
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On-line Request for Proposal (eRFP) for Empanelment of Vendor(s) for Procurement of Office Furniture for Business Units and Offices of the Bank on Pan India

Tender Notice along with Complete Tender document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Bank's e-Tendering Portal <https://jkbank.abcpocure.com> w.e.f. August 07, 2025, 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is August 21, 2025, 17.00 Hrs.

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Name of Work	(i) Provision of Dual SSDAC on metal bridges over Firozpur division. (ii) S&T work in clw Construction of Limited Height Subway (5.0x5.0 M) internal size on B-route Vande Bharat in lieu of LC no. S-84 at KMs. 398/970 having TVUs 78912 on SNL-JUC section.
Tender Closing Date Time	(i) 27.08.2025 15:00 (ii) 29.08.2025 15:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	(i) 14672959.90 (ii) 3548738.80
Earnest Money (Rs.)	(i) 223400.00 (ii) 71000.00
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Mass rejection of forest rights claims, violation of FRA

RK NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Aug 06: The Forest Rights Coalition - Jammu & Kashmir, J&K RTI Movement, and Nature Conservancy Alliance (NCA) has expressed deep concern while rejecting the government's handling and narrative regarding the implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

According to a statement issued here, it was revealed that the mass rejection of forest rights claims, without proper legal scrutiny, transparency, or community consultation - represents a systemic failure of justice and governance.

At a time when the FRA was expected to offer long-denied recognition to tribals, pastoralists, and forest-dwelling communities, the

authorities in J&K appear to be subverting the very purpose of this landmark legislation. Instead of correcting historical injustices, the current process has compounded them by creating new barriers to access, legal recognition, and dignity, FRC stated.

It said that according to official government data, a total of 46,090 claims were submitted under the Forest Rights Act in Jammu & Kashmir: 33,233 individual claims, 12,857 community claims. Of these, an overwhelming 39,924 claims, approximately 85% have been rejected. These include: 32,727 individual claims rejected, 7,197 community claims rejected.

Such an extraordinarily high rate of rejection places Jammu & Kashmir among the worst-performing regions in India in terms of FRA

implementation. This is not merely an administrative issue, it is a legal and moral failure, and a betrayal of the very communities that the FRA was enacted to empower.

Dr. Shaikh Ghulam Rasool, Founder, Forest Rights Coalition - J&K & J&K RTI Movement said, "The government is not implementing the Forest Rights Act - it is burying it. These mass rejections without transparent review or appeal mechanisms are a direct assault on the democratic rights of forest communities. Each claim rejected without due process is not just a bureaucratic error, it is a violation of constitutional protections. The FRA mandates a review process before any claim can be denied."

"When the department accused of occupying forest land is made the judge of land claims, how can justice

prevail? FRA was meant to empower Gram Sabhas and not suppress them through institutional sabotage", emphasized Zahid Parwaz Chowdhary, Convener, Forest Rights Coalition, J&K.

Peer Sheikh Ghulam Mohideen, Vice Chairperson, J&K RTI Movement highlights "the Forest Department has no legal standing as the nodal agency under FRA. Across India, this role is performed by Tribal Welfare Departments. This misallocation in J&K reflects a deliberate conflict of interest."

Adv. Naveed Bukhtiyar, Legal Advisor, FRC - J&K focusing on its justice element says, "Justice requires neutrality. A department that holds forest titles cannot sit in judgment over those asserting their rights. The process must be community-driven, evidence-based, and independent."

Dir sericulture lays foundation stone for Chawki rearing centre



RK NEWS SERVICE

Shopian, Aug 06: Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, IAS, Director Sericulture J&K today laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Silkworm Chawki Rearing Centre (CRC) under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Sofanaman in District Shopian. As per a statement issued here, the event witnessed large participation of silk-worm rearers and farmers from different areas of the

district who gathered in high spirits to welcome this developmental project aimed at uplifting their livelihoods and ensuring sustainable income generation.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhat highlighted that 100 Chawki Rearing Centres (CRCs) are to be established across various Districts of Jammu & Kashmir under the HADP scheme. These CRCs are envisioned as technical service centers that will facilitate scientific chawki rearing of silk-

worm seed. He emphasised that the chawki-reared silkworms produced at these centers will be distributed among silkworm rearers, significantly contributing to the enhancement of cocoon quality and yield thereby boosting economic returns for the farming community quite considerably.

Bhat urged the farmers to adopt modern technologies and scientific methods in silkworm rearing, avail the benefits of the departmental schemes and to acquire technical support through field functionaries of the Sericulture Development Department J&K. He further encouraged young entrepreneurs and unemployed youth to explore sericulture as a viable source of income.

Training programme on medicinal plants held at KVK Budgam

RK NEWS SERVICE

Budgam, Aug 06: Regional-cum-Facilitation Centre (RCFC), Northern Region-II, SKUAST-K Wadura, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Budgam, successfully organised a training-cum-awareness programme aimed at promoting the conservation, cultivation, and utilization of medicinal plants.

According to a statement issued here, the programme was held at KVK Budgam and witnessed enthusiastic participation of about 60 farmers and rural youth.

Scientists from SKUAST-K and officials from the For-

est department delivered detailed lectures on the importance of medicinal plants in sustainable agriculture, their economic potential, and best practices for their cultivation and conservation.

Prof. & Head, KVK Budgam, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Lone emphasised the significance of medicinal plants in enhancing farmers' income, preserving indigenous knowledge systems, and supporting ecological sustainability. He encouraged farmers to adopt medicinal plant cultivation as a supplementary enterprise and assured them of continuous technical support and guidance from KVK.

Police destroy wild cannabis in Awantipora

RK NEWS SERVICE

Awantipora, Aug 06: As a part of its continuous efforts to combat the menace of drug abuse, police in Awantipora along with Excise and Revenue Department destroyed Wild Cannabis in Khrew area.

According to a statement issued here, police party of Police Station Khrew along with officers from Excise and Revenue Department destroyed wild cannabis spread over 04 Kanals of land (approx) at villages Hadwani and Wuyana areas of Police Station Khrew.

Locals of area appreciated the action and have urged the authorities to continue this drive in nearby areas also.

J&K Police remains committed to maintaining a drug-free society and safeguarding the future of the youth, police said.

Police arrest 5 gamblers in Handwara Stake money seized

RK NEWS SERVICE

Handwara, Aug 06: As part of its continued drive against social evils, Police in Handwara arrested five gamblers and seized stake money and playing cards from their possession.

As per a statement issued here, the operation was carried out in Langate area, following a specific tip regarding the presence of persons engaged in gambling activities. Acting swiftly, a team from Police Post Langate raided the specific location and arrested five accused individuals red-handed while gambling. They have been identified as Abdul Majeed Sheikh son of Abdul Gaffar Sheikh resident of Vodhoora, Gulzar Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Gani Sheikh resident of Sheikh Mohalla Langate, Farooq Ahmad Sheikh son of Mohammad Ramzan Sheikh resident

of Rambagh, Srinagar, Ghulam Mohammad Mir son of Abdul Gani Mir resident of Kargama and Shabir Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Gani Sheikh resident of Qamarwari, Srinagar.

During the raid, officers seized stake money of 8,060/- and playing cards from their possession. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 183/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Handwara and further legal proceedings are underway.

Police remains committed to keep check on unlawful and anti-social elements in the area. Citizens are urged to cooperate by reporting such activities, with assurance that the identity of sources will strictly remain confidential.

132 SPMR college students complete summer internship at JKEDI



RK NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Aug 06: A total of 132 students from three fresh batches of Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu, successfully completed their summer internship at the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Bari Brahmana campus.

According to a statement issued here, the internship aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which mandates a 60-

hour internship for undergraduate students. The programme aimed to foster entrepreneurial thinking, research skills and teamwork among participants.

During the 10-day internship, students were introduced to JKEDI's core functions and programme areas. They gained insights into entrepreneurship development, startup ecosystems and self-employment opportunities in J&K. The schedule included interactive lectures, assignments, field visits and sessions led by JKEDI faculty and startup experts.

Students appreciated the programme's practical orientation, especially sessions on government schemes, business models and startup financing.

BUDHA AMARNATH JI YATRA- 2025

Record devotee turnout marks smooth conclusion of yatra



SARFRAZ CHAK

Poonch, Aug 06: The annual Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Chattani pilgrimage concluded successfully, with the final batch of yatri (pilgrims) completing their spiritual journey smoothly. This year's yatra witnessed an overwhelming response, with thousands of devotees from across the country and various regions of Jammu and Kashmir participating and receiving the darshan (sacred viewing) of Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji.

The pilgrimage is organised every year by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), with active support from Bajrang Dal. Over the years, it has grown into a symbol of faith, unity, and devotion, drawing pilgrims from across India.

Pilgrims expressed deep satisfaction with the arrangements made by the administration. From security to sanitation and lodging, all aspects of the pilgrimage were well-organised, earning praise from participants and locals alike. This year's yatra is being hailed as one of the most successful and well-managed pilgrimages in the past two decades.

Speaking on the occasion, VHP and Bajrang Dal President Nishu Gupta stated,

"In the last 20 years, this is the first time the yatra has concluded so smoothly and successfully. Credit goes not only to the administration but

also to the active participation of the local community. Devotees from various regions and backgrounds across India came to Mandi and collectively gave a strong message of brotherhood and communal harmony from Poonch to the entire nation."

Yatra Officer Sunil Bhatia also echoed similar sentiments, emphasising the crucial role played by the local population. "People from all religions came together to support the event. Their cooperation was instrumental in making the yatra peaceful and successful," he said.

According to official figures, the number of registered pilgrims ranged from 18,000 to 20,000, but the total footfall for darshan is estimated to have exceeded 100,000 devotees — a significant increase compared to previous years.

The 'Chhari Mubarak' (holy mace) will now be taken from Dashnami Akhara, Poonch, to the main temple site, marking the spiritual culmination of the pilgrimage. This ceremonial event will be followed, three days later, by the festival of Raksha Bandhan, adding further religious significance to the period.

The collective efforts of the administration, security forces, and especially the local communities — cutting across religious lines — have once again demonstrated the spirit of unity, devotion, and peace that defines the Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Yatra

Govt PG college Rajouri organises intra-college seminar competition

RK NEWS SERVICE

Rajouri, Aug 06: As part of the 79th Independence Day celebrations, Government Degree College (GDC) Rajouri organised an intra-college seminar today, providing a platform for students of all semesters to express their views on India's independence and national development.

According to a statement issued here, the event began with a welcome address by Dr. Zakir Kalis, Convener, Cultural and Literary Committee. Prof. Khaleeq Ahmed moderated the seminar and maintained an engaging atmosphere throughout.

Principal Prof. Zamir Ahmed Mirza addressed the gathering, recalling the



sacrifices of freedom fighters and the importance of preserving democratic

ideals. Students presented their views enthusiastically. The jury, comprising Prof. Ayaz Chowdhary, Dr. Ahsan Rizvi and Prof. Antima Gupta, evaluated the presentations. Vanshika (Semester III) secured first position, followed by Haseeba and Inzar (Semester V) in second and third positions respectively.

Prof. Sabia delivered the vote of thanks. Prominent attendees included Prof. Shoket Hussain, Dr. Mohd Latief Mir, Dr. Flourance Chaand, Prof. Ram Kishore Bharti, Prof. Anies Chowdhary and Dr. Shazia Kouser.

The seminar fostered patriotism and highlighted the college's commitment to nurturing socially conscious and intellectually active youth.

GCOE Jmu's NCORD committee stages street play on drug abuse

RK NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Aug 06: The NCORD (National Committee on Drug Control) Committee of Government College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar today organised a street play titled "Nashe Ki Adaalat".

According to a statement issued here, the event, part of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and the 79th Independence Day celebrations, aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and promote a healthy, addiction-free lifestyle.

Through compelling performances and storytelling, students highlighted the social and legal consequences of substance abuse and the importance of rehabilitation, community support and shared responsibility in addressing this issue.

Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar appreciated the NCORD Committee and participating students for their dedication to promoting social awareness and contributing to nation-building. She affirmed the college's commitment to national campaigns like Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.

Special appreciation was extended to Prof. Ramzan Ali (Convener, NCORD Committee), Prof. Roopa Kumari, Dr. Shalini Sharma and Dr. Ambica Kumari for organising the event. Senior faculty including Prof. Sunanda Rani, Prof. Anuradha Choudhary, Dr. Sushma Bala and Dr. Shalju Jasrotia were also present.

DH Kishtwar to have its first MRI unit

ARIF RASHID

Jammu, Aug 06: Kishtwar district will soon have its first MRI unit at the district hospital which is going to enhance the patient care in the area.

An official from the Chief Medical Office in Kishtwar informed Rising Kashmir that the Government has approved the MRI Unit facility for District Hospital Kishtwar, which will significantly improve patient care in

the district.

"The MRI facilities will be made available to the hospital shortly. Once these facilities are installed in the district, this service will be accessible to patients. The approval of these facilities by the Government has brought immense joy to residents, as it fulfills a long-standing demand of the people" the official said.

He said that this represents a significant achievement and milestone

for the District Hospital Kishtwar. Patients will no longer need to visit private clinics or travel to other locations for MRI services once these facilities are operational at the hospital. This development will provide considerable relief to patients, officials. Meanwhile, the residents of Kishtwar have expressed their gratitude to the Government for approving the MRI Unit facility for the District Hospital Kishtwar.

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S.No	Name of the Posts	Number of Posts	Remuneration per month (Lump Sum in Rs)
For SBDU			
01.	SBDU Lead	(01 Post)	50,000
02.	SBDU Coordinator	(02 Posts)	35,000
03.	SBDU Financial Expert	(01 Post)	35,000
04.	SBDU Enterprise Development Expert	(01 Post)	35,000
05.	SBDU Marketing Expert	(01 Post)	35,000
For 03 BHDs (Central, East and West)			
01.	BHD Lead	(03 Posts)	40,000
02.	BHD Coordinator	(06 Posts)	35,000

Eligibility

- 25-45 years as on the date of notification.
- Domicile of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Minimum 3 years graduate degree. The qualifying degree must be in one of the following disciplines-Business Administration, Management, Commerce, Accounting, Finance, Economics. At least 60% marks or equivalent CGPA from UGC-recognized University.

Apply via this form- <https://forms.gle/dr7gr9c9REV9R6R49>

Deadline: 08-09-2025.

Guidelines for detailed selection process, desired experience, evaluation criteria, and role descriptions.

<https://shorturl.at/SPM63>

YUVA Sapne, Nayi Ummedein-Mission YUVA

(Note: This is a public service advertisement no fee is required for application process).

No:DDCS/2025-26/

Dated:- 08-2025

DIPK-4899-25

Date:06-08-2025

Sd/
District Development Commissioner
Srinagar

NOTICE

I have changed my wards name from (old) Syed Faiza Sajjad Bukhari to (New name) Syed Faiza. In future she will be known as (New name) Syed Faiza. If anybody is having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within & 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

**Syed Sajjad Nazir F/o Syed Faiza
R/o 171 Rawalpura Housing Colony
Sanant Nagar, Srinagar**

The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Bemina Srinagar.

The candidate whose photograph is above reported that she/he has lost his/her Qualification Certificate/s having following description:
Roll No: 102010009
Class: 10th
Year & Session = ANNUAL REGULAR 2023
Registration No: 2102010000180042

Name: SOZIA MAISAR
Fathers Name: MAISAR AHMAD SHEIKH
Mothers Name SHOBY JAN
Date Of Birth: 04-03 2008
Residence: KHUSHIPORA



Now the candidate had applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S. Before the case shall be processed under rules, if somebody has / have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of undersigned within seven (07) days from the date of publishing of this notice. No claim shall be entertained after the culmination of said days.

(Besides, the "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S" bearing S. NO:23ARKAM-2006744 Be treated as "CANCELLED"
No. F (Certs-I-DQC/B)KD/19 Dated: 6-08-2025
(002) **Sd/Dy Asstt. Secretary, Certificates K.D.**

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD (JKSSB)**

CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu/Zamzam Complex Rambagh Srinagar.

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NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT: Result/Score-sheet of Written Test for the various posts conducted on 29.06.2025 - regarding.

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted the OMR based Written Examination for the below mentioned posts 29th June 2025; and

S. No.	Name of the post	Notification No.	Item No.
1.	Foreman	01 of 2021	27
2.	Laboratory Technician		28, 66
3.	Assistant Programmer	04 of 2020	96
4.	Gardener	04 of 2025	8, 9
5.	Farash		10
6.	Traffic Orderly		11
7.	Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS)		12
8.	Masalchi		13
9.	Khansama-III		14

Whereas, the Revised/Final Answer Key in respect of written examination held for the said post has been notified vide No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/23/2025-03 (7699962) dated: 04.08.2025; and
Now, therefore, in view of the above, the Result/Score-sheet, based on the performance of candidates who appeared in the Written Test for the following posts are hereby notified as Annexures to this notification: -

S. No.	Name of the Post	Annexure
1.	Foreman	A
2.	Laboratory Technician	B
3.	Assistant Programmer	C
4.	Gardener/Farash/Traffic Orderly/Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS)/Masalchi/Khansama-III	D

It is further notified that:

i. mere figuring in the result/score sheet shall not entitle a candidate to be called for document verification or figure in the select list and that he/she has to fulfil other eligibility conditions, as laid down and decision of the Board in this regard shall be final.

ii. Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) will call candidates falling in the consideration zone, based on the merit obtained by them for Document Verification. The schedule for Document Verification shall be notified separately.

Controller of Examinations J&K Services Selection Board

No.: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/23/2025-03 (7699962) Dated: 04.08.2025

DIPK-4862-25 Dated: 06/08/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My wards fathers name was wrongly mentioned in birth certificate/s as Abid Hussain Bhat. While my wards fathers real name as per adhar card is MOHD RASHID BHAT. Now I want to change if anybody is having any objection please contact within 7 days at municipal council Anantnag After that no objection shall be entertained.

**Name. Abid Rashid Bhat
F/o. Omais Abid Bhat and Muraad Abid Bhat
R/o. Bon Nambal mattan Anantnag
(0033)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly mentioned in aadhaar card as MOHD HUSAIN while my correct name as per my documents is TAHIR Hussain S/O Mohd Mushtaq R/O RAIPUR Jammu . Now I want to update the SAME in my aadhaar card through the medium of this gazette notification

(0033)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly mentioned in aadhaar card as AFROOZ AHMAD AHANGAR while my correct name as per my documents is MOHD ASHRAF AHANGER S/O GHULAM MOHAMMAD AHANGAR . Now I want to update my name in aadhaar card as per my documents through the medium of this gazette notification.

(0033)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly mentioned in aadhaar card as MEHMOODA AKHTER while my correct name as per my school documents is MOHOMODA AKHTER. NOW I WANT TO UPDATE SAME NAME IN MY AADHAAR CARD THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THIS GAZETTE NOTIFICATION.

Resident of Mattan Anantnag Jammu and Kashmir 192125

(0033)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name was wrongly mentioned in adhar card as Umair Manzoor. While my real name is Shahzaib Manzoor. Now I want to change if anybody is having any objection please contact within 7 days at higher authority After that no objection shall be entertained.

**Name. Shahzaib Manzoor
S/o. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat
R/o. Kharbrari Yaripora Kulgam.
(0033)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from old name MOHMD TAHA to new name HAJI MOHD TOHA in future I will be known as new name HAJI MOHD TOHA . If anybody is having any objection he/she may contact the Regional Passport office, Srinagar within 07 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

**HAJI MOHD TOHA
9797946010**

(12844)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, [Dawood Aijaz], S/o [Aijaz Ahmad Bhat], R/o [Reshan Har, Nawakadal, Srinagar], hereby inform that in my two-wheeler driving licence, the following details were incorrectly mentioned and need correction: Incorrect Name: [Dawood] Correct Name: [Dawood Aijaz] Incorrect Father's Name: [Ajaz Ahmed Bhat] Correct Father's Name: [Aijaz Ahmad Bhat] Incorrect Address [Roshanhar, Nawakadal, Srinagar] Correct Address: [Reshanhar, Nawakadal, Srinagar] Incorrect Date of Birth: [04-03-2004] Correct DOB: [04-09-2003] Old Mobile Number: [9906510078] Correct Mobile Number: [7889609283] I am applying for the correction of the above-mentioned details in the concerned RTO.

If anyone has any objection, they may inform the concerned authority within 7 days of this notice.

Date: [06/aug/2025]

(12845)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my Passport bearing no: P1711853 while travelling from Batamalo To Chattabal Srinagar. Now I am applying for duplicate . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may contact Concerned Authorities / Passport Office within a week after that no objection shall be entertained.

**AAQIB BASHIR
S/O: BASHIR AHMAD BHAT
7006766126**

(12848)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my name is solely "Mehbooba" and not "Mahbooba Bano." If anyone has any objections to this, they are requested to respond within three days from the date of this publication to my concerned J&K Bank branch, Nagbal.

Thank you.
Mehbooba
Wife of Mohd Ismail Rather
R/O Wanihama Bala, Alastang, Ganderbal
Bank name : JK Bank Nagbal
Bank address : main chowk Nagbal near iqra model school (INF)

**OFFICE OF TEHSILDAR
CHANAPORA/NATIPORA OR NAIB
TEHSILDAR NOWGAM**

SUBJECT: Online Application of ARSHID REHMAN DAR for Issuance of legal heir certificate in favour of legal heirs of deceased namely ABDUL REHMAN DAR S/o ABDUL KHALIQ DAR R/o Azadbasti Natipora Srinagar who expired on 16.11.2023.

NOTICE

The above titled application for issuance of legal heir certificate is under process in the office of Tehsildar Chanapora/Natipora or Naib Tehsildar Nowgam. The aforesaid deceased was survived by following NOK's/ Legal heirs:

Sno.	Name	Relationship with deceased	Age	Occupation
1	Abida Rehman	wife	77 years	Widow
2	Arshid Rehman	son	48 Years	Married
3	Rifat Mubarak	Daughter	51 years	Married

If anyone is having any objection in this regard, he/she may intimate the office of Tehsildar Chanapora/Natipora or Naib Tehsildar Nowgam Srinagar either personally or through any authorised agent within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after expiry of said period no claim shall be entertained.

(NW)

PUBLIC NOTICE

That I Wants To Change Of Ownership/Name Change Of Electricity Connection Bearing Consumer Number 0203030006433 Registered In The Name Mohd Sultan Shah S/O Late As Salam Shah R/O Bagwanpora Noorbhagh Srinagar To My Name. If Anybody Having Any Objection Shall File His/Her Objection In The Concerned Electric Sub-Division Within 07 Days After Which No Objection Shall Be Entertained.

**Applicant:-
Shaheena
W/O Late Mehraj Din Shah
R/O Baghwanpora Noorbhagh Srinagar
(PD)**

NOTICE

Aasifah Younus W/o Mohammad Shabir Bhat R/o Kakapora Tehsil Yaripora district Kulgam :- do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as under:

- That the deponent is permanent resident of JK UT.
- That due to some mistake my name has been wrongly mentioned as Aasifah Younce W/O Mohd Shabeer Bhat instead of Aasifah Younus W/O Mohammad Shabir Bhat in adhar bearing Adhar No. 545649210018
- That my actual name is Aasifah Younus W/O Mohammad Shabir Bhat.
- That my actual name should be treated as original in the said adhar bearing Adhar No. 545649210018.
- That I shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the concerned authority.
- That nothing is kept hidden or concealed in this affidavit.

Verification:-
Verified today on 04.08.2025 at court premises Kulgam that the contents and averments made above are true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or suppressed there in.

NOTICE

**I Nazir Ahmad Zargar S/o:- Ghulam Nabi Zargar
R/o:- Lal Bazar Srinagar want to name change of
my Electric Connection vide Consumer id No:-
0201010005977, 0201010012058 to Zulfkar Ahmad
Zargar S/o:- Habibullah Zargar R/o:- Lal Bazar
Srinagar. If anybody has any objection he/she
may contact concern authority within seven days
of publishing date of this notice. After seven days
no objection will be entertained.**

**Standard Bidding Document for PMGSY
Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA), Circle Srinagar
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

E-NIT 09/SE/DB/PMGSY/SGR , e tendering 2025-26, Dated 05-08-2025

The Superintending Engineer, PMGSY (JKRRDA) Circle Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with 18,11 Govt. CPWD, Railways and other States/Central Governments

S. No.	Dist.	Pkg no.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lakh)		Tender fee (Rs.)	Period	Bid Security (Lakh)
				Construction	Maintenance			
1	K U L G A M	JK18-4010	Construction and maintenance of road L028-L041 KOUNSAERBAL NANDIMARG ROAD KM 6TH RD 800 TO GALMAN, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, New Technology Waste Plastic, Package No JK18-4010, Length = 2.60 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Damhal Hanji Pora, PMGSY Division Kulgam	409.73	32.78	5500	18 Months	8.85
2		JK18-4013	Construction and maintenance of road L023-CHECHMULLA AHERBAL ROAD KM 8TH RD 400 TO THOKERPORA, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, Package No JK18-4013, Length = 1.70 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch 1, FY 2025-26, Block - Manzgam, PMGSY Division Kulgam	251.61	20.13	5500	18 Months	5.43
3		JK18-4014	Construction and maintenance of road L021-MRLO1 DK MARG TO SAILKHANJAN KM 5TH RD 400 TO BATPORA, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, Package No JK18-4014, Length = 1.90 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch 1, FY 2025-26, Block D K Marg, PMGSY Division Kulgam	483.64	38.69	8500	18 Months	10.45
4		JK18-4016	Construction and maintenance of road L022-CHECHMULLA AHERBAL ROAD KM 8TH RD 400 TO PAHLIPORA, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, Package No JK18-4016, Length = 1.80 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch 1, FY 2025-26, Block - Manzgam, PMGSY Division Kulgam	300.05	24.00	5500	18 Months	6.48
5		JK18-4023,	Construction and maintenance of road L021-L021 KUJIER GANDBAL TENGBAL KM 3RD RD 400 TO NAI BASTI WANPORA, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, New Technology Waste Plastic, Package No JK18-4023, Length = 2.0 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Frisal, PMGSY Division Kulgam	398.09	31.85	5500	18 Months	8.60
6		JK18-4024	Construction and maintenance of road L022-TSWALGAM KHARWAT KM 3RD RD 200 TO HERPORA CHANCER, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, New Technology Waste Plastic, Package No JK18-4024, Length = 2.80 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Kulgam, PMGSY Division Kulgam	387.32	30.98	5500	18 Months	8.37
7		JK18-4027	Construction and maintenance of road L026-L040 SEERPORA KM 1ST RD 450 TO HAJAMPORA, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, Package No JK18-4027, Length = 2.20 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Damhal Hanji Pora, PMGSY Division Kulgam	385.78	30.86	5500	18 Months	8.33
8		JK18-4039	Construction and maintenance of road L025-LARRO MUNNAD KM 3RD, RD 800 TO NOORPORA GANOSARGAM, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, New Technology Waste Plastic, Package No JK18-4039, Length = 2.80 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Kulgam, PMGSY Division Kulgam	492.10	39.36	8500	18 Months	10.63
9		JK18-4002	Construction and maintenance of road L029-(LINK) CHOWGAM BRINEL KM 7TH RD 200 TO NOWPORA SHURL GB HAPATWAR, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, Package No JK18-4002, Length = 2.50 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Devsar, PMGSY Division Kulgam	537.45	43.00	8500	18 Months	11.61
10		JK18-4017	Construction and maintenance of road L025-BANGWARD DADRAN ROAD KM 2ND RD 700 TO DADRAN GUJJAR BASTI, Category New, Stage Construction Complete, Package No JK18-4017, Length = 1.50 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Standard Bidding Document, for PMGSY Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Damhal Hanji Pora, PMGSY Division Kulgam	281.13	22.49	5500	18 Months	6.07
11		JK18-4029	Construction and Maintenance of road L023-TSIMER DANDWARD KM 4TH RD 600 TO ZAINDAR Category New, New Technology Waste Plastic, Stage Construction Complete, Package No JK18-4029, Length = 2.50 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMCSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block D K Marg, PMGSY Division Kulgam	486.16	38.89	8500	18 Months	10.50
12		JK01-4005	Construction and Maintenance of road L021-Ujroo to Manzmoh KM 4th RD 200 to Seermarg, Category New, New Technology Waste Plastic, Stage Complete, Package No JK01-4005, Length = 2.0 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMCSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Hiller Shahabad, PMGSY Division Kulgam	469.55	37.57	8500	18 Months	10.14
13		JK01-4007	Construction and Maintenance of road L024-Manzmoh To Dinguwari Road KM 2nd RD 550 To Maldhar, Category New, Stage Complete, Package No JK01-4007, Length = 2.30 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMCSY IV, Batch 1, FY 2025-26, Block - Hiller Shahabad, PMCSY Division Kulgam	512.79	41.02	8500	18 Months	11.08

AAA Accorded, TS Accorded, Funds Available

- Maintenance Period is five years from the completion date
- Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Bid (Date-Month-Year) 05-08-2025
- Period of availability of Bidding Documents on website www.pmgstenders.gov.in — From (Date-Month-Year) 07-08-2025 To (Date-Month-Year) 28-08-2025 Time upto / Hours 4:30 PM
- Time, Date and Place of Pre-bid Meeting (Date-Month-Year) 14-08-2025 (if so required) Time Hours 11:30 AM
- Deadline for receiving Bids online, including on line payment of bid, security and cost of bid document from a scheduled (Date-Month-Year) 28-08-2025 commercial bank and scanned copy of affidavit.
- The on line payment of Bid security and Time upto (Hours) 4:30 PM cost of Bid document is to be done simultaneously on e-tendering website along with the submission of Bids
- Date of submission of original affidavit. (This Date should be no later than three working days after the submission of Technical Qualification part of the bid). The cost of bid document (Date-Month-Year) 01-09-2025 and Bid security is to be paid on line along with bid submission as mentioned in clause 6.1 above. As such no other document is required to be submitted.
- Opening of Bids: The Bids will be opened online by the authorized officer at the appointed time
- Time and Date for opening of Part-I of the Bid (The Technical Qualification Part) (Date-Month-Year) 29-08-2025 Time 10:30 AM Hours
- Time and Date of opening of Part-II of the Bid (The Technical-Financial Part) of the Bidders who Qualify in Part I of the Bid.
- Last Date of Bid Validity
- Officer inviting Bids (Date-Month-Year) 08-09-2025 Time 10:30 AM Hours (Or To be notified online)

SE/PMGSY/DB/e-Tendering/ 2308-37 Dated:- 05-08-2025

**Sd/-
Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA),
Circle Srinagar**

DIPK-4856-25 Dated: 06/08/2025

Siraj, Krishna achieve career-best Test rankings after Oval heroics

ANI

Dubai, Aug 06: Following their exceptional performance in The Oval Test, Indian fast-bowlers Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna gained their career-best ratings of 674 points and 368 points, respectively, in the latest ICC Men's Test Bowler Rankings on Wednesday.

While Player of the Match in the fifth Test, Siraj climbed 12 places to grab 15th spot in the latest ICC Men's Test Bowler Rankings, fellow pacer Krishna moved 25 places to rank 59th in the list after picking up eight wickets in the deciding Test, which India won by six runs. This is both Siraj and Krishna's highest ever position in the Test ranking, after churning out match-winning spells in the final Test against England, as per the ICC. England pacers Gus Atkinson and Josh Tongue have also attained their career-best positions after snapping



eight wickets each in The Oval Test. While Atkinson breaks into the top 10 for the first time, Tongue is up 14 places to secure the 46th position in

the rankings table. The Oval centurion Yashasvi Jaiswal gained three spots to break into the top five for Test batters with 792 rating points, even

as the other centurions in the game, Joe Root and Harry Brook, continue to firmly hold the first two positions in the ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings. From the Zimbabwe-New Zealand series, Daryl Mitchell jumped up four places to break into the top 10 of the batter rankings while teammate Matt Henry sits pretty in fourth spot, jumping three rungs ahead with a career-best 817 rating points, while continuing his shorter formats form into red-ball cricket as well. In T20I rankings news, Australia's Tim David gained two spots to grab the 16th position thanks to a blistering century against the West Indies as Pakistan opener Saim Ayub leap-frogged to 37th position, climbing 25 positions after his stellar show in Florida, as per the ICC. The highest T20I wicket-getter for the West Indies, Jason Holder, improved 23 spots to equal Keshav Maharaj in 32nd spot in the ICC Men's T20I Bowler Rankings. (ANI)

Spectrum Kings Pampore Crowned Champions at Shamsipora Titans League

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: The much-anticipated Shamsipora Titans League culminated in a thrilling showdown as Spectrum Kings Pampore triumphed in a fiercely contested final against Kashmir Sports Bijbehara.

As per a statement issued here, batting first, Kashmir Sports Bijbehara collapsed under pressure, managing a modest total of 83 all out in just 15 overs, undone by a superb bowling performance. The star of the match, Zubair, ripped through the opposition with a devastating 4-wicket haul,



dismantling Bijbehara's batting order and turning the tide in Pampore's favour. Chasing 84, Spectrum Kings Pampore maintained composure despite early setbacks, eventually sealing victory with 86/4 in 18.3 overs. Their steady performance showcased resilience, skill, and tactical acumen throughout the

tournament. Zubair was rightfully named Man of the Match for his match-winning spell, playing a crucial role in the team's historic win. Heartfelt congratulations to Spectrum Kings Pampore on their well-earned success. We extend best wishes for their continued excellence in future tournaments.

Massive Student Turnout Marks Sports & Anti-Drug Campaigns Across J&K

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: The Union Territory of J&K witnessed a dynamic series of sporting events, patriotic celebrations, and awareness campaigns across multiple districts on Wednesday. From competitive tournaments to inclusive tribal sports initiatives and drug-free pledges, student players showcased their skills, determination and sportsmanship.

According to a statement issued here, in Samba, the Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament for Under-19 Boys commenced with great enthusiasm, featuring Table Tennis and Taekwondo matches. The District Youth Services and Sports Officer inaugurated the event, emphasizing the importance of nurturing young talent. A highlight was the collective pledge under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, reinforcing the message of a drug-free lifestyle. Meanwhile, Kishtwar celebrated the successful conclusion of the Athletic Meet for AAG Boys at the picturesque Chowgan



Ground. The closing ceremony honored young athletes for their discipline and teamwork, with officials reiterating the department's focus on grassroots sports development.

District Jammu resonated with patriotic fervor as schools across various zones participated in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, organizing flag-hoisting ceremonies, cultural performances, and tricolor-themed competitions. Simultaneously, the Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament for Under-19 Boys and Girls in sports Zone Khorur saw spirited contests in Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, and more, with over 80 participants. Meanwhile Kulgam and Anantnag Foster Talent

Through Inclusive Sports, Kulgam emerged as a hub of sporting activity, hosting selection trials in Netball, Cricket, and Badminton for U-14 and U-17 categories. Over 150 young athletes competed, with winners receiving accolades for their dedication. In a landmark initiative, Zone Shangus organized a special sports event for Tribal Communities at Higher Secondary School Dethu, promoting inclusivity and grassroots participation. Students from HSS Chittergul, HSS Dethu, and HS Ranipora competed in Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Athletics, highlighting the department's commitment to equitable sports access. Similar tribal events are set to unfold across all 12

zones in the coming days. Anantnag witnessed a thrilling Inter-Zonal Girls Kabaddi Tournament (U-14 & U-17) at Wizkids School, Batengo, with over 275 participants. Zone Achabal emerged victorious in both categories. The event underscored the growing participation of girls in competitive sports. Concurrently, Zone Srigufwara concluded its U-17 Boys Cricket Tournament, with HSS Mahind lifting the trophy. In Rajouri, the Under-14 Football Team was flagged off for the Inter-District Divisional Level Football Competition in Jammu. Officials, including ZPEO Baljarallan, encouraged the team to play with pride while promoting the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. Alongside sporting events, drug awareness programs were organized, including a session at MS Bona Dialgam in collaboration with MY Bharat and NYK Anantnag. Young athletes took a unity pledge, vowing to stay away from substance abuse and embrace a healthy, sports-centric lifestyle.

Legends Cricket League Set to Begin in Langate

Aatif Qayoom

Handwara, Aug 06: The Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) has announced launch of Legends Cricket League in Langate, aimed at giving players above the age of 35 who often cannot take part in expensive knockout tournaments a chance to showcase their talent without the burden of steep entry fees.

Speaking to Rising Kashmir, MLA Langate Sheikh Khurshid said: "Cricket in the Valley has become highly commercialised, leaving many passionate players without a platform. This tournament will bridge that gap."

A total of 32 teams has registered for the event, with fixtures already drawn. Matches will soon begin at various locations across Langate, bringing competitive cricket to the heart of the constituency. The participation fee has been kept at just Rs 2,000 to make it affordable for all. The league will be exclusively for players aged above 35. Each match will feature a 'Man of the Match' award, and the tournament's 'Man of the Series' will receive a cash prize and winning team will receive cash prize Rs 50,000, Trophy while runners team will be awarded Trophy and 20,000 cash. Organisers have also introduced a rule that after the quarter-finals,



each team will be allowed to include up to four outside players, with a maximum of two playing in any given match.

The announcement, made at the AIP office in Handwara, has been met

with enthusiasm from both players and residents. Local cricketer Tariq Ahmad, captain of one of the participating teams, said, "For years, we have watched tournaments where fees were so high that many of us couldn't even dream of taking part. This league is a big step for cricket in Langate it's about talent, not money." Veteran batsman Bashir Lone added, "Allowing a few outsiders after the quarters will keep the matches intense and entertaining while still giving local legends their moment to shine." Organisers highlighted that the event is purely a sports initiative, with no political agenda attached.

YSS organise Thrilling Sports Events Across J&K

RK News Service

Srinagar August 06: The Department of Youth Services & Sports (YSS) across J&K has been abuzz with a series of engaging sporting events, fostering talent, fitness, and camaraderie among the student players.

In Kishtwar, the iconic Chowgan Ground hosted a dynamic Athletic Meet for AAG Girls, featuring spirited participation from

various zones. The District Youth Services & Sports Officer inaugurated the event, emphasizing the importance of discipline and sportsmanship in shaping young athletes. Track and field events saw fierce competition, culminating in a prize distribution ceremony honoring outstanding performers.

Srinagar witnessed a dual spectacle with the Inter-School District Level Martial

Arts Competitions at Polo Ground, where over 200 boys and girls displayed prowess in Judo, Wushu, Taekwondo, and more. Simultaneously, Gulab Bagh and Batamaloo zones organized U/14 and U/17 cricket tournaments, with Green Valley Educational Institute and Moon Land High School emerging victorious. Over 700 boys participated, reflecting the district's enthusiasm for grassroots sports.

India goes down to Jordan in FIBA Asia Cup opener after overtime thriller



ANI

Jeddah, Aug 06: The Indian basketball team lost their opening Group C game against Jordan 91-84 in the FIBA Asia Cup 2025, which was played at the King Abdullah Sports City in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

World No. 76 India went toe-to-toe with 35th-ranked Jordan in an end-to-end contest as the two teams

finished regulation time tied at 80-80. The valiant effort, however, fell short in added time, as per Olympics.com. Arvind Muthu Krishnan led India's scoring with 14 points and was well supported by Pranav Prince and Harsh Dagar (12 each), Pratyanshu Tomar (11) and captain Muin Bek Hafeez (10). Jordan's Dar Tucker top-scored in the match with 30 points ahead

of his teammate Hashem Abbaas, who scored 24. Jordan, semi-finalists at the last edition of the FIBA Asia Cup in 2022, led 18-14 after the opening quarter. However, India stormed back early in the second with eight unanswered points to take control. The sides were level 38-38 at half-time. The third quarter saw Jordan edge ahead again, opening up a 60-55 lead with a late run, as per Olympics.com. India mounted a fierce comeback in the fourth, with Pratyanshu Tomar, Amaan Sandhu, Pranav Prince and Harsh Dagar driving the charge. With a minute left for the final buzzer, India led 80-76 but Jordan forced overtime by scoring the final four points of regulation. The Jordan team's experience showed in the crunch period as they held off India's challenge to seal a hard-fought win. (ANI)

ECB to abandon Hundred-branded balls

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London, Aug 06: The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has decided to not use the white Kookaburra balls as it received criticism by several players due to low scores in the tournament last year. According to ESPNcricinfo, the Kookaburra balls come with a hundred-branding, however despite the shorter format, which favouring more aggressive hitting, the men hundred scoring rate fell to 1.37 runs per ball last season.

This is much lower than other shorter formats like the IPL, Major League

Cricket, and the SA20.

"The seam seems to be massive. In every game, it seems the ball is nipping. Most teams are 30 for 5 in most games," Moeen Ali told ESPNcricinfo.

The ECB commissioned a comprehensive study over the winter that revealed little proof of the ball's performance and that it differently from those used in other white-ball cricket throughout England and Wales.

This comes despite Kookaburra's assertion that they were manufactured to the same specifications beyond the logo.

ADGP Anand Jain Felicitates J&K Police Footballers for Kashmir Super League Brilliance

RK News Service

Srinagar, Aug 06: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Armed J&K Anand Jain, Wednesday felicitated four outstanding players of the J&K Police Central Sports Football Team, along with their coach, Inspector Ranjeet Singh, a former international footballer, for their exceptional performance in the recently concluded Kashmir Super League (KSL) Football Tournament. The KSL is envisioned as the largest sporting event in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a statement issued here, while congratulating the players, ADGP Armed Anand Jain



stated that this achievement is a reflection of the hard work, discipline, and unwavering commitment of the J&K Police Football Team. It is a proud moment for the department and a testament to the growing culture of sporting excellence

within the force. The felicitation ceremony underscored the department's continued commitment to promoting sportsmanship, physical fitness and youth engagement through competitive sporting events.

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