



J&K Police, SF's Aptly Working Towards Eradication of Terror Ecosystem in J&K : LG Manoj Sinha

After back to back meetings in Delhi, LG reviews Kashmir security

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 12: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a high-level meeting in Srinagar to review the security scenario in Kashmir Division.

The meeting was attended by DGP J&K, Shri Nalin Prabhat; ADGP Hqrs, Shri MK Sinha; ADGP CID, Shri Nitish Kumar; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari; IGP Kashmir, Shri Vidhi Kumar Birdi; IGP Crime,



Dr Sunil Gupta; IGP Security, Shri Sujit Kumar; IGP Railways, Shri Vivek Gupta; Range DIGs,

SSPs, Commandants of AP/IR Battalions and various other senior officers of J&K Police, in

person and through virtual mode. The DGP briefed the chair regarding the present security

scenario of the valley and the roadmap put in place to counter the various security challenges like counter insurgency, law & order, protection of minorities, terrorist recruitment etc. at zonal, range and district level.

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'New power curtailment schedule' likely ahead of Ramadan

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Srinagar, Feb 12: The Power Development Department (PDD) is likely to take a call on modification of power curtailment schedule a week before the commencement of the holy month of Ramadan.

Sources in the department informed the news agency—that it may consider a slight modification in the ongoing power curtailment schedule a week prior commencement of the Ramadan.

"As of now PDD has not taken any call for revising the power curtailment schedule. But if there will be any proposal of modification in the schedule, the department will take a call a week before the commencement of holy month Ramadan if required," sources said.

The official sources further said that it had already reduced the curtailments in the majority of the areas.

It further said, "As of now we have sufficient power available and we are catering the same in accordance with the ongoing power curtailment schedule. We have also reduced the power curtailment in many areas of Kashmir region."

Pertinently, the Power Development Department (PDD) has been able to produce only 24 Megawatts (MWs) of electricity against the total capacity of around 250 MWs from the power plants of Kashmir region.

A top official from JKSPDC had said that it was producing only around 60 MW of power from the Kashmir power plants that have a power generation capacity of around 250 MW.

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Passport can't be denied over kin's militancy links

Political parties welcome High Court decision

■ HT News Network/KNO

New Delhi, Feb 12: Political parties on Wednesday welcomed the decision of Jammu and Kashmir High Court that passport cannot be denied to an individual over kin's militancy links.

National Conference spokesperson and MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq, according to the news

agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), termed the High Court ruling as a vital affirmation of individual rights. "Every citizen must be judged on their own conduct," he said, emphasizing that justice must be rooted in fairness. "The NC is committed to protect constitutional rights and dignity for all," he added. J&K Peoples Conference President and MLA

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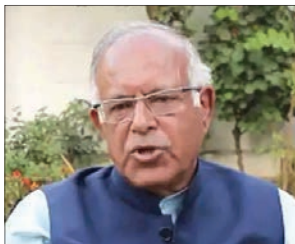
BJP betraying J&K people on statehood: JKPCC Chief

Party announces 15-day mass contact programme

■ HT News Network/KNO

Jammu, Feb 12: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Tariq Hameed Karra on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led central government for delaying the restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Karra accused the BJP of



betraying the people of the Union Territory by failing to fulfil its repeated promises

regarding statehood.

"They keep saying statehood will be restored at an appropriate time, but they never clarify when that time will come," he said, expressing doubts over the Centre's intentions.

The JKPCC chief also announced plans to launch a 15-day mass contact cam

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NC, PDP, AIP MLAs submit private bills, seeking ban on alcohol in J&K

'Liquor has no place in our spiritually rich society'

■ HT News Network/KNO

Srinagar, Feb 12: Ahead of the Budget session, three Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) from National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) have submitted the private bills, demanding ban on alcohol in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), three MLAs associated with different polit-



ical parties have introduced private bills, seeking the closure of wine shops and also a complete ban on the sale and consumption of alcohol.

NC MLA from Lal Chowk Ahsan

All eyes on weather: Gulmarg all set for KIWG, awaiting snowfall for ski-slopes

■ HT News Network/KNO

Gulmarg, Feb 12: As the 5th edition of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) draws closer, the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council said that they have completed all logistical preparations for the much-anticipated event.

Speaking about the preparations, Nuzhat Gull,



Secretary of J&K Sports Council as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that all necessary arrangements including hotel bookings, event manage-

ment and logistical requirements have been meticulously planned and everything is up to the mark. "All we are waiting for is snowfall, which is essential for the slopes to be ski-worthy," she stated.

The two primary venues identified for the events are Gulmarg Club and Affarwat, but both Bowl and Affarwat slopes

require fresh snowfall to make them competition-ready, she said.

Gull said that around 700 people are expected to arrive in Gulmarg for the event, including 650 technical staff, delegates, and local participants, and all preparations have been done accordingly.

"If there is inadequate

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Statehood won't end terrorism in J&K, need people's support: Farooq Abdullah

■ HT News Network/KNS

Srinagar, Feb 12: National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said that even if statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is restored, terrorism will still not end and that it needs peoples support. Speaking with reporters, Farooq Abdullah, as per news agency—KNS, said that the issue of statehood has been there for many

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Kashmir gears up to observe Shab-e-Barat

Mirwaiz to deliver sermon at Jamia Masjid, large gathering expected in Hazratbal

■ HT News Network/KNO

Srinagar, Feb 12: Kashmir is set to observe the sacred occasion of Shab-e-Barat on Thursday night with religious fervor, as large gatherings are expected at key shrines, including Dargah Hazratbal and Jamia Masjid Srinagar. Worshippers will engage in night-long prayers, seeking divine blessings and forgiveness. As per the details collected by the news agency— at Hazratbal Shrine thousands of devotees are expected to converge for special prayers. "The shrine administration has made necessary arrangements to accommodate the gathering, ensuring the smooth conduct of

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No Terror Act Will Be Tolerated: Sat Sharma

■ HT News Network/ANB

Srinagar, Feb 12: Condemning the fatal terror act, taking precious lives of 2 soldiers near the LoC in strong words, Sat Sharma, President, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, said that frequent attacks on the Indian soil at the behest of neighbouring Rogue country will not be tolerated at any cost.

He said that the country, which is on the verge of bankruptcy, before relying on the terror acts, should concentrate on how to feed its innocent citizens. He said that the adoption of the terrorism as the state policy will lead that country into the ruins and disintegration.

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Dr. Fatima Jalid from NIT Srinagar featured in 'She Is - 75 Women in Chemistry'

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Srinagar, Feb 12: Dr. Fatima Jalid, Assistant Professor in Department of Chemical Engineering at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, has been featured in the recently launched book, She Is - 75 Women in Chemistry.

The book, published by Beyond Black in collaboration with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India and the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK, was officially unveiled on February 6 at the



Indian Institute of Science Education

and Research (IISER) Bhopal.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, and Institute's Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rehman, have extended their heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Jalid.

In his message, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia stated that Dr. Jalid's recognition in 'She Is - 75 Women in Chemistry' not only highlights her individual achievements but also serves as an inspiration for aspiring women scientists across the nation.

"Her journey exemplifies the spirit of perseverance and innovation, reflect

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Intensive food safety drive conducted in Srinagar

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Srinagar, Feb 12: An intensive food safety inspection drive was conducted in Srinagar on Wednesday led by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Srinagar, Yameen ul Nabi.

The team, which included food safety officers Syed Dilpazir, Khalid Bashir, Hakeem Adil, and Fayaz Ahmad, inspected various areas, including Batamalo, Tangpora, Mominabad, a statement issued to the news agency—reads.

The main focus was on food stalls selling ready-to-eat food and roadside eateries. Three compounds will be submitted before the court under Section 56 of the FSS Act.

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respective constituencies, keeping in view the significance of the capital city. MLAs Ali Muhammad Sagar, Mubarak Gul, Shamim Firdous, Tanvir Sadiq, Ahsan Pardesi, Salman Ali Sagar discussed their plans in the meeting.

The consultation covered a wide range of issues, including traffic decongestion by exploring alternate routes, parking lots in downtown Srinagar, reducing vehicular pressure on roads, constructing flyovers, community halls. The restoration of water bodies, improvement of sports infrastructure, vertical housing projects, dredging of Dal interiors and the development of an efficient drainage system were also discussed.

MLAs highlighted the need for better drinking water quality, upgraded sewage treatment plants, improved electricity supply, and an effective solid waste management system. They further stressed the importance of scientific disposal of waste at Achan landfill site, identifying new dumping sites, introducing water ambulances in Dal Lake, dredging its canals, enhancing relief for fire victims, widening of interior roads & boulevard road and removing existing bottlenecks. A demand for creating employment avenues for the youth of Srinagar was also emphasized and making some provisions in the annual budget.

The meeting held with elected representatives from Bandipora and Ganderbal districts was attended by chairman DDC Bandipora, MLAs of Gurez, Sumbal, and Bandipora constituencies, and MLA of Kangan constituency from Ganderbal district. Notably, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah represents the Ganderbal constituency in the J&K Assembly and was briefed about budget proposals for Ganderbal district.

During the meeting, the MLAs presented various developmental proposals and infrastructure plans for their constituencies, focusing on providing of fire service stations, National Highway status for Bandipora-Gurez road, allowances for officials serving in far flung areas, employment to locals in HEP projects, providing critical medical equipment in Bandipora health institutions, basic facilities for tribal areas, reviving minor irrigation khuls, fish rearing and creating income generation opportunities in tourism centric locations.

They highlighted the need for improvements in health and education, as well as infrastructure development in respect of roads, water supply, power distribution, and irrigation.

The discussions also centered on boosting tourism and enhancing youth services and sports facilities. The MLAs emphasized the importance of ensuring employment opportunities for local youth in various projects and addressed key public demands concerning their respective constituencies.

The Deputy Commissioners from each district presented a detailed presentations outlining the district profiles, demographics, and existing infrastructure in key sectors, including health, education, roads, drainage, public health engineering (PHE), and power sector.

The presentations also provided insights into the District Capex, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and ongoing projects under the current plan.

All MLAs expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister for involving them in the pre-budget consultations and acknowledged the inclusive approach of the government.

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IGP Kashmir also gave a detailed presentation highlighting the challenges and the achievements of the Kashmir Zone and strategic foresight for the future.

The Lieutenant Governor took appraisal of the working of various wings of J&K Police and expressed his satisfaction with regard to the crime related performance indices especially related to UAPA and NDPS.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the senior police officials and head of its various wings to work in close synergy with each other and intensify the efforts to crush terrorism and those aiding and abetting terrorists.

“Under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir is witnessing an era of peace, progress and prosperity. I have full faith in your valour, effective, focused measures and better institutional arrangements to make Jammu Kashmir terror-free. Improved intelligence generation, coordination and precision in anti-terror operations are vital to meet the future security challenges,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said 360-degree approach against terrorism is critical to enhance the capability and performance in all dimensions of security challenges. The Lieutenant Governor also asked the police officials to strictly follow the policy of property attachment in terror and narco-terror cases.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the officials to devise a result-oriented strategy

to identify and neutralize foreign terrorists active in the Kashmir valley. He called for systematic attention to terror ecosystem, which is providing support to adversarial forces and terrorists.

“You must follow zero tolerance policy to tackle terrorism. I have given J&K Police and Security Forces free hand to neutralise terror ecosystem operating in the shadows. Those supporting and financing terrorism will have to pay a very heavy price,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also discussed the challenges of disinformation and propaganda and directed the officials to take firm action against those involved.

“Strict action must be taken against the elements exploiting cyber space to carry out their disruptive activities and disinformation campaign. We must aggressively counter fundamentalist and extremist ideas and take action as per the law,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also asked the police officials to focus on core policing and all aspects related to confidence building among the public, redressal of public grievances and connecting with local communities. The Lieutenant Governor further emphasized on building a strong relationship based on trust between the Police force and the common citizen.

“Common man must feel a sense of security. It is your sworn duty to protect the common citizen and take firm action by punishing the terrorists and their supporters,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

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Handwara, Sajad Lone, welcomed the High Court’s ruling and called the judgment a significant step against discrimination, stating that his party had already challenged the misuse of police verification as a tool for “collective punishment” through a petition filed by advocate Syed Sajad Geelani.

He expressed optimism that a broader ruling would follow, ensuring uniform application across J&K. “This should have happened much earlier, but better late than never. Our petition seeks a Pan-J&K extension of this verdict to help thousands facing similar restrictions,” he said.

Lone emphasized that their petition specifically demands strict implementation of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Validation of Character and Antecedents) Instructions, 1997, and amendments in the Government Order of 2021 and Circular of 2024, which mandate clear timelines for police verifications.

He stressed that the ruling would rectify systemic flaws and provide relief, particularly to J&K’s youth. “This will ensure they are not unfairly penalized and receive equal opportunities as others in the country,” he stated.

J&K PDP chief, Mehbooba Mufti in a post on X, said that the honourable High Court’s decision of not denying a passport to an individual for merely being related to a militant is certainly a step in the right direction.

Pertinently, the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday ruled that an individual cannot be denied a passport solely because of a family member’s past involvement in the militancy.

The verdict came in the case of Mohammad Amir Malik, a 29-year-old graduate from Shagan village in Ramban, who was denied a passport due to his brother’s militant background and his father’s alleged role as an overground worker (OGW) for a terror outfit. “Merely because the petitioner’s brother was a terrorist and his father is an OGW, he cannot be deprived of his fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution,” Justice M.A. Chowdhary had stated, while delivering the judgment—(KNO)

POWER

There is a total power generation capacity of around 1200 MW from the power projects of Jammu and Kashmir and 2250 MW from NHPC.

Earlier, Jammu and Kashmir was facing power generation shortage of nearly 80 Percent in the months of November and December.

From across the regions, PDD was generating only 200-260 MW of power from all power projects in Jammu and Kashmir—(KNO)

KARRA

paign across Jammu province, demanding the restoration of statehood.

As per the JK Congress, starting from Udhampur on February 13, the movement will include workers’ conventions in each district, aiming to galvanise public support and pressure the Centre to fulfil its long-pending promise.

Addressing a press conference at the PCC headquarters in Jammu, Karra, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), stated that Congress would lead the struggle to restore the region’s identity, dignity and full-fledged statehood.

As per the Congress, the campaign will also align with the nationwide Congress movement “Jai Babu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan.”

The JKPC chief said that the mass contact

campaign is also aimed at listening to the problems faced by the cross section of society and to highlight those and discuss the issues in the coming assembly session next month.

“During the district-wise review meetings in Kashmir Valley earlier last week, the workers highlighted numerous day-to-day problems faced by the people, including those of farmers, unemployed youth, traders, transporters, daily and casual workers, besides unprecedented price hikes and huge taxations of various kinds, excise policy, education system, and health issues, especially power tariffs and the promise of free power units,” J&K Congress said in a statement.

The statement stated that despite the Assembled election & coming into power of elected government, the people were facing hardships for day-to-day issues due to the absence of a dual control system and lack of powers, etc.

Karra said that people will have to fight for their rights & get back their status, dignity, and identity as a full-fledged state and the Congress party is already on the forefront for their rights and will intensify people’s struggle.

He asked people to support the Congress party for achieving the goal of early restoration of statehood. He said that the coalition government is also facing hardships to come upto the expectations of people and restore the responsive system to deliver to people in the absence of restoration of full-fledged statehood.

Karra expressed security concerns in the wake of terrorist incidents, especially the blast attack in Akhnoor Sector, killing two Jawans, including a captain. He condemned the incident and paid tributes to martyrs, expressing deep sympathies to their families.

The PCC President also expressed concern over the recent incidents in Jammu, exposing the law and order situation and demanding an immediate check on Mafia and criminals to restore a sense of security. He also condemned the incident of suicide in Billawar and demanded a judicial inquiry into the incident.

The JKPC Chief also questioned the present excise policy and the reports of revenue loss to the government and demanded a review of the present policy immediately, besides strict monitoring on illegal activities of the drug trade, spoiling future generations.

He also raised serious concerns over the mining issue, destroying the ecology of the regions, affecting water bodies, and large-scale looting of the natural resources. Besides, the common man is getting building materials at very high prices, like gold.

The government should immediately take stock of the situation to streamline the system to check the loot and make available building material at affordable prices to the people—(KNO)

DR FAROOQ

and we will get everything, but do people think it will end terrorism here. Those who have been making tall claims that terrorism has ended here, ask them if it is still there or not,” he said.

He added that yesterday only two soldiers got martyred in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast. “Where did that come from. We need people’s help to restore normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. It is high time we should have peace. Only peace can do something here. Our children are unemployed. How can these issues be addressed when there is no peace,” he remarked.

He also said that pre-poll alliance between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress could have brought different results in the Delhi Assembly elections.

“The spirit of INDIA bloc is still same. But some mistakes have been done in the Delhi. Had there been proper understanding between the AAP and Congress, the results could have been different. We have to meet and these issues need to be discussed,” he said—(KNO)

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religious activities,” said an official from Hazratbal shrine.

Meanwhile, Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid Srinagar has announced that Kashmir’s chief cleric, Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir, Dr. Molvi Muhammad Umar Farooq, will deliver a sermon after Maghrib prayers at 7:30 PM, highlighting the significance and virtues of Shab-e-Barat.

The Auqaf said the sermon will be followed by a collective session of repentance and supplication (Tawba & Istighfar), and Isha prayers will be offered at 9:00 PM. “Notably, the arrival of Mirwaiz to Jamia Masjid is scheduled as per the allowance from authorities.” Devotees across Kashmir have expressed enthusiasm for the occasion, with many preparing to spend the night in prayers and seeking divine mercy.

Muhammad Yaseen, a devotee from Srinagar, said Shab-e-Barat is a night of forgiveness, and we spend it in deep prayers, asking for Allah’s blessings for ourselves and our loved ones.

Another local, Shahzan, said for us, this is a time of spiritual reflection. The atmosphere in Hazratbal, Jamia Masjid, and other places in the valley is always filled with devotion,

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and I am hoping to offer prayers either at Jamia or at Hazratbal Srinagar.

Notably, Shab-e-Barat is observed on the 14th of Sha’ban and holds immense religious significance in Islam, as it is believed to be “the night when destinies are recorded, and Allah’s mercy is abundant upon those who seek forgiveness.” Moreover, authorities have urged devotees to maintain discipline during the gatherings. “Necessary arrangements, including security measures and sanitation facilities, have been put in place at major religious sites,” said an official—

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snowfall, the Technical Conduct Committee of the games will assess the situation and decide on the next course of action,” she replied to a query.

She also highlighted that the J&K Sports Council has always encouraged women’s participation in winter games, particularly skiing. “No sport is gender-specific, and skiing is no exception. We always promote participation from all genders, including women. This year too, we are witnessing a good number of female registrations,” she said.

The Khelo India Winter Games, 5th edition is scheduled to be held in the world-famous ski destination, Gulmarg, from February 21 to February 25—(KNO)

DR FATIMA

ing the core values of NIT Srinagar and the broader scientific community,” he said.

Prof. Atikur Rehman also extended his best wishes to Dr. Fatima Jalid for her future endeavors, emphasizing that she should continue to inspire young minds in the field of science and research.

Meanwhile ‘She Is - 75 Women in Chemistry’ celebrates the journeys of 75 distinguished women from India who have made significant contributions to chemistry and allied sciences. Authored by Elsa Marie D’Silva and Supreet K Singh, it is the fourth book in the ‘She Is’ series, aiming to amplify the voices of women breaking barriers in STEM fields.

Dr. Jalid’s inclusion in this esteemed list highlights her impactful research and dedication to the field of chemical engineering.

Dr. Jalid’s inclusion in this prestigious list recognizes her contributions to chemical engineering. She completed her B.Tech at NIT Srinagar in 2015, graduating as a valedictorian and receiving a gold medal. She later earned her Ph.D. from IIT Delhi, specializing in computational catalysis and microkinetic modeling. Her research has been published in high-impact journals, and she was awarded the Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Award in 2018. Dr. Jalid’s research interests include computational catalysis, microkinetic modeling, and the design of bimetallic alloy catalysts. Her work has been published in several high-impact journals, contributing to advancements in sustainable chemical processes.

SAT SHARMA

According to the Associated News Bureau, expressing solidarity with the families of the martyred soldiers, Sat Sharma stressed that the Bravehearts have written a saga of supreme sacrifice, and their sacrifice will not go in vain. He said that the whole nation salutes them for their bravery.

“Modi government observes a zero-tolerance policy towards the terror acts. It follows the ‘Nation-First’ policy in letter and spirit and will deal with the iron fist avenging every drop of blood spilled by the enemy from across the borders,” said Sat Sharma.

He insisted that the strengthened Indian forces are high in morale, and they have full capabilities to deal with the external and internal threats, while insisting that they enjoy full support of Modi government and no force trying to deliver any harm to the sovereignty, integrity or peaceful existence of India will be spared at any cost. (ANB)

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Roadside vendors were educated on maintaining hygiene and sanitary standards, and food business operators were directed to undergo pest control measures and avoid setting up temporary stalls near drains.

The Drug and Food Control Organisation is committed to protecting public health and promoting a culture of food safety awareness among food business operators. This inspection drive is part of the ongoing efforts to ensure food safety and quality in Srinagar, reads the statement.

Such inspection drives have been conducted in the past, targeting food business operators in various areas of Srinagar, it added. Similar inspections will continue across Srinagar city, those found not complying with standards of hygiene and sanitary conditions of their premises will be dealt strictly as per food safety and standards act, which even can lead to closure of their facility—Such inspection drives have been conducted in the past, targeting food business operators in various areas of Srinagar, it added.

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Srinagar city, those found not complying with standards of hygiene and sanitary conditions of their premises will be dealt strictly as per food safety and standards act, which even can lead to closure of their facility—

5 drug peddlers arrested: Police

Srinagar, Feb 12: Continuing its fight against the drug menace, Police on Wednesday said to have arrested five drug peddlers in Srinagar, Kupwara & Anantnag districts, and seized contraband substances from their possession.

A Police team of Srinagar Police at a checkpoint established at General Road Allochibagh Bund near Sacred Mission School, intercepted a suspicious person who after noticing police team tried to flee but was apprehended tactfully, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

During the search, substantial quantity of contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Majid Shafi Najar @ Choota Chaama son of Mohammad Shafi Najar resident of Chan Mohalla Allochibagh Srinagar.

In Kupwara, a Police team from Police Post Drugmulla, at a checkpoint established at FCI Bumhama intercepted two suspicious individuals. During the search, 1220 grams of Charas-like substance from their possession. They have been identified as Aijaz Ahmad Ganie son of Khazir Mohammad Ganie resident of Khumriyal and Hakim Din Khatana son of Taj Din Khatana resident of Gagal Katiyawali, police said.

Meanwhile, a police team of Police Station Aishmuqam at a checkpoint established near Budreshan, intercepted two drug peddlers and recovered 07 Kgs of cannabis husk from their possession. They have been identified as Owais Mansoor Bhat son of Manzoor Ahmad Bhat and Gh Mohd Bhat son of Ab Razaq Bhat, both residents of Charakpora Hapatnarnad, police said.

Regarding the incidents, police said that the cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

“J&K Police remains committed to eradicating the drug menace and ensuring a safe and drug-free society. Public cooperation is essential in this fight, and we urge citizens to report any suspicious activities related to narcotics to the nearest police station,” police said—

AAC condoles demise of Farooq Ahmad Saudagar's mother

Srinagar, Feb 12 (KNO): Awami Action Commit Srinagar, Feb 12 (KNO): Awami Action Committee (AAC) Wednesday expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of the mother of Farooq Ahmad Saudagar, a prominent and active member of the organisation and a close associate of the Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Mirwaiz family. As per a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Mirwaiz visited the bereaved family at Rajouri Kadal and offered Fatiha for the deceased and prayed for Jannat-ul-Firdous for the departed soul and extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members, especially Farooq Ahmad Saudagar, Abdul Rehman Saudagar, Khurshed Ahmad Saudagar, Altaf Hussain Saudagar and Nisar Ahmad Saudagar. The AAC also held a condolence meeting. The leaders, officials, workers and numerous halqa presidents of the organisation attended the funeral prayers of the deceased. A collective Fatiha for the deceased will be held on February 14, 2024, after Jum-mah prayers at 2:30 pm at her ancestral graveyard.

J&K Waqf board orders audit of Meh-boob-ul-Aalam shrine in Bandipora

Srinagar, Feb 10: The Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board has constituted an Audit Committee to review the accounts and properties of the Shrine of Mehboob ul Aalam (RA) at Gundpora village of north Kashmir’s Bandipora district, covering the period from 2010-11 onwards. The decision comes in response to public representations submitted to the Chairperson (MoS) of the J&K Waqf Board, followed by subsequent instructions for a thorough financial and administrative review of the shrine’s assets. As per an order, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the committee comprises Nazir Ahmad Wani, I/c Auqaf Section – Committee Head, Sajid Hussain Bhat, Administrator, Sub Unit Ahemi Shareef Bandipora, Member Manzoor Shah, Accounts Assistant, Accounts Section, Member Reyaz Ahmad Wani, Teacher, Sheikh Hamza Waqf Middle School Ahemi Shareef Bandipora.

The committee has been tasked with reviewing financial records, inspecting properties, and submitting a comprehensive report with recommendations within 21 days.



EDITORIAL

Make Samadhan portal meaningful so that peoples' problems are solved

Some years back the administration led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha introduced the online grievance portal by the name of Samadhan. The aim and purpose of introducing the online grievance portal was that the people lodge their grievances on the same and these are solved by the concerned departments. The step was welcomed by one and all and it was expected that the problems of the people who lodge their grievances are solved within a specified period of time.

Years down the line this online grievance portal has failed to deliver and there are very few problems that have been solved via the Samadhan portal. It has been observed that the departments to whom the grievances are addressed give very little attention to the problems of the people. In other words the heads of the departments give scant respect to the spirit of starting the Samadhan portal. As a result of this the grievances of the aggrieved remain unattended and they are at a loss as to how to get their problems solved.

While checking the status of a particular grievance it has come to the fore that for weeks together it is seen that it is written that the said grievance has been forwarded. In most of the cases there is seldom any forward movement and at times the portal seems to be a defunct one. Even though it is an established fact that officers take no action with respect to the grievances lodged by the people, no punitive action has been taken against such public servants.

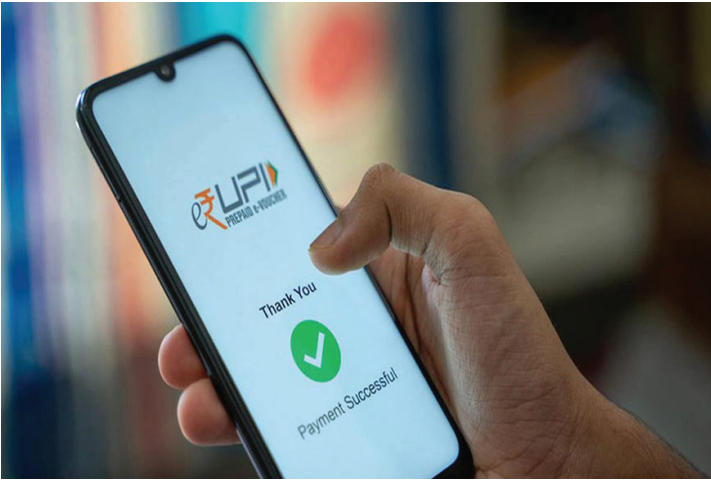
It is highly unfortunate that the people manning the various departments in Jammu & Kashmir consider themselves as officers even though they are the public servants at the end of the day. It is imperative that such officers come out of this mentality and do their job as public servants so that they come to the rescue of the people as and when needed by them. Common masses don't have the access and resources to approach the various departments and they pin their hopes on officers for solutions to their problems.

Since an elected government is in place in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir it is important that accountability is inculcated among the heads of the different government departments. This would ensure that the problems of the common masses are solved and in case no action is taken the concerned officer is taken to task.

Digital India & UPI Expansion - The achievement of India's Digital Economy Under Modi's Leadership

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In the field of modernization and development over the past decades, India has gone through a change in numerous sectors be it science and technology, Agriculture and Education, Healthcare and Technology Innovation, Renewable energy, Foreign Investment and everything. India has remained on the forefront at the world level and has contributed massively in the rapid development. Being the largest Country in the world with a massive population of over 1.4 billion has been able to bring all the modern facilities to each and every corner of the nation, which testifies the fact that India under the leadership of Visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has witnessed multidimensional development in almost every field. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi ji, India has undergone a mesmerizing change in the field of science and technology and in several other sectors. The digitalization in the contemporary era has changed the face of the world globally in every field. India has seen a marvelous development. The government's continuous efforts in bringing about the digitalization in the country has been remarkable, the utilisation of the Smartphones, Internet facilities has played an essential role. The Government of India , under the magnificent leadership of Prime



Minister Narendra Modi, has sincerely and passionately worked towards digitalization and modernization. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been working courageously towards making the nation a manufacturing hub by bringing about the digitalization in every field. Pertinently, The Digital India Campaign was Launched on 1 July 2015, by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it both utilizes and assists other Government of India schemes, such as BharatNet, Make in India, Startup India, Standup India, industrial corridors, Bharatmala Sagarmala and Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, Atmanirbhar Bharat. (Ref-Wikipedia). This initiative under the leadership of Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi ji focuses on good infrastructure, and to reinforce internet availability, and to make a brighter future. The initiative mainly focuses on

the given important aims.

1) Granting a digital infrastructure as a source of utility to each of its citizens.

2) Better Governance and Compatibility.

3) Work towards improving digital empowerment to all of its citizens.

4) Empowerment of societies and Knowledge.

5) Promotes E-Services and E-commerce for the betterment and welfare of the citizens.

The goals enlisted are the key factors behind the evolution of the digital system in the country. To grant fast-network connectivity to the rural areas and to improve the lives of the rural areas is the foremost aim of the initiative led by the Government of India. The Initiative led by the Government of India "Digital India" is aimed with 'Power to Empower'. It is a comprehensive initiative and is

based on digital infrastructure creation, digital expansion of services, and digital proficiency. The Initiative also focuses on "Providing High Speed internet connectivity in all the gram Panchayats and Timely access to CSC centers and to make the lives of the general public comfortable and easy. Some of the notable achievements of Digital India.

1) Bharat Net Project'- In this age of instant gratification, modernism has led to the evolution of several new techniques which create ease to the people everywhere in the world. Similarly, to meet the network connectivity to each and every part of the rural areas (Gram Panchayats) the Government of India led the Bharat Net Initiative. This initiative, under the Ministry of Communications, has been made to meet the needs of the rural areas as those of urban areas.

2) Adhaar- Biometric System:- With the invention of these initiatives in the country, several new techniques took place, electronics became the top most priority under this initiative. Over 1.3 billion enrollments are there under the biometric system in order to create ease and eliminate the hardships of the people in both rural as well as urban areas.

3) Common Service Centers (CSC's) :- Basic and essential services are being provided to all the people whether in the distant areas as well as in rural areas. Each and every service is

being provided to the people for their welfare and overall development.

4) Digital Literacy:- Digital Literacy has also played a key role in bringing about all-round development to the people. Besides, there have been several other benefits from these initiatives which cannot be counted, modern digital facilities like digi locker, My Gov, UMANG etc have made it easier for the people to be more stable and prosperous.

The Expansion of UPI: Beginning of the Digital Payments.

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), emerged multidimensional, a real-time payment system allowing users to transfer money by using bank accounts through a mobile platform. It is one of the phenomenal contributions in the digital payment system under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It has brought a revolution, as it is secure, easy to use and can be used anywhere anytime. As per the estimation "By 2024 , UPI had crossed 10 billion Monthly transactions, making it one of the most prominent used payment systems in the world (APS). All this has happened under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, their dedicated efforts have brought a revolution to the nation and there is much to come yet to put India at the global level prosperous and stable in every field.

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The Unheard Echoes of a Woman's Heart

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Marriage, a sacred bond created by God, is meant to bring peace, companionship, and mutual growth. It is a union where two souls embark on a journey of love, understanding, and raising a family together. A woman, once the cherished daughter of her parents, enters this new phase with dreams of being a beloved wife and a nurturing mother. She envisions a life where she is valued, respected, and protected. But for many, this dream shatters as they find themselves trapped in a cycle of neglect, abuse, and relentless sacrifice.

A woman is not just married to her husband; she is often burdened with responsibilities towards every member of

his family. She listens to their sarcastic remarks, fulfills every duty, and yet remains unappreciated. If her husband turns out to be a narcissist, a manipulator, or a drunkard, she bears the brunt of his actions—his anger, his irresponsibility, and even his physical abuse. Despite this, she continues to endure, hoping that one day things will change.

She was once a princess in her father's home, but now she is a slave to household chores. She cooks, cleans, teaches, raises children, and in today's era, she also earns a livelihood. She rises before dawn and sleeps past midnight, becoming a machine that functions tirelessly for others. Yet, when she seeks recognition for her sacrifices, she is met with indifference. "It was your duty," they

say, dismissing her struggles as mere obligations.

But what about her needs? Has her husband ever asked if she is tired? Has he ever shared her burdens, helped with the children, or supported her during moments of emotional breakdown? When she cried in the silence of the night, overwhelmed by trauma and loneliness, did he ever hold her hand and assure her that she was not alone?

She entered marriage with the belief that she would be the queen of his heart, that he would be her protector, her partner in both joy and sorrow. She dreamed of a love that would bring them closer in this life and reunite them in Jannah. But instead of being her shield, he became the reason for her pain. Instead of bringing happiness, he became the

source of her tears.

This is not just one woman's story; this is the silent suffering of countless women. Their voices remain unheard, their pain unseen, their sacrifices forgotten. It is time to ask: When will a woman be valued not just for what she does, but for who she is? When will marriage truly become the sacred bond it was meant to be—a partnership of love, respect, and mutual care?

A woman's endurance is often mistaken for weakness, but in reality, it is her greatest strength. She sacrifices her personal dreams, desires, and even her identity to build a home, nurture a family, and ensure the happiness of those around her. Yet, despite giving her all, she remains unseen. Society teaches her to adjust, to compromise, to suffer in

silence because "this is how it has always been." But is it fair to expect a woman to carry the weight of an entire household without any emotional or physical support? Is it just to label her struggles as mere "duties" while overlooking the depth of her pain?

Marriage should be a sanctuary, a space where a woman feels safe, cherished, and respected. But for many, it becomes a prison where love is replaced by indifference, companionship by loneliness, and trust by betrayal. She is told that patience is the key to a successful marriage, but does patience mean enduring abuse? Does compromise mean losing oneself entirely? A woman is not asking for much—only for kindness, for understanding, for a

love that does not break her spirit. A marriage built on mutual respect and care is not just a woman's right; it is the foundation of a healthy family and a compassionate society.

It is time to change the narrative. A woman is not just a caregiver, a homemaker, or a duty-bound wife—she is an individual with emotions, aspirations, and an equal right to happiness. Her sacrifices should not go unnoticed, and her struggles should not be dismissed. A man who truly loves his wife does not make her feel alone in a partnership meant for two. The question remains: Will society ever acknowledge the silent battles of women, or will they forever remain the forgotten warriors of marriage?

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Disregard for Islamic Scholars: A Crisis Eroding Society's Moral Foundation

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Respect is the foundation of a harmonious society. As the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "He is not of us who does not respect our elders and have mercy on our young ones." (Tirmidhi: 1919)

In contrast, our society has normalized ridicule, disregard, and mockery. It is crucial to uphold the importance of respect, particularly for those who have devoted their lives to safeguarding our moral values and spiritual traditions.

Historically, Islamic scholars and preachers were highly respected, and often addressed with honorific titles such as "Molvi Sahib" or "Maulana". While these terms are not rooted in Islamic terminology, they have

been traditionally used in the Indian subcontinent as a mark of respect for Islamic scholars.

However, with the rise of modernity, younger generations have gradually abandoned these respectful titles, turning "Molvi Sahib" into a term of derision. Those once revered as protectors of moral principles are now frequently mocked, dismissed as old-fashioned, or outright ignored.

A recent incident exemplifies this trend. While browsing Facebook a few days ago, I came across a post by an educator from a renowned institute in the Kashmir Valley. The post read, "Yimen Molvi-yen cheni paye konich" ("These Molvis don't know anything"). Surprised by the remark, I responded to the post, only to be abruptly blocked without

receiving a substantial reply.

This growing disregard for religious preachers and scholars, driven by social media and a disconnect from religious values, threatens society's moral foundation. Unlike other professionals, they are unfairly singled out for disrespect, raising the question: why are they easy targets for criticism?

The Keepers of Knowledge

Preachers are the guardians of a sacred tradition, dedicating years to mastering Islamic jurisprudence, theology, and history. Their rigorous education encompasses not only memorization but also an in-depth understanding of Islamic law, Quranic wisdom, and the Prophet's life. As the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasized, "The

best among you is one who learns the Qur'an and teaches it" (Bukhari 5027). Unlike other professions, Islamic scholarship exists to nurture society's spiritual core, providing guidance and preserving moral values. Ironically, instead of respect, many scholars face unwarranted criticism and mockery.

Their role extends beyond the mosque. In Muslim history, some of the greatest social reformers, legal minds, and political thinkers were scholars of Islam. Take Shah Waliullah Dehlavi, an 18th-century Islamic scholar who worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between traditional Islamic teachings and the political realities of his time. His efforts in translating the Quran into Persian made religious knowledge more accessible, much like today's

scholars strive to adapt religious wisdom to the modern world.

The Kashmir Valley boasts a rich heritage of Islamic scholarship, with renowned scholars such as Sheikh Noorudin Alahi Rahma, Moulana Mubarki, and Anwar Shah Shopiani Alaihi Rahma making remarkable contributions to Islamic studies. Their scholarly works have not only illuminated the people of Kashmir but have also left a lasting impact on the wider Muslim world.

This legacy lives on through the dedication of esteemed scholars like Sheikh ul Hadith Mufti Nazir Ahmad Qasmi, Dr. Abdul Latif Al-Kindi, Zahoor Ahmad Shah Almadni, Dr. Mubashir Ahsan Madni, and many others. Committed to the pursuit of Islamic knowl-

edge, they continue to educate and guide the community through their teachings, writings, and leadership.

However, despite their valuable contributions, many contemporary Molvi Sahibs and religious scholars struggle to gain the recognition they deserve, often facing disengagement from an audience that has already deemed them irrelevant.

A Clash with Modernity

As information is available at the tap of a screen nowadays, the authority of traditional scholars is frequently questioned. Many young Muslims, armed with Google searches and YouTube clips, believe they can bypass years of scholarly learning and derive their interpretations of religion. This attitude fosters

arrogance—the belief that formal Islamic education is unnecessary and that Molvi Sahibs are merely relics of an outdated past.

Moreover, mainstream media has played a significant role in distorting the image of religious scholars. In films and television, the Molvi Sahib is often depicted as either an unreasonably strict, backwards-thinking cleric or, worse, a hypocrite who preaches one thing but practices another. The actions of a few misguided individuals have been generalized to the entire scholarly class, making it easy for critics to paint all Molvi Sahibs with the same brush.

A striking example is how the West reacted to Sheikh Ahmed Deedat, a renowned Islamic scholar and orator. Despite dedicating his life to inter-faith

debates and defending Islam against misconceptions, he was labelled by some as a "radical." His deep knowledge and articulate arguments were reduced to controversy, a reflection of how easily scholarship is dismissed when it does not align with modern narratives.

But the most unfortunate criticism comes from within the Muslim community itself. In urban, Western-educated circles, referring to someone as a "Molvi Sahib" is often used mockingly, implying ignorance or an inability to adapt to modern life. This mindset is not just disrespectful—it is deeply ironic. The very individuals who claim to champion knowledge are the first to reject those who have dedicated their lives to acquiring it.

Ghulam Hassan Hakeem: A Teacher Extraordinaire

ZEESHAN RASOOL KHAN

Hum Tau Mayal Ba-Karam Hain, Koi Sayal Hi Nahin
Rah Dikhlaen Kise Rah-raw-e-Manzil Hi Nahin (Allama Iqbal)
(We are inclined to Mercy, but there is no one to implore
Whom can we show the way when there is no traveller?)

This verse from Allama Iqbal's Jawab-e-Shikwah would often reverberate in the morn wind of our high school - Hanfia Islamic Educational Institute Seer Hamdan, after our beloved teacher - Ghulam Hassan Hakeem, would appear on the podium behind the wired microphone. Then knowledge-filled, intellectually rich lectures and invaluable advice would follow. His articulation, eloquence, and knowledge would captivate every listener. The profuse use of English proverbs and phrases, along with Urdu and Persian poetry, and citation of events from Islamic literature distinctly reflected his erudition.

Ghulam Hassan Hakeem, our English teacher served to impart knowledge for decades with the utmost sincerity and integrity. Belonging to a humble background, Mr Hakeem was a versatile personality. In the 90s, he had been into journalism and calligraphy, which is now a craze among youngsters. Because of unknown circumstances, he couldn't continue in the field he had a penchant for and joined the teaching profession. Interestingly, his teaching superseded all his other talents, and he received recognition as a well-known grammarian in our town. His hold on the English language would put intellectuals in awe. His vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar had no peers in those times. Today, even after using gadgets and technology to solve any problem, we still struggle to quell our confusion in most cases. Nevertheless, Mr Hakeem was quick to answer any literature-related query without external help. In some

situations, he would be a 'teacher of teachers'-guiding them on a variety of matters. If any teacher would get stuck somewhere in the course of academia, Mr Hakeem would always be an ultimate hope.

He deeply valued and nurtured the student-teacher bond. In my estimation, no teacher can ever reproduce the affection he had for his students. Jolliness, amicable attitude, and the habit of cracking jokes were his unique attributes. Off of the class, he was a best friend to everyone. Inside the classroom, he was a teacher of merit, with every gesture attractive and engaging. Without a second thought, I can claim that he did justice to his profession until bidding it adieu.

Adorned with a myriad of exquisite qualities, he was certainly unequalled. But despite being superior to others in many ways, he lived an austere life, with his attire and outlook always simple. He never considered himself better than the rest. In socio-religious gatherings, he would be one among the unlettered audience. Nothing more, nothing less. But a person would get an idea of his intellectual depth only after meeting him in person, listening to his morning assembly speeches at school, or having experience of his classroom activities.

After leaving his profession, he would engage with his students in different ways and was always concerned about their future. Once he had come across one of my articles. He stopped me in the local bazaar and said, 'Beta, my chest has swelled with pride'. I asked about the reason; he responded, 'Today I read your article; it was a good read'. I was able to see the glow of happiness in his eyes as if his own son had conquered the impossible. It was not just with me; he would bless all students with prayers wherever he ran into them. He was the best example of a perfect teacher and custodian of the Student-Teacher relationship.

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In PoK: Crumbling roads, no electricity, lack of clean water

MS NAZKI

Kashmir is known for its scenic beauty and so is POK and that is only the common feature but J&K is right at the top of the deck and POK is right at the rock bottom!

The main factor is the fact POK Pakistan is using it only to train terrorists! It is an industry by itself there!

If it is Kashmir Vs POK: Then POK is nowhere and it can be seen from the pictures with this story!

In Kashmir modern infrastructure, world-class education, healthcare, & tourism thrives.

-In POK: Crumbling roads, no electricity, lack of clean water.

Pakistan talks about #Kashmir but can't even provide basics to its own people in POK!

Now the people themselves in POK are revolting against Pakistan!

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the people of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) are themselves raising the demand for a merger with India. He expressed confidence that the people of PoK will merge with India.

Asked about Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent remarks about Kashmir, Rajnath Singh said, "Can they ever take Kashmir? They should be worried about Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. I had said almost one and a half years ago that there would be no need for us to attack

and occupy because a situation is developing there that people of PoK themselves are demanding merger with India!

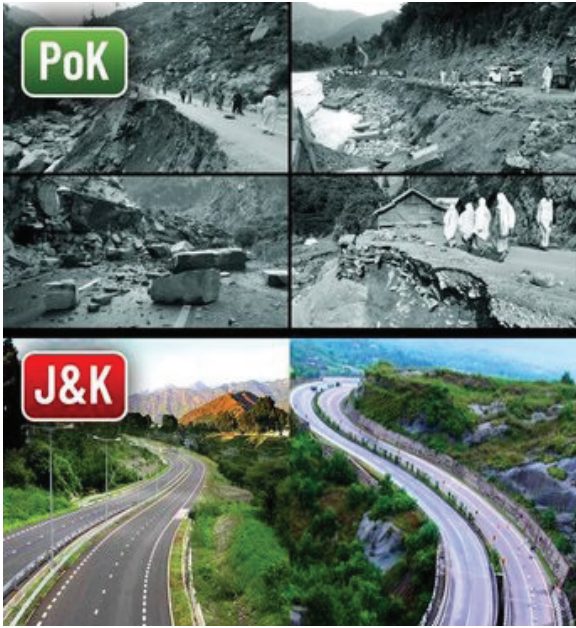
On being asked whether the government was making any plan, he responded, "I will not say anything more, I should not. We are not going to attack any country. India has a character of never attacking any country in the world, nor has it occupied an inch of other's territory. But PoK was ours, PoK is ours, and I am confident that PoK will itself merge with India.

Earlier in February, a political activist from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), Amjad Ayub Mirza, had claimed that the people in PoK are fed up with Pakistani occupation and they are now demanding merger with India.

In a video released by him, activist Mirza said, "The people of PoK in the last few days have told me that they now demand to be merged into India, as they are officially their citizens".

"The recent elections in Pakistan have just given us a fractured mandate. The upcoming elections will have a fruitful result for India but we the people of PoK ask that, for how long will we have to wait to get rid of Pakistan's oppression and get merged in India?" the PoK activist added.

He stated that India has a character of never attacking any nation and not occupying anyone's



land. However, he asserted that India will give a befitting response if its prestige is attacked by anyone.

Asked about a possible scenario where China attacks India, Rajnath Singh said, "God should give them the good sense not to commit such mistakes. India has a character of never attacking any country, but if any country attacks us, we do not spare them. But the truth is that if anyone asks us, we have good relations with all our neighbours."

He underlined that India will tackle any threat that arises from China, adding that the country has become a powerful nation in the world.

On being asked whether there was any threat from China now, the Defence Minister said, "We will tackle if any threat arises, what's there in it. But, we

cannot sit holding our heads in hands thinking about the threat. If the threat arises, it will be tackled. India is no more a weak country. India has become a powerful country in the world."

Praising the bravery of India's defence personnel, he stated, "I just want to say that whatever happened with China this time too, I feel proud of the courage shown by soldiers of Indian Army, Air Force and Navy personnel. There are many such incidents that if countrymen are made aware of about the army of our country, their respect will increase further."

Recalling the fight between India and China in Galwan, he stated that India's soldiers did not fire a single shot and instead were engaged in a physical combat. He said India

lost 20 soldiers during the fight. However, China did not disclose information regarding their soldiers.

A police officer was killed and over 100 law enforcement agents were injured during protests in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK). Residents have been protesting against inflation and lack of amenities. Posters were seen in Rawalkot which spoke about merger with India.

The Awami Action Committee (AAC) began protests on May 10 against inflation, which led to a crackdown by security forces. There was a shutter-down strike. Police resorted to tear gas shelling.

The strikes took place in Muzaffarabad, Sehansa, Mirpur, Rawalkot, Khurirata, Tattapani and Hattian Bala.

The PoK government has imposed Section 144 shutting down educational institutions and offices. Videos and pictures circulating on social media show police using batons on protestors leaving 100 injured.

PoK activist Amjad Ayub Mirza alleged that Pakistani forces were shooting at unarmed civilians. Mirza called for intervention from the Indian government saying that the situation had gone out of control and that India should help them and people in Gilgit Baltistan gain independence.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's PM Shehbaz Sharif has urged his officials to nego-

tiate with representatives of Jammu Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) in Muzaffarabad who were also protesting.

"While debate, discussion and peaceful protests are the beauties of democracy, there should be no tolerance for taking the law into one's own hands and damaging government property," Sharif said.

Reports said police arrested around 70 JAAC activists during raids in Muzaffarabad and Mirpur divisions, leading to clashes in Dadyal on Wednesday and Thursday last week,

Following this, the organisation called for a massive strike in the capital on Friday after police arrested several of its leaders and activists in overnight raids in different parts of Muzaffarabad and Mirpur divisions. The committee had previously announced that people from across the state would stage a long march towards Muzaffarabad on May 11.

During a strike on Friday, violent clashes occurred between protesters and police in various parts of Muzaffarabad, the capital of PoK. To stop the protests, police resorted to teargas shelling, which affected people in homes and mosques after demonstrators pelted stones.

The situation in POK is worse off than ever and the people of the place want to join India and that is the thematic undercurrent prevailing as of now!

Protect your spine

RAVI VALLURI

How many of us get up in the morning and virtually struggle to get out of bed as the body feels sore, the neck remains stiff, knees wobble, shoulders and feet pain? In fact, the entire day is torturous. Such individuals run to doctors, seeking a magical cure for the pestilence. Unless the problem is genetic or hereditary, humans get afflicted with such disorders because of a deficient lifestyle, stress accumulated over a period of time and poor dietary

habits. The vertebra and our skeletal frame are an extremely important part of the human body, which we ignore at our own peril.

Therefore, a healthy spine leads to a healthy life. Do we recall when a child begins to walk, the preliminary baby steps are raising his/her thumbs; this is called the 'Merudanda Mudra'. The vertebra consists of a series of small bones which form the backbone or the spine, having several projections for articulation and muscle attachment, and a hole through which the spinal

cord passes. The spine is the first identifiable structure that provides us with a shape and form rather than being a ball of cells without any differentiation. It keeps us upright, allows us to bend and twist and connects the different parts of our skeleton. Office goers are programmed - for making a living - to undertake a typical quotidian 9 to 5 routine, and several among them use computers for prolonged hours, or those professionals who are compelled to drive long distances to their places of work from

their dwelling paces ought to necessarily know how to protect their backs, necks and hand muscles. Not only are these muscles to be protected and fortified but the tissues should be sufficiently strengthened.

Such working men and women should be educated regarding deploying the correct posture. Many homemakers at times develop severe middle or lower back medical problems for a variety of reasons. Continuously undertaking repeated chores and even activities involving the handling

of small or no weights, performed with an incorrect posture, can damage tissues and muscles, which causes irreparable damage to the back and neck. The afflicted suffer from the debility for years together in pain. Awareness about the structure of the spine and adopting the right postures along with simple strengthening stretches significantly helps to avoid these misadventures in one's life. In the cases where these problems assume the shape of chronic disorders the patient suffering can

be guided through simple stretching exercises under the supervision of a physiotherapist or an orthopaedic. To ameliorate the condition of those suffering from these debilitating health issues, the patients should take treatment for it. Those in particular suffering from spondylitis, frozen shoulder, middle and lower back problems, and knee problems benefit immensely upon undergoing the rehabilitation process and will certainly see visible dramatic changes in their lifestyle patterns and daily routines.

One should always speak of life, not marks.



PRIYANKA SAURABHI

"Pariksha Pe Charcha" has been an annual event since 2018. In this event, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with parents, teachers, and students from across the country. He gives advice on how to tackle entrance and board exams in a smooth and easy way. Participants of this event are selected through a contest. Apart from getting a chance to participate in this event, the winners of the contest also get an opportunity to

talk to the prime minister face-to-face. The inaugural edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha took place on February 16, 2018. In the 7th edition to be held on January 29, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Get enough sleep and don't waste time watching reels." In the 8th PPC to be held in 2025, special emphasis was given this year on reducing stress related to exams. The Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 event was attended by renowned personalities like Sadhguru (spiritual leader), Deepika Padukone (actor), Vikrant Massey (actor), Mary Kom (Olympic champion, boxer), and Avni Lekhara (paralympic gold medalist). These eminent guests shared their experiences and practical views on stress management, achieving goals, and maintaining motivation.

On February 10, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with students, parents, and teachers during the eighth edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025. This annual event provides a platform for students to talk about issues such as exam anxiety, career planning, and personal development. Over 330 crore students, 2071 lakh teachers, and 551 lakh parents have registered for this year's event, which shows the continued impact of this initiative on the youth of the country. According to PM Modi, 40-50% of students fail in classes 10 and 12, but that does not mean that this is their ultimate goal. It is important to recognize the difference between academic and personal success and failure. He gave the example of cricket players,

who reflect on their mistakes at the end of the day and improve on them; students should do the same. According to him, your life

on their studies instead of getting stressed.

What happens to children who fail in school at a rate of 30 to 40 percent?

Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 encourages a positive attitude, which reduces exam stress. Promotes self-improvement and curiosity in students. Encourages confidence and perseverance in the face of academic difficulties.

is what your marks tell you, not you. The PM advised students to ignore pressure. He said that like a batsman who ignores the noise and slogans in the stadium and concentrates on the ball, students should also focus

See, failure does not signal the end of life. Whether you want to succeed in life or through books, it depends on you. Turning all your failures into learning opportunities is a strategy to achieve success in

life. Make your mistakes your teaching moments. Life is not just exams. It should be seen holistically. Apart from giving us certain qualities, God has also given us some flaws. Focus on the strengths. You will not be asked how many grades you got in class 10th and 12th. It should be life, not marks. As opposed to rote learning, Prime Minister Modi emphasized the importance of holistic education and creative learning. Students were urged to learn soft skills and participate in extracurricular activities. The Prime Minister advised students that exams should be seen as learning opportunities and not as a burden. He advised that students should prioritize knowledge over grades. Good behavior, discipline, and practice—not clamoring for

rights—are the hallmarks of leadership. Emphasized the importance of healthy food and adequate sleep for successful education. Urged students to spend time outdoors and increase physical activity levels for mental health.

PM Modi advised students to look at exams as an opportunity to grow as a person instead of being afraid of them. He claimed that family and social environments can sometimes put pressure on students, which is undesirable. The pressure from family members or relatives that board exams are very important makes students extremely anxious and stressed. Your life does not end with an exam. It is just a milestone that you have to achieve. You will feel more confident if you ignore external pressure. According to

PM Modi, parents should actively participate in their children's board exam preparation and focus on their strengths and weaknesses. He claimed that parents are not able to participate in their children's exam preparation due to their busy schedule. While taking exams, PM Modi advised students to start by understanding the challenging questions. "You should give equal attention to every subject," said Prime Minister Modi. It is suggested that students start with simple topics or questions. However, I would recommend starting with challenging questions, as this will keep your mind clear, and you will be able to handle them better. Later, when your brain gets tired, it will also be easier for you to answer the easier questions.

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کسی شخص کو سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث ابراء کرنے میں کوئی نذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اندر
ایک ہفتہ اپنا نذر بعد مشہر اشتہار بذمیں پیش کریں۔ مبعاد کرنے کے بعد
کوئی نذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔
- تحریر الصدیق نائب تحصیلدار
اسٹنٹ کلکٹر درج اول ویلگام

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on the name NAZIR AHMAD SHEIKH S/O GHULAM MOHAMMAD SHEIKH R/O MUFTIBAGH HAREAN SRINAGAR .Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 0201030000203 wants to be registered on my brothers name FEROZ AHMAD SHEIKH S/O GHULAM MOHAMMAD SHEIKH R/O MUFTIBAGH HARWAN .If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name... FEROZ AHMAD SHEIKH
S/O ...GHULAM MOHAMMAD SHEIKH
R/O MUFTIBAGH HARWAN DISTT..... SRINAGAR

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of HAZIQ MAJEED DAR & MEHREEN MAJEED S/O ABDUL MAJEED DAR R/O DOLIPORA Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 15/03/2020 & 11/10/2016 and event has been shown to be occurred at Home for issuance of delay order .In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of death certificate shall present his/ her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

Executive Magistrate
1st Class KREERI

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ بینک اکاؤنٹ برانچ
پہلگام مین زیر اکاؤنٹ نمبر 0122040860000122 مین
میرا نام صادق کھانا انراج ہوا ہے جبکہ میرا اصلی نام
مطابق ادھار کاڈ محمد صادق کھانا ہے اب اس کی دستگی
کرانی مطلوب ہے اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات
یوم کے اندر اندر دفتر ہذا میں پیش کرتے بعد از معاد کوئی
عذر قبول نہیں ہوگا

المستہر

محمد صادق کھانا
ساکن نالہ اور دہ پہلگام

ازدفتر نیابت کریری

عنوان درخواست منجانب محمد رمضان ڈار ولد عبدال اید ڈار ساکن
مالوہ تحصیل کریری نسبت ابرائی لیگی تیر (وارث باپ) سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتہار بمبراد اگاہی

ماملہ مندرجہ الصدیق میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی۔ مطابق رپورٹ
پٹواری وڈیفیکٹ سرٹیفکیٹ سال کی زوہ مسمانہ سارہ بنیم مورہ امارچ
2024 کو فوت ہو چکی ہے متوفی اسپن پچھلے مندرجہ ذیل وارثان باپز
چھوڑی رشتہ بمرہ متوفی

- 1۔ انجاز احمد ڈار پسر 43 سال زمیندار
- 2۔..... بلال احمد ڈار پسر 36 سال مزدوری،
- 3۔..... حلال احمد ڈار پسر 35 سال ڈرائیور
- 4۔..... طاہر احمد ڈار // 27 سال ڈرائیور
- 5۔..... ذبیر احمد ڈار // 24 سال //

6۔ محمد رمضان ڈار شوہر متوفی 61 سال زمیندار
اس طور کنڈیکشن (6) افراد پر مشتمل مطابق رپورٹ پٹواری مندرجہ وارثان جائز کے
علاوہ اور کوئی وارثان یا جائز نہیں ہے سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث ابراء کرنے میں اگر کسی
شخص یا شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ دن کے
اندر پیش کرے معاد کرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قبول نہیں ہوگا
نائب تحصیلدار کریری

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (old name) Barbara Hureem Butt to (New name) Barbara Hurrem Butt in future I will be known as (new name) Barbara Hurrem Butt if any body having objection he/she may contact passport office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objections will be accepted.

Name... Barbara Hurrem Butt

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of SALIM HAMEED RATHER S/O ABDUL HAMEED RATHER R/O CHECK DUDABUGH Tehsil WAGOORA Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 20/11/2020/ and event has been shown to be occurred at SDH KREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of death certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

Executive Magistrate
1st Class KREERI

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of NABEEL HUSSAIN BHAT S/O AASHIQ HUSSAIN BHAT R/O HUMLINE AMARGARH Tehsil SOPORE Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 22/06/2021/ and event has been shown to be occurred at SDH KREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of death certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Executive Magistrate
1st Class KREERI

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR PAHALGAM (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ANANTNAG) has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of HAIDER FAYAZ GANIE S/O FAYAZ AHMAD GANIE R/O GRANDWEN GRAND AISA Tehsil PAHALGAM Distt. ANANTNAG with verified the date of Birth, as 02/07/2022 and event has been to be occurred atIn this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of said registration shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Executive Magistrate
1st Class PAHALGAM

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR PAHALGAM (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ANANTNAG) has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of ABU BAKER MUZAFAER GANIE S/O MUZAFAER AHMAD GANIE R/O GRANDWEN GRAND AISA Tehsil PAHALGAM Distt. ANANTNAG with verified the date of Birth, as 11/07/2022 and event has been to be occurred atIn this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of said registration shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Executive Magistrate
1st Class PAHALGAM

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of HUMAIRA TARIQ S/O TARIQ AHMAD SHEIKH R/O CHOORA Tehsil KHOIE Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 22/04/2021/ and event has been shown to be occurred at SDH KREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of death certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

Executive Magistrate
1st Class KREERI

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Have Lost My D.O.B Certificate Now I'm Applying For it's Duplicate if Anybody Have any Objection He/She May Contact For The Same At Registrar Birth And Death (SMC) Within 7 Days From The Publication Notice After That No Objection Will Be Entertained.

Name... Umar rehman
S/O abdul rehman.
R/O rampora chattabal

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name & Date of Birth has been wrongly written as SAMEEA FAYAZ D/O FAYAZ AHMAD DAR R/O SHEIKHPORA & DOB 15/03 2004 in my Aadhar card while my correct name is SEEMA FAYAZ D/O FAYAZ AHMAD DAR and my correct Date of Birth 31/10/2006 which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he /she may file his /her objection in the office of Aadhar authority of India within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name.....SEEMA FAYAZ
D/OFAYAZ AHMAD DAR
R/O SHEIKHPORA DOB31/10/2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from old name Mehbooba to new name Mahbooba in future I will be known as Mahbooba if any body is having any objection he/ she may contact Passport office, Srinagar with in 7 days.After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

Name...Mahbooba

THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA SRINAGAR.

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he/she has lost his/her Qualification Certificate having the following description.

Roll No: 6135416
Class: 10th
Year & Session 2016(Annual Private)
Registration No: N15380700055
Name: Muneeb Bashir
Father's Name: Bashir Ahmad wani
Mother's Name: Gulshana Begum
Date of Birth: 17-04-2002
Residence: Gulzarpora pulwama



Now the candidate has applied for issuance of Duplicate Qualification Certificate before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of Publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.

Besides the losted "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial No/s 16APKAM-2017430 is/are be treated as "CANCELLED"

No: F(Certs-I-DQC)/B/KD/20
Dated:-12/02/2025

Sd/-
Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of FARHANA FAYAZ, ALEEZA FAYAZ MIR TAQWA GULSHAN MIR D/O FAYAZ AHMAD MIR R/O KAKOTHAL Tehsil KRRERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 07/09/2010 ,18/03/2016 & 11/11/2017 , and event has been shown to be occurred at HOME for issuance of delay order .In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of death certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

Executive Magistrate
1st Class KREERI

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

NOTICE

The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported in the university that he has lost his University certificate/s and has applied for issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s.

Name :Mohd Mushab Khan
S/o:- Gh. Hayder Khan
R/o:- Shahdara Uri, Baramulla
Registration No. 2670-SF-73
Certificates lost:- Graduation and LLb marks Cards
Roll No. 606 year 1981-82



Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate certificate/s in favour of the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled.

Dated:-11-02-2025 Assistant Controller of Examination
(PG/UG/Prof.)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Mechanical & Hospital Division, Srinagar

(Phone No: 0194-2496089, www.medkmr.org, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

Subject: - 1. Repairs Servicing of Toshiba Make VRV System of 60 HP capacity installed in Library Block of Govt. Dental College Hospital Srinagar
2. Providing anf Fitting of oxygen pressure guage in MICU Ward and in other locations of SMHS Hospital Srinagar
Ref :- 1.This office e- NIT no: M&HDS/TS/2024-25/139/e-tendering Dated 25.01.2025
2.This office e- NIT no: M&HDS/TS/2024-25/134/e-tendering Dated 13.01.2025

CANCELLATION

In view of no response, the above subject works floated vide e-NIT No. M&HDS/TS/2024-25/139/e-tendering Dated 25.01.2025 and e-NIT No. M&HDS/TS/2024-25/134/e-tendering Dated 13.01.2025 is hereby cancelled.

DIPK-11895/24
Date: Feb 12 2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical & Hospital Division, Srinagar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN BUDGAM

Subject:- Tentative Selection List of candidates who have applied for the vacant posts of Sahiyika (Anganwadi Helper) against AWCs falling in different Panchayat Halq Soibugh A Ward No. 04 AWC Soibugh B of Poshan Project Budgam in response to advertisement Notice No:- 06 of 2024 Dated 09.11.2024 under endorsement no . CDPO/Poshan/Bud/2024/Adv/1393-1402 Dated 09.11.2024 and Extension Endorsement No CDPO/Poshan/Bud/2024/Adv/1567-77 Dated 04.12.2024.(2nd Phase).

Name of Panchayat Halqa Soibugh A Ward No (04) AWC Soibugh B

S.N	In de x no	Name of the Candidate with parentage and address	Name of Anganwad i Center	Name of Panchay at Halqa/ Municipa l Ward	No of Panchaya t/Municip al Ward	D.o.B	Age as on 01.01.202 4	Qualifi cation	Married/ unmarrie d	10th Merit			Whether any releasi on with retired AWW	Addition al 2 points as per HR Policy	Total Percent age/Poi nts/ tota l Merit	Selected Candidat e	Remar ks	
										M4 (12 TH)	M. OBTAIN ED (12TH)	% age						Wigh tage
1	1	Mumtaza Akhter W/o Fayaz Ahmad Dar R/o Soibugh	Soibugh B	Soibugh -A	Ward No 04	03.11.198 9	34 years 01 months 29 days	10 th	Married	500	211	42.20 %	42.20 %	No	0	42.20%	Selecte d	

Copy for information and necessary action to the Selection Committee for the approval of selection for the post of Anganwadi Workers (Sanginis) constituted vide Govt Order No 222-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated 30.11.2023 and Govt Order No 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated 28.04.2023. However this would be strictly conditional and subject to objections, if any as received from the general public within (10) ten days after publication of the Tentative Selection list in the news Paper.

Sd/
Child Development Project Officer Poshan
Budgam

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL ANDHOSPITALS DIVISION SRINAGAR (Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

Subject: 1. Repairs to 30 KVa servo stabilizer at GMC Srinagar.
2. Repair/ servicing of air conditioning Units of various capacities installed within Govt. Dental College, Srinagar.
3. Servicing/repair and replacement of various components to Medical Oxygen compressor and vacuum system make ANESTA IWATA installed in oxygen Plant at Govt. LD Hospital, Srinagar
Ref :1. This office NIT No: M&HDS/TS /2024-25/142/e-tendering Dated: 05.02.2025

EXTENSION01

In view of poor/No response to the above referred works the Critical dates of above subject work(s) tendered vide above referred e-NIT are extended as follows: -

S.No	Description	Date and Time
1.	Last Date of Bid Submission	15.02.2025 (14:00 hrs)
2.	Date of Bid Opening	15.02. 2025 (16:00 hrs)

All other Terms and Conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.

DIPK-11887/24
Date: Feb 12 2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical & Hospitals Division, Srinagar.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION KULGAM

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

e-NIT No: 11 /IDK/2024-25

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor J&K U.T., e-tenders are invited (In singlecover system) "on Percentage basis" of below mentioned emergent work from registered Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules for the following work:-

S. N	Name of work	Advt. Cost (Rs.in lacs)	Earnest Money (Amt. in Rs)	Class of Contract	Cost of tender Document	Time of Completion	MH of Account	Tender Receiving authority
1	Restoration of Damaged/Blocked pipe Culvert on minor of Wougamladi at Reshipora Kulgam.	9.29 lacs	18580/-	DEE/CEE	400/-	30 days	Drainage Sector	Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam

Position of funds : Budgetary provision
Position of AA :Authorized by Chief Executive Officer Municipal Counsel Kulgam's Order No. MC/KGM/2024/007 dated: 27-01-2025

The bidding document and other details can be downloaded from the website: http://jktenders.gov.in

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), book of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website: WWW.jktenders.gov.in

As per the Schedule of dates given below:

i	Publishing date of NIT	11-02-2025
ii	Download start date	11-02-2025 From 5.30 PM
iii	Bid submission start date	11-02-2025 From 5.30 PM
iv	Bid submission end date	17-02-2025 upto 04.00PM
v	Bid opening date	18-02-2025 at 11:00 AM

2. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of tender document as specified in the table above and pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for six months after the opening of the bid. Bids will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam on 18-02-2025 at 11:00 AM . If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.

3. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like Earnest Money in the form of CDR/FDR/treasury challan (MH-0702) GSTIN /Registration card duly renewed and the successful bidder i.e L1 must submit the valid CDR/FDR// Treasury Receipt, (in original) in the office of tender receiving authority after opening and declaration of successful bidder. Further the bidder must upload the contact details viz valid Phone No/ email ID.

DIPK-11886/24
Date: Feb 12 2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division Kulgam

DC Budgam inspects key infrastructure projects in Beerwah Sub-Division

■ HT News Network

Budgam, February 12: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo, today conducted an extensive inspection of infrastructure projects in the Beerwah Sub-Division.

The in-site visit included the Receiving Station at Charangam, the Chewdara Bridge, and the Takiyabal Kangund Bridge.

During inspection of the charangam receiving station, the DC took status of the progress of work and installation of all necessary equipment for smooth functioning of the project.

The DC said that the work on the charangam receiving station is in final stage and a test commissioning will be conducted by the engineers of KPDC so that



the project shall be formally dedicated to the general public soon.

DC said that with augmentation provided by the Charangam Receiving Station, the smooth, scheduled power supply along with optimum voltage shall be ensured to these villages and other adjoining areas in Beerwah.

He said that the district administration is committed to development of

ture in the district.

At Chewdara, the DC reviewed the progress of construction of Bridge being constructed NABARD scheme, and will connect habitations across Beerwah.

He instructed the concerned departments to adhere strictly to the established timelines and maintain high-quality standards. The DC also visited Takiyabal Kangund Bridge site to inspect its development status. The work has been initiated on this bridge and is going on at an accelerated pace.

He underscored the significance of the project in facilitating efficient transportation and improving access between various regions within the sub-division especially khag and Beerwah areas.

DC Kupwara chairs weekly Block Diwas programme at Lalpora

Highlights different people friendly schemes like PM Surya Ghar, PMFME, JK Samadhan

■ HT News Network

KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 12: The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ms. Ayushi Sudan today chaired the weekly Block Diwas programme at Lalpora in Lolab sub division. The programme is aimed to listen the people at their doorsteps to address their developmental issues.

The programme was attended by VCDDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad, besides, SDMLolab, ACD Kupwara, CPO, CMO, CEO, CAO, CHO, DSHO, AD Fisheries, AD Food, DSWO Executive Engineers, Tehsildar Sogam, BDO and large number of people also attended the block diwas function.

In her address, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted various Government schemes and appealed the people to take opportunity of these schemes for their own benefit.

Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna which provides solar plant to the households at a subsidized cost, she appealed the people to register themselves under the scheme to take benefit of free electricity which will reduce their electricity bills.

Regarding JK Samadhan portal, the DC said that the portal provides opportunity to the citizens to raise their grievances through online mode and appealed the people to register on the Samadhan portal to redress their grievances which will save their time and efforts from physically visiting the government offices.

She appreciated the people for taking keen interest in HADP scheme which provides them opportunity to earn their livelihood in Agriculture and allied sectors adding that more



than 5000 applications under the scheme have been received from Lalpora area alone. She asked the beneficiaries to register for PMFME scheme which provides technical and market access support to the beneficiary in addition to financial support.

On the arrival, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various stalls installed by Agriculture and allied departments and got feedback from the concerned officers regarding the achievements and targets of their departments.

Earlier, the VC welcomed the Deputy Commissioner for visiting the far flung area Lalpora to conduct the block diwas proceedings. He said block diwas is a good platform for the administration and the people to come together for resolving the long pending issues of the development.

Meanwhile, VC DDC, prominent and senior citizens of Lalpora area put forth different developmental issues pertaining to Water/Power supply, health, roads etc.

Regarding power supply, she said augmentation of different receiving stations were done recently to ensure smooth flow of the electricity in the sub division Lolab adding that Diver Receiving Station has also been started few months ago which has also relieved the burden on old receiving stations to streamline the power network. She stressed upon the Electric Division Kupwara to ensure power supply as per the curtailment schedule so that people do not suffer in this bone chilling winter period.

Replying the major issue of water supply, the DC said major schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission are under progress which on completion will address the water supply issues of the people living in the Lolab sub division. After giving patient hearing to the issues raised by public the Deputy Commissioner assured them that all their genuine concerns would be addressed in a phased manner with active coordination from relevant departments.

HDFC Bank Launches 'Anmol Salary Account'-India's First PSU Salary Account with Cyber Fraud Cover

■ HT News Network/KNT

Srinagar: HDFC Bank has launched the Anmol Salary Account, the first-of-its-kind salary account designed exclusively for Public Sector Undertaking employees. This new offering comes with an integrated cyber fraud protection cover, making it a significant addition to the bank's evolving portfolio of savings accounts tailored to specific customer needs. As part of its Speciale suite of savings accounts, HDFC Bank has been providing a range of benefits to different customer segments, including cyber fraud protection of up to 1.5 lakh for senior citizens and between 25,000 to 50,000 for professionals. The bank also offers a Speciale Gold Women account, which includes a cancer insurance cover of up to 5 lakh. With the introduction of the Anmol Salary Account, the bank aims to extend similar specialized financial protection to PSU employees while also providing a host of additional benefits. The Anmol Salary Account includes cyber fraud coverage of up to 25,000, ensuring greater security for customers as digital banking becomes increasingly prevalent. In addition, the account allows PSU employees to extend its benefits to their families, offering a zero-balance salary account facility for up to five family members, along with locker privileges. It also provides a comprehensive health insurance cover that includes OPD coverage, top-up plans of up to 30 lakh, and an accident insurance cover worth over 15 lakh at no additional cost. HDFC Bank is also offering exclusive perks to account holders, including a complimentary Platinum Debit Card with special offers and up to eight free domestic airport lounge accesses per year. Moreover, Maharatna PSU employees will have the advantage of supplementary home loan limits beyond their company's standard caps. Commenting on the launch, Parag Rao, Country Head - Payments, Liability Products, Consumer Finance & Marketing at HDFC Bank, said, "We are pleased to introduce India's first cyber cover-integrated salary account for PSU employees. As digital transactions become more commonplace, ensuring security for our customers is a top priority. With the Anmol Salary Account,

DC Shopian holds Public Darbar at Narapora, Keller

■ HT News Network

Shopian, February 12: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today chaired a public darbar at BDO's office Narapora in the Keller block of district to assess and address public issues and concerns. On the occasion, scores of delegations and citizens projected various development issues and demands of their respective areas, requiring attention and redressal by the authorities, spanning across departments. The major developmental issues flagged included augmentation of play grounds, widening of roads, car parking at Keller Hospital, water supply issues, establishment of veterinary centre, J&K Bank Branch, Fire Service station, functioning of bus services on all routes besides irrigation facilities. DDC Vice-Chairperson, Irfan Manhas and DDC, member, Fazul-ul-Din also highlighted the issues of public importance which included heating



system for Keller Hospital, Naserpora Zrakana bridge, lift irrigation Moshwara, road widening of Shadab Karewa, speeding up of work on Chanchmarag to Dabjan road, & other issues for early redressal.

DC assured appropriate action for redressal of all public issues in a phased manner while directing the concerned departments to ensure vigorous follow up on genuine public grievances and issues. He also called for timely resolution of local issues, particularly those requiring inter-departmental coordination at the district and block level. DC also cautioned people to keep close watch on drug abuse and coordination with authorities. He also called upon people for maintaining cleanliness.

DC Kulgam chairs meeting on Wetland demarcation

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM February 12: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, who is also Chairman of District Wetland Management Units, on Wednesday convened a comprehensive meeting to discuss the

demarcation of wetland sites across the district.

Revenue, Forest, and Wildlife departments were tasked with the demarcation of identified wetlands and ground truthing of the digital boundaries.

Jal Shakti, Flood Control and Fisheries departments were asked to work out of

the conservation plans for the wetlands.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Kulgam, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, District Officer Pollution Control Committee Firdous Ahmad, all Tehsildars, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, DFO Kulgam, AD



Fisheries, and other concerned officials from various departments.

HRD Programme on Integrated Pest Management Held at KVK Kupwara

■ DR. AB QAYOOM

Kupwara, Feb 12: A Human Resource Development (HRD) Programme on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) was successfully conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kupwara. Organized by the Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (CIPMC), Srinagar, in collaboration with the State Agriculture Department and KVK Kupwara, the event aimed at promoting sustainable pest control practices among farmers and agricultural professionals. Experts from CIPMC and KVK Kupwara delivered insightful sessions on eco-



friendly pest management techniques. Dr. Mithilesh Kumar Arya, Deputy Director (PP), CIPMC Jammu, spoke on the safe and judicious use of pesticides, stressing responsible application methods. Dr. Haroon Rashid Hakla, APPO (PP), CIPMC Srinagar, introduced the NPSS Mobile

App, a digital platform for plant protection. Sh. Manzoor Ahmed Sheikh, SMS (SDL), Kupwara, highlighted the benefits of organic farming, while Dr. Firdous Ahmed Raina, SMS (Plant Protection), elaborated on IPM strategies for sustainable agriculture.

The programme was presided over by Sh. Mukhtar Ahmed, DAO Kupwara, and the Head of KVK Kupwara Prof. Kaiser Mohiud-Din, who commended the initiative and urged farmers to adopt IPM techniques for improved crop health and productivity. Farmers and agricultural officers actively participated in the session, making it a fruitful knowledge-sharing experience.

NEP-2020: Second batch of 57 students completes internship program at JKEDI

■ HT News Network

Sempora, February 12: A fresh batch of 57 students from Government Abdul Ahad Azad (AAA) Memorial Degree College, Bemina and Government College for Women, Nawakadal, Srinagar completed their internship program at Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Sempora, on Wednesday. As per the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, all undergraduate students have to complete 60 hours of internship program to complete their degree. The interns were

briefed about the role and functioning of various verticals & sections of JKEDI. They were made aware of the various activities undertaken by JKEDI including Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs (EAPs), Entrepreneurship Orientation Programs (EOPS) and Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs) to promote entrepreneurship as a career choice among unemployed youth of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. An idea pitching workshop and business simulations were held for the interns wherein real-time exposure to running a successful business venture.

JKBOSE organizes awareness prog on Open Schooling, centrally sponsored Scholarship Schemes at Bandipora

■ HT News Network

Bandipora, February 12: In a bid to promote accessible education for all, the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE), in collaboration with the Education Department Bandipora, on Wednesday organized a comprehensive awareness programme on the Open Schooling system and centrally sponsored scholarship schemes at the Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

The event was presided over by Dr. Arif Jan, Deputy Director Academics JKBOSE, and was attended by Assis-

tant Director JKBOSE Dr. Aliya Qayoom, Deputy CEO Bandipora, Dr. G.M. Pujoo, along with principals, ZEOs, HOIs of various institutions, parents, and other concerned stakeholders. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Arif Jan discussed various aspects of open schooling, emphasizing its importance in supporting out of school children. He outlined how the Open Schooling system can provide an alternative chance for these children to continue their education, thus contributing to the goal of universalization of elementary education.

Dr. Arif Jan also elaborated on the role of the National Education Policy



(NEP) in shaping a more inclusive education system, in alignment with the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring quality and equitable education for all.

He also spoke about several key educational reforms, including SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), RMSA (Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan), and samagra Shiksha, highlighting the critical role they play in achieving educational equity.

Dr. Arif also deliberated on the importance of enhancing the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), emphasizing that increasing the GER is crucial to

ensuring that more children have access to quality education.

Dr. Aliya Qayoom, Assistant Director JKBOSE, presented insights into the various centrally sponsored scholarship schemes available for students. She underscored the importance of spreading awareness about these scholarships to ensure that all eligible students have the opportunity to benefit from financial assistance in their academic journey.

Earlier welcome address was presented by Dy CEO Bandipora Dr. G.M. Pujoo while as vote of thanks was presented by Zonal Education Officer, Zone Quilmuqam.

DC Baramulla visits Tribal villages in Tangmarg, assesses dev needs

■ HT News Network

Baramulla, February 12: In a significant outreach initiative, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, accompanied by SDM Gulmarg, Syed Altaf Hussain Musvi and other senior officers, visited the remote tribal villages of Baderkoot, Darakasi and Gugdara in Subdivision Tangmarg.

The visit aimed to assess local issues, inspect infrastructure, and ensure the effective implementation of government schemes in these far-flung areas.

During the visit, DC Baramulla inspected school buildings, roads, and other essential infrastructure, taking stock of their condi-



tion and identifying areas that need urgent attention.

He interacted with the local population, listened to their concerns, and assured them that the administration is committed to addressing their developmental needs, particularly in education, road connectivity, and public

services.

DC emphasized the importance of ensuring that government schemes and welfare initiatives reach tribal communities, urging the concerned departments to expedite necessary improvements. He reiterated the administration's focus on inclusive

development, ensuring that even the most remote areas benefit from essential services and infrastructure projects.

This outreach visit reflects the district administration's proactive approach to governance and citizen engagement. By directly interacting with people in remote areas, the administration aims to bridge development gaps, strengthen grassroots governance, and improve the quality of life for all communities in Baramulla. DC emphasized the importance of ensuring that government schemes and welfare initiatives reach tribal communities, urging the concerned departments to expedite necessary improvements.

DC Kupwara reviews progress of registration under JK Samadhan Portal

■ HT News Network

KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 12: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a review meeting of all concerned officers and other stakeholders to assess the progress of the registration process under the JK Samadhan Portal.

The meeting was attended by ADC Kupwara, ACD, CMO, BDOs Tehsildars, AD Food' DPO besides other District Officers, officials and CSC VLEs.

The JK Samadhan Portal, a government initiative aimed at streamlining and simplifying grievance redressal processes, is designed to ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency in addressing public complaints.



During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of timely and efficient registration of grievances, which can be accessed and resolved through the portal.

In her address, the DC highlighted the critical role of the portal in facilitating citizens' access to government services and resolving

disputes. She urged all the concerned departments to ensure maximum outreach and participation in the portal's registration process. CSC VLEs were directed to register maximum number of people under the portal who are unable to register themselves.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of registration in various teh-

sils and sub-divisions of the district, with a special focus on identifying areas where registration was lagging behind.

Meanwhile, timelines were fixed for different departments to ensure cent percent registration of the people. The ADC Kupwara was designated as Nodal Officer for cent percent registration of all citizens on the Samadhan portal. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of timely and efficient registration of grievances, which can be accessed and resolved through the portal. In her address, the DC highlighted the critical role of the portal in facilitating citizens' access to government services and resolving disputes.

DC Ganderbal flags off awareness vehicles under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan

■ HT News Network

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 12: In a significant step towards combating substance abuse, the Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today flagged off awareness vehicles under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan at the Mini Secretariat, Ganderbal.

The initiative aims to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a drug-free society.

The awareness vehicle will travel across various locations in the district, disseminating crucial information about substance abuse prevention, rehabilitation services, and support systems available for affected individuals and their families.

During the event, IEC (Information, Education,



and Communication) material was also distributed to further enhance public awareness regarding drug abuse and available de-addiction resources.

District Social Welfare Officer, Officials from the Social Welfare Department, Sankalp Hub for empowerment of women, Mission Shakti Ganderbal, ICPS, Child Welfare Com-

mittee, Juvenile Justice Board and various stakeholders were present at the flag-off event.

The campaign is part of the broader nationwide initiative under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, which seeks to create a healthier and addiction-free society through sustained awareness and intervention programs.

DDC Pulwama reviews Irrigation System augmentation for upcoming agricultural season

“Strengthen Irrigation System for a Prosperous Agricultural Season”: Dr. Qayoom

■ HT News Network

Pulwama, February 12: A comprehensive meeting was held today under the chairmanship of the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Dr. Basharat Qayoom to review the augmentation of the irrigation system and assess advance preparations for the upcoming agricultural season.

The discussions centered on enhancing water use efficiency through desilting, track lining to plug pilferages, restoring the lift irrigation system and ensuring sustainable agricultural productivity. The significant role of the Rural Development and Revenue Department was emphasized in planning and executing irrigation-related initiatives at the grassroots level.



Dr. Qayoom directed the Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Department to coordinate with all BDOs to identify irrigation channels that require intervention for its incorporation in annual plan.

To facilitate a structured approach, the District Development Commissioner proposed the formation of a three-member team,

led by an engineer of at least AE rank, to submit detailed reports to the District Mineral Officer (DMO), prioritizing critical irrigation schemes.

In addition, the District Development Commissioner directed all Tehsildars to compile and submit a Tehsil-wise data report to identify and address encroachments

or other issues that could hinder irrigation infrastructure and related projects.

The RDD was tasked with preparation and approval of identified works by mobilizing field functionaries to conduct field visits and contribute to the development of detailed irrigation plans.

These plans will be submitted to the Assistant Commissioner for Development (ACD) for review and subsequent implementation.

As the nodal officer, the ACD will coordinate with all relevant officers to develop the plan, obtain the necessary approvals and oversee its execution.

Furthermore, the Rural Development Department (RDD) was instructed to also focus on micro distributaries to develop an efficient plan.

DC Shopian conducts surprise inspection of District Hospital

■ HT News Network

Shopian, February, 12: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Shishir Gupta today conducted a surprise inspection of District Hospital to assess the provision of healthcare services in the hospital. During the visit, he inspected key facilities of the hospital including the emergency ward, Diagnostic centre, OPDs, and other wards.

DC interacted with patients & attendants and enquired about the quality of healthcare services provided in the hospital. He directed the hospital authorities to provide efficient services and ensure the availability of essential medicines, heating, lighting, and other necessities. He also instructed that duty



rosters be prominently displayed and warned that any laxity would not be tolerated and exhorted upon the health functionaries for working with dedication and remaining punctual in their duties.

On the occasion, the Deputy

Commissioner directed the concerned authorities to ensure strict enforcement of the COTPA in the hospital premises and instructs to tough action against violations.

ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone, ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, Teh-

sildar Shopian, Anjum Khan and others accompanied the Deputy Commissioner. DC interacted with patients & attendants and enquired about the quality of healthcare services provided in the hospital.

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The programme featured insightful lectures by eminent experts. Deputy Director, CIPMC Jammu Dr. Mithilesh Kumar Arya delivered a session on the safe and judicious use of pesticides, emphasizing responsible application

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The programme was presided over by Mukhtar Ahmed, DAO Kupwara, and the Head of KVK Kupwara, who lauded the initiative and encouraged farmers to adopt IPM techniques for better crop health and productivity.

The event witnessed active participation from farmers and agricultural officers, making it a valuable learning experience for all.

DC Baramulla presides over awareness camp cum Block Divas at Kunzer

PM-Surya Ghar Yojna adoption witnessing significant push in B'la with elected MLAs promoting the scheme: DC Baramulla

■ HT News Network

Baramulla, February 12: In a significant outreach initiative, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today presided over an Awareness Camp cum Block Divas at Town Hall, Kunzer. The event was organized to bring government services closer to the public, address grievances, and raise awareness about various welfare schemes.

At the outset, the DC inspected the stalls set up by various departments, where officials provided detailed information about key government schemes like PM Surya Ghar (Muft Bijli

Yojana), Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Vishwakarma Scheme, PMAY and other flagship schemes. These stalls aimed to ensure that locals could easily access the information and resources available under these schemes.

In a further effort to ensure transparency and effective communication, concerned officers briefed the local public through video screens, offering clear and visual explanations of the application processes, benefits, and eligibility criteria for each program which allowed for a more interactive and engaging experience for the public, helping them under-



stand how to take advantage of these schemes.

During the camp, the DC

interacted with the locals, listened to their concerns, and emphasized the importance of such outreach programs in addressing community issues and directed officers to ensure that grievances were resolved in a time bound manner, reiterating the administration's commitment to timely service delivery and people-centric governance.

Furthermore, Minga Sherpa encouraged the public to take full advantage of the various government schemes designed to benefit local citizens, with a particular emphasis on the PM-Surya Ghar initiative, highlighting that the scheme has been specifically introduced to help

households reduce their electricity expenses by promoting the adoption of solar energy.

Later, Minga Sherpa distributed Sanction Letters, Ayush Cards, Land Passbooks and other certificates among eligible beneficiaries during the block divas.

Camp was attended by DDC Member, Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg, Syed Altaf Hussain Musvi, Superintendenting Engineer JKPDCL, Dalbir Singh, Tehsildar Kunzer, Syed Eyaad Qadri and other district and tehsil level officers besides large number of public of adjacent areas of kunzer tehsil.

Deputy CM highlights visionary role of Guru Ravi Dass in societal renaissance

Exhorts youth to follow teachings of Saints, Seers to live contended life

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 12: Highlighting the visionary contribution of Shree Guru Ravi Dass ji in socio-economic transformation, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today said that the need of the time is to follow his teachings for creating an egalitarian and humane world to live in.

The Deputy Chief Minister was speaking at a function organised in connection with the celebration of 648th Prakash Utsav of Shree Guru Ravi Dass ji at Guru Ravi Dass Sabha Krishna Nagar, here today.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that in present times, when the materialistic pursuits have played a havoc on the fabric of our society, there is dire need to follow the teachings of our Saints and Seers for living a contended and Spiritual life. "We need to follow the teachings of our saints and sufis for making our lives more spiritual which would lead to a contended and blissful life", he added.



"The people of the subcontinent are aware of the contribution of Guru Ravi Dass ji in ensuring a society based on humane values and we need to propagate theses for betterment of mankind", stated

the Deputy Chief Minister adding that this will form the basis of making our world more inclusive.

The Deputy Chief Minister also appealed the youth to follow the spiritual teachings

of great saints and not get carried away by the tendencies detrimental to their future and health. He expressed concern over mounting substance abuse while assuring strict measures to deal with this social evil.

Earlier, the Deputy Chief Minister paid obeisance at the Ashram and prayed for peace and prosperity of the country and Jammu and Kashmir in particular. He also interacted with the devotees.

The Management of All Jammu and Kashmir Shree Guru Ravi Dass Sabha also presented a memorandum to the Deputy Chief Minister projecting several issues like Proper implementation of Reservation for SC/STs in Employment, SC/ST Atrocities Act and other related demands.

Earlier, a deputation of former BDCs, Sarpanchs and Panchs called on the Deputy Chief Minister and projected several developmental issues of their respective areas seeking immediate redressal.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured the deputation to look into their issues and concerns for their early redressal.

DC reviews implementation of HADP in Kishtwar

■ HT News Network

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 12: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the achievements made in the implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development

Programme (HADP) in the district.

Speaking at the meeting, the DC emphasised the need for adopting a time-bound approach to achieve the set targets efficiently.

He directed the concerned departments to focus on key indicators to ensure effective execu-



tion of the programme.

The DC stressed the expansion

of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and instructed officials to process and submit all pending applications to the District Level Committee for approval in the next week. Highlighting the importance of diversified farming practices, he urged the functionaries to promote Millet, Lavender, Marigold and Oil seed cultivation

across the district to promote sustainable and climate-resilient Agriculture. The review meeting was attended by CPO Shahnawaz Bali, ACR Idrees Lone, ACD Phulail Singh, CAO Amjad Hussain Malik, CHO Sajid Mustafa, DSHO Dr. Jameel Nasir, LDM, DAO and other officials from agriculture and allied sectors.

BJP Holds Workshop on Union Budget 2025

■ HT News Network

Jammu, Feb 12, : J&K BJP held a workshop on Union Budget 2025 at its party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP, Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana MP (Rajya Sabha), and Priya Sethi, BJP NEM put the main points of the budget before everyone. Adv. Sunil Sethi, Chief Spokesperson, Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, Spokesperson and CA Rajeev Gupta spoke in depth on the Union Budget as resource persons for the workshop. According to the Associated News Bureau, the workshop was attended by the BJP State Spokespersons, and District Presidents & Speakers from the ten organizational districts of the party. Ashok Koul shared the role of the Modi government in uplifting the economy of India in the last 11 years. He said that the BJP is working on the Antyodaya mission to ensure the benefits to the last person in the most neglected sections of the society and termed the Budget 2025 as the step to achieve the mission. Ghulam Ali Khatana said that the Modi government has addressed the needs and aspirations of every section of society through this Budget. Priya Sethi conducted the workshop proceedings and emphasized on understanding the beneficial aspects of the Union Budget. Sunil Sethi said that the Modi government, through the Union Budget 2025 has proven its commitment for the welfare of the 'GYAN' which encompasses the Modi government's four main focus points, which includes, 'Garib' (Poor), 'Yuva' (Youth), 'Annadata' (Farmer) and 'Nari' (Women). He presented in-depth details about the benefits to the agriculture sector in building Rural Prosperity and Resilience in the Budget. Abhijeet Jasrotia explained the emergence of India as a strengthened youth force under the Modi government as proved by the QS World Future Skills Index ranks in which it marches just fractions behind US among all.

Health Minister addresses annual day celebration at IGGDC; inaugurates CBCT at hospital

Says Govt working on a structured policy to address employment concerns of dentists

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 12: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today remarked that the Omar Abdullah led government is actively working on a structured policy to address employment concerns of dentists and expand job prospects for them in government and allied sectors.

The Minister made these remarks while addressing the Annual Day celebrations at Indira Gandhi Government Dental College (IGGDC), Jammu.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister emphasised on the critical significance of medical education on society and role of dental professionals in strengthening public health services. "Medical is a very noble profession as it directly impacts the



public welfare", she stated. She added that the medical professionals have a very active role in shaping the well being of the society.

The Minister further said that new technologies are coming every other day in medical field and medical professionals need to upgrade themselves as per these evolving technologies. "Medical and dental field is an ever evolving field requiring introduction of newer advancements to promote patient care", She maintained.

The Minister empha-

sized on the critical role of dentists in public health saying that the government is actively working on a structured policy to address employment concerns and create new job opportunities for dentists.

Commending the academic and clinical excellence of IGGDC, she encouraged the students to pursue knowledge with dedication and serve society with compassion. She also applauded the institution's role in fostering research and innovation in dentistry.

In her welcome address, Principal and Dean, IGGDC, Dr. Parveen Akhter Lone, presented a comprehensive report through PowerPoint Presentation, detailing the departmental overview and achievements of the college throughout the academic year, including major milestones and varied academic programs that have fostered academic and extracurricular development among the students. She sought Minister's intervention in introduction of postgraduate course in the college. She also applauded the help of government in introducing written test for registrars to facilitate a fair process of faculty selection.

On the occasion, the Minister felicitated the Alumni of college who are serving the society under various capacities in different government departments. The Minister also felicitated the meritorious students of various batches.

Education Mission International School Mendhar celebrates Annual Day

■ M S Nazki



Mendhar :- The Education Mission International School Mendhar celebrated its Annual Day function. On the occasion, the chief guest was Chaiman Pir panjal Awami Development front Poonch Molvi Mohd Fareed Malik said this premier educational institute in Mendhar and adjoining areas and is providing quality education, especially to the need and under privileged sections of society in the region.

The function commenced with a group song by the Students of the school followed by cultural programme performed by students. Prominent personalities including Headmaster Mohd Shafiq Choudhary Author & Senior Journalist M S Nazki and locals of other area attended the ceremony. Prizes were distributed among the students by the chief guest for excellence in studies and extracurricular activities. In the end, Principal Bikram Upadhyay presented vote of thanks.

7 Change of Land Use cases approved at Rajouri

■ HT News Network

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 12: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting of District Level Committee to review cases related to the change of land use from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes.

A total of eight cases were presented for consideration and after a detailed discussion and scrutiny, seven cases were approved, while one case was rejected due to unclear land title. The Deputy Commissioner instructed Revenue officials to keep a close check to ensure that no construction activity is allowed without obtaining the necessary permissions.

The meeting was attended by ACR, Mohd Jahangir Khan, DFO Nowshera Shewata Deona, DFO Rajouri, Assistant Director Fire & Emergency Services, and other district officers.

DC conducts on-site inspection of Water Schemes in Poonch

■ HT News Network

POONCH, FEBRUARY 12: In a proactive move to address water scarcity in the district, Deputy, Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal conducted a comprehensive inspection of the water Schemes today.

Accompanied by Superintendent Engineer, Mohammad Taj Choudhary, Executive Engineer Rajeev Ghai, besides AEE, JE and other concerned officers, the Deputy Commissioner visited key water schemes including Dingla and Chaktroo. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner engaged with local residents to understand their water-related concerns. He emphasized the importance of efficient functioning and proper maintenance of the installation to prevent shortage. In a directive to ensure timely action, the Deputy Commissioner directed the SE to conduct a detailed review of the schemes with the Junior Engineers, to ensure effective implementation. Furthermore, he mandated the Xen to make the Dingla and Chaktroo water schemes operational within 10 days.



Sankalp HEW Doda strives to empower girls through Sports as it celebrates 10 iconic years of BBBP

■ HT News Network

DODA, FEBRUARY 12: As part of the 10th anniversary celebration of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), District administration Doda has intensified initiatives for empowerment of girls. The District has witnessed a major surge in girls' participation in sports and reaping of benefits under welfare schemes launched under the banner of iconic BBBP initiative.

The stakeholder departments, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, have been organizing multiple programs to promote physical



well-being, sports and education empowerment of women. One of the key achievements has been the training of 100 girls in Taekwondo, empowering them with self-defense skills and boosting their confidence. The Chenab Sports Academy played a crucial role in encouraging young girls to actively par-

ticipate in Taekwondo as a sport, fostering discipline and resilience. Additionally, archery has been introduced in the girls' hostels, leading to remarkable performances at division and state levels. Cricket has also been promoted by the Doda administration, ensuring equal opportunities for girls in mainstream sports.

To minimize their school dropout, the facility of toilets has been ensured in majority of schools across the district. Further enhancing physical fitness, gym equipment has been provided to girls' hostels, promoting a healthy lifestyle alongside education. These initiatives aim to strengthen the physical and mental well-being of young girls, making sports an integral part of their growth. Beyond sports, the Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), under the Department of Social Welfare, has played a crucial role in empowering women by imparting them awareness.

Traffic Police issue SoPs for movement of Ambulances on NHW

■ HT News Network

RAMBAN, FEBRUARY 12: The Traffic Police National Highway (NHW) has issued a detailed Standard Operating Procedure for hassle free movement of Ambulances on the NHW in light of the Section 194-E of Motor Vehicle Act-1988.

The circular issued today stated that the Act clearly envisages that whoever while driving Motor Vehicle fails to draw to the side of the road, on the approach of a Fire Service Vehicle or of an Ambulance or other Emergency Vehi-

cles as may be specified by the State Government shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with a fine of ten thousand.

"As such, in order to ensure hassle free movement of Ambulances on NHW Ramban without any Traffic chaos, following SOP is hereby issued to be implemented by the concerned Traffic Supervisory officers strictly in their respective AOR" it stated further.

"The Traffic Officers/ Officials shall ensure free movement of ambulances on priority basis, as soon

as, receipt of any information regarding movement of emergency Service Vehicles, carrying critical, trauma patients and other dead bodies if any in their respective AORs.

The color codes shall be Red for critical patients, Blue for Non-critical patients and black for dead bodies during movement of Ambulances.

They shall frequently coordinate with each other about Traffic Pressure Points and availability of alternate routes (if any) for safe and convenient movement of Ambulances.

There should be close coordination with the con-

cerned Traffic Control Units, PCR, APCRs and other contact numbers of Hospital and Emergency Services, as well as, District Administration and other NGOs/stakeholders for proper coordination and safety/security of patients during their enroute movement.

The TCU Ramban/ Udhampur shall remain in close coordination and liaison with Hospital authorities regarding the status of road congestion/ conditions/ weather vagaries, as well as, other alternate emergency routes, so that the patients could feel ease while movement.



PM Modi, President Macron inaugurate Indian consulate in Marseille, pay tribute to fallen Indian soldiers

AGENCIES

MARSEILLE/NEW DELHI, FEB 12 (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron of France today jointly inaugurated the Indian Consulate in the French port city of Marseille, marking a new chapter in bilateral ties. The two leaders also visited the Mazargues War Cemetery in Marseille to pay tribute to the hundreds of Indian soldiers who died fighting in the two World Wars.

PM Modi in posts on X said:

"A historic moment in Marseille!

"President @EmmanuelMacron and I inaugurated the Indian Consulate in this vibrant city, marking a new chapter in India-France ties.

"This consulate will serve as an important bridge, strengthening our cultural, economic and people-to-people connections.

"Marseille's links with India are well known. During the First World War, it was an important



base for Indian troops. This city has a close link with Veer Savarkar as well."

He thanked the French government for opening of the Indian consulate in Marseille.

The two leaders were greeted with great enthusiasm by the Indian crowd, many of them waving small Indian flags and chanting "Modi, Modi". The two leaders shook hands with many of the Indians gathered there.

"On this special opening, I thank the French Government and congratulate the Indian diaspora

"The Indian community is very enthusiastic about a new consulate in Marseille," the PM wrote. Later, they visited the war cemetery in Mazargues.

The PM said on X: "At Mazargues War Cemetery, President @EmmanuelMacron and I paid homage to the soldiers who fought in the World Wars. This includes several Indian soldiers who valiantly fought and displayed utmost grit.

"All the brave soldiers answered the call of duty and fought with unwavering courage. They shed their blood in the hope of

a better and more peaceful world. Many of them never returned, but their heroism will continue to be remembered for the times to come.

"Their bravery will never be forgotten."

President Macron posted a video of the visit to the cemetery on X:

He wrote: "More than 100,000 Indians fought for France in 1914. Ten thousand never returned. They set foot on the soil of Marseille before fighting in the mud of the trenches, unaware that they were marching to their deaths.

"Their sacrifice binds

France and India forever."

The MEA spokesperson in posts on X said:

"A historic event in the historic city of Marseille.

"PM @narendramodi and President @EmmanuelMacron jointly inaugurated the Consulate General of India in Marseille today.

"The opening of the first Indian Consulate in continental France is a testament to the deepening India-France ties. This will give a boost to the people to people relations & the multi-dimensional relationship between the two countries."

On the visit to the war cemetery he posted:

"PM @narendramodi & President @EmmanuelMacron visited the Mazargues War Cemetery in Marseille today.

"PM paid homage to the Indian Soldiers who fought in the World Wars & sacrificed their lives. The Mazargues War Cemetery is the second largest site where Indian soldiers were laid to rest in Europe."

PM Modi meets Google chief Sundar Pichai in Paris

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet, in Paris on the sidelines of the AI Action Summit and discussed ways the two sides can work together on India's digital transformation.

In a post on X, the PM said:

"Glad to have met you @sundarpichai. India is making remarkable strides in AI, leveraging it for public good.

"We urge the world to come and invest in our nation and bet on our Yuva Shakti!" Earlier, the Google



CEO said in a post that the two sides discussed the incredible opportunities AI will bring to India.

"Delighted to meet with PM @narendramodi today while in Paris for

the AI Action Summit. We discussed the incredible opportunities AI will bring to India and ways we can work closely together on India's digital transformation."

High-level Israeli delegation visits India to deepen economic collaboration

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NEW DELHI, FEB 12 (UNI)

Israel's Minister of Economy and Industry, MK Nir Barkat, is visiting India at the head of a delegation comprising 100 top Israeli CEOs from Healthcare, Cyber, Energy, Automotive, Retail, logistics and Hi-Tech sectors.

The visit, following an invitation from Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, underscored the growing partnership between the two nations and marked a significant step forward in deepening economic collaboration across key sectors, an Israeli Embassy statement said.

The high-powered business delegation showcased Israel's innovative spirit and advanced capabilities. Over the course of the two-day visit, an Israel-India Business Forum was held in partnership with CII alongside a closed-door CEO Forum discussion which was led by Manufacturers' Association of Israel (MAI) and FICCI from.

These events brought together over 400 business leaders from key Indian industries, fostering meaningful connections and opening new avenues for bilateral trade, investment, and innovation.

Israel and India share a rich history of collabo-



ration across multiple domains, including agriculture, defence, water technology, and high-tech industries. This delegation's visit marked a significant milestone in elevating economic cooperation to new heights.

During the visit, Minister Nir Barkat emphasized the strategic importance of the delegation's mission:

"This historic delegation marks a new era of economic collaboration between Israel and India. We are here not just to do business, but to forge lasting strategic partnerships that will drive mutual growth.

"Together, we will turn opportunities into success stories and pave the way for a more prosperous future for both countries."

Natasha Zangin, Economic Counselor at the Embassy of Israel in New Delhi, said: "This was the third visit of Minister Barkat to New Delhi in the past two years, and this time, he led one of the big-

gest business delegations to ever leave Israel. This is a real testament to the importance and potential that our business community sees in India.

"Israel's three Economic Missions based in India are acting as the bridge, facilitating business and partnership opportunities between both ecosystems."

Reuven Azar, Ambassador of Israel to India, added: "The size and profile of the Israeli business delegation visiting India on Feb 10-13, led by Minister of Economy Nir Barkat, is a manifestation of unprecedented Israeli interest in the Indian economy. It derives from the rise of India as a global power and the opportunities it creates for us not only as a market but also as a partner for production and an integral part of our chain of supply. This delegation has expanded the scope of business and created more partnerships in hi-tech, innovation, and infrastructure."

Rajnath engages in key bilateral talks at Aero India

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BENGALURU, FEB 12 (UNI)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Zimbabwe, Yemen, Ethiopia, Gambia and Gabon on the sidelines of Aero India 2025 here on Wednesday, discussing avenues for enhancing defence cooperation.

Rajnath Singh met Zimbabwean Defence Minister Oppah Muchinguri Kashiri, with both sides reviewing the existing bilateral defence cooperation and agreeing to strengthen collaboration in training, military courses, and capacity building of the Zimbabwe Armed Forces.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation was signed, with both leaders expressing confidence that this would lead to further deepening of ties.

Both sides underscored



the importance of regular ministerial engagements for the effective implementation of the MoU and affirmed their commitment to enhancing collaboration in the defence industry for the production and maintenance of assets. Cooperation in military medicine was also discussed.

During Rajnath Singh's discussions with Ethio-

pian Defence Minister Aisha Mohammed (Eng), both countries expressed satisfaction over the growing bilateral defence ties. Acknowledging the significance of close engagement, an MoU on defence cooperation was signed to institutionalise the ongoing relations.

Both sides explored potential collaboration in military training,

courses, peacekeeping, and capacity building of the Ethiopian Armed Forces. Strengthening defence industry cooperation was also discussed, with emphasis on India's emerging private sector in defence manufacturing.

In his meeting with Yemeni Defence Minister Lt Gen Mohsen Mohammed Hussein Al Daeri, Rajnath took note of increasing engagements in the field of defence. Both leaders deliberated on deepening cooperation in military training, courses, and capacity building of the Yemeni Armed Forces. The discussions provided additional impetus to expanding defence ties between India and Yemen.

The bilateral meeting with Gambian Defence Minister Sering Modou Njie saw both leaders reiterate their commitment to working together in the defence domain. They reaffirmed their intent to

enhance cooperation in capacity building, capability enhancement and sharing of best practices for mutual benefit. Both sides highlighted the vast potential for defence industry collaboration.

The Defence Minister's meeting with his Gabonese counterpart Brigitte Onkanowa provided an opportunity to discuss key aspects of bilateral defence cooperation. Both leaders pledged to deepen ties and focused on training and capability enhancement of the Gabonese Armed Forces. The possibility of collaboration in the defence industry was also explored.

The series of high-level bilateral discussions reaffirmed India's commitment to fostering stronger defence partnerships with African and Middle Eastern nations, underscoring India's growing role as a reliable defence partner in the global arena.

HAL not in mission mode: Air Chief Marshal

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BENGALURU, FEB 12 (UNI)

Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh has expressed concerns over Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), stating that he is not confident in its ability to deliver on commitments, particularly regarding the production of the Tejas Mk1A fighter jets.

In an interaction with the HAL officials sitting in the cockpit, the IAF Chief said, "I can only tell you what our requirements and worries are. You have to alleviate those worries and make us more confident. At the moment, I am just not confident of HAL, which is a very wrong thing to happen."

Highlighting the delays in aircraft production, he remarked, "HAL is our



own company. Even I have worked there... But I find that HAL is just not in mission mode. I was promised that when I come here on February, 11 Tejas Mk1As would be ready. And not a single one is ready."

He also questioned the classification of the aircraft currently being tested, stating, "The aircraft that you flew, calling it Mk1A. It is not Mk1A. It cannot happen just by change of

one software or by looks. When the weapons come and the capability comes, then it's a Mk1A... Mazaa nahi aa raha hai (I am not enjoying this)."

Emphasising the need for drastic changes, the Air Chief Marshal added, "I feel that only a few are putting in any effort. Or maybe everyone is putting in effort in their own silos without looking at the overall picture. Something

has to change. Some drastic change. This needs a magic wand so everything gets aligned. It's high time."

He also addressed media perceptions, stating, "I find it ridiculous how when I say something, the media takes the negative part. I am trying to put across a point. I cannot point a finger, because three fingers are pointing back at me."

While acknowledging that product development takes time, he noted, "New requirements also give manufacturers a leeway... You can always make your own rules... You need one thing, buy three or four, pick the best..."

Despite his concerns, the IAF Chief expressed willingness to reconsider his stance, concluding, "I would love to change my perception of HAL."

SC dismisses Indrani Mukerjea's plea to travel abroad

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NEW DELHI, FEB 12 (UNI)

The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed former media executive Indrani Mukerjea's plea seeking permission to travel abroad when the trial in the Sheena Bora murder case is ongoing.

A bench comprising Justice M.M. Sundresh and Justice Rajesh Binal also directed that the trial be expedited and concluded within one year.

Mukerjea's counsel argued that the bail conditions allowed her to travel with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court's permission. However, the Supreme Court refused to interfere with the Bombay



High Court's September 27, 2024, order, which denied her request.

The Bombay High Court had overturned a special court's decision that permitted Mukerjea to travel abroad for

property tax payments, banking matters, and updating her Will. While Mukerjea cited the need to visit Spain for biometric registration about her Will, the Supreme Court observed that she had a

Power of Attorney holder who could handle the matter.

Justice Sundresh remarked, "There is no guarantee that you will come back," while Justice Binal emphasized the need to prioritize completing the trial. The Court, acknowledging delays in witness examinations, instructed the trial to be completed within one year.

With 92 witnesses still pending examination, Mukerjea's counsel highlighted the slow progress of the trial, but the Apex Court remained firm in its decision, stating, "Because the trial is ongoing, we are not inclined to consider the request at this stage."

Winter foods for glowing skin



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As winter settles in, it brings with it a host of challenges of maintaining healthy, hydrated, and glowing skin. This can be especially a task for those dealing with dry skin.

Cold, harsh weather and low humidity levels can lead to dryness, dullness, and irritation.

During winter, our skin needs extra care to stay hydrated and healthy, eating foods that will nourish and protect your skin in this weather is important. While creams and serums act on the outside, what you eat has a direct impact on what your skin looks like.

Did you know what you eat can make a difference in your skin?

A healthy diet plays a vital role in this process by providing antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals that support skin health. It can help combat dryness, reduce inflammation, and promote collagen production, which is necessary for maintaining skin elasticity and firmness.

Superfoods are nutrient-rich foods that offer numerous health benefits, and including them in your meals can help

maintain a glowing complexion throughout the colder months.

Eating lots of antioxidant-rich fruits and vegetables along with heart-healthy fats from fish, seeds, and nuts can keep your skin soft and supple.

Certain nutrient-rich foods like spinach, beetroots and carrots are loaded with vitamins and minerals like antioxidants and vitamin C that help boost collagen production in your body so your skin becomes firmer and more youthful, while also combating dryness, boosting hydration, and giving your skin a healthy winter glow.

Spinach

If you're someone who's always on the hunt for something natural to achieve healthy skin, we've discovered something for you- Spinach!

Spinach and other leafy greens are packed full of a variety of nutrients that help improve the appearance of your skin. This unassuming green powerhouse is packed with a wealth of skin-nourishing nutrients. Spinach is an excellent source of vitamins A, C, and K, all of which play crucial roles in skin health. Vitamin A promotes cell turnover and collagen production, while vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant that helps to protect the skin from environmental stressors. Vitamin K, on the other hand, can help to reduce the appearance of dark circles and under-eye puffiness.

Drinking spinach juice is a popular way to get a concentrated dose of the health benefits of spinach, which include radiant, supple and

glowing skin. One cup (240 mL) of spinach juice also contains about 38% of the DV for vitamin C, which is an essential water-soluble vitamin that doubles as an antioxidant. Vitamin C protects your skin against oxidative stress, inflammation, and skin damage, all of which can accelerate signs of aging.

Fresh spinach juice made with apple is known for its cleansing abilities as it purifies the blood and eliminates accumulated toxins from the cells. It also helps to regenerate and rebuild the body.

Spinach is a good source of dietary fiber, which can help to promote healthy digestion and, in turn, support clear, radiant skin. Spinach contains lots of iron, an element of the hemoglobin protein that helps deliver oxygen to your cells. When your foods contain the right amount of iron, it can reduce the look of pale, dull skin.

If you're under-hydrated, eating spinach is a creative way to get water into your system. Spinach boasts a high water content, making it a hydrating choice for one's diet. This leafy green is composed of about 91% water by weight, providing a good source of hydration alongside its many nutrients. For each cup of spinach you eat, you'll consume five ounces of water. Spinach can help combat acne when used as a face mask. Just soak spinach in water, then apply it on your face for about 30 minutes and wash with clean, fresh water. By doing this, your skin's dirt, oil, and inflammation will be removed.

Beetroot

The pinkish root vegetables, Beetroot, also known as beets, are extensively used for beauty properties. Packed with essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants is gaining popularity in the skincare spectrum.

Beetroot offers fabulous benefits for your skin by tackling everything from wrinkles and pimples to dark spots and dullness. Rich in hydrating and nourishing properties, beetroots are the natural solution to achieving the radiant, flawless complexion you've always wanted.

Beetroot and aloe vera gel- Make a beetroot thick paste. Add some aloe vera gel and mix it gently. Apply this paste for 30 minutes and rinse it off with cold water to see the fresh change. It is beneficial for dry skin.

If you have oily skin than you may apply beetroot face mask.

Take 2 tablespoons of beetroot powder, 1 tablespoon of Multani mitti, and 2 tablespoons of rose water and make a paste. Apply this paste and leave it until it gets dried up completely and then simply wash it off with fresh cold water.

Beetroot juice is rich in iron, folate, and vitamin C which can give skin a rosy, radiant glow. It helps purify blood and eliminate toxins, resulting in brighter, more even-toned skin with fewer blemishes.

Carrot

A beauty trend gaining popularity on TikTok, dubbed the "carrot tan", claims eating three carrots a day will give

you a natural tan.

India usually sees orange carrots in summer and red carrots in winter.

In addition to their sweet flavor and satisfying crunch, carrots are packed with beta carotene, vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

Carrots is the ultimate skincare superhero.

Carrots are a powerhouse of nutrients that can benefit your skin in numerous ways.

The vitamins and antioxidants present in carrots promote cell regeneration, which can help to improve your skin's tone and texture.

Additionally, the anti-inflammatory properties of carrots can help to reduce redness and irritation, giving your skin a more balanced and healthy appearance.

The nutrients in carrot juice may be particularly beneficial for skin health. One cup of carrot juice provides over 20% of the DV for vitamin C, a water-soluble nutrient necessary for collagen production. This compound is the most abundant fibrous protein in your body, providing elasticity and strength to your skin.

The antioxidants found in carrots, particularly beta-carotene, play a significant role in skin health.

The beta carotene in carrots is converted into vitamin A in your body which promotes firm, elastic and healthy skin.

The beta carotene in carrots brighten your skin texture and make it glow. Regularly consuming carrots leads to a healthier complexion as they hydrate and may reduce the visibility of wrinkles.

The vitamin C present in

carrots aids in collagen production, a vital component for maintaining skin elasticity.

The phenolic compounds called umbelliferous found in carrot juice benefits skin by reducing the appearance of hyperpigmentation in the skin and promoting antioxidant activity while providing added UV protection.

Add baby carrots in your salads for improving skin health effectively.

Blueberries

Blueberries are small, sweet, and highly nutritious. These tiny berries contain antioxidants which help in the formation of collagen, promote younger-looking skin and keep the skin moisturised. Blueberries consumption, both internally and externally, can give you better skin, and can help reverse and prevent these signs of aging.

"They are high in natural sugars and are classified as a superfood due to contents such as antioxidants, Vitamin C, Vitamin K, and dietary fibre.

Vitamin C, which together with the Antioxidants, help to neutralize the free radicals that can cause so much cell damage, and this cell damage leads to saggy skin, wrinkles and early signs of aging.

Blueberries are known for their disease-fighting properties which makes them ideal for consumption as well as topical application in the form of DIY scrubs or face masks.

It can be helpful for the skin and make you glow from the inside out when you eat raw fruits, cooked fruit, their juice or pulp.

The vitamins and antioxi-

dants in blueberries help fight the damage caused by environmental pollution. The pull-down and lifeless skin restores a nourishing natural glow.

Blueberry face mask is a match made in heaven for your skin. It will check premature aging, and keep fine lines, wrinkles at bay. They are super-rich in antioxidants, replenishing your skin with all its vitals. Take 3/4 Strawberries, 5-6 Blueberries, 1/2 Avocado and a few drops of lemon juice. Mash all ingredients together until you get a smooth paste. Apply liberally on the face avoiding your eye area. Leave for up to 30 minutes then rinse off with lukewarm water. This face mask is suited for all types of Skin. The best way to add this fruit is to make a face mask with yoghurt. Take 2 tbsp dried Goji berries, 1 tbsp plain yogurt (unsweetened), 1 tbsp of Honey and 1-2 tbsp of Oatmeal flour. Pre-soak the goji berries in a little bit of warm water for a few minutes so they become softer. Blend or mash all ingredients until you get a smooth paste. Apply the mask on a clean face and leave it for 30 minutes. Rinse with lukewarm water. It is best suited for normal skin.

For youthful skin take 6-7 blueberries, ½ tsp olive oil, 1 tbsp multani mitti and 1 tsp honey. Blend all these ingredients together to form a thick paste. Apply this paste on your face smoothly. Leave it for 20 minutes. Rinse with lukewarm water. Repeat once a week for best results.

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Boost Hair Growth and Volume with Flaxseed: 10 Simple Ways



Flaxseed is known for its incredible health benefits, and it's increasingly becoming a popular ingredient in hair care. Packed with omega-3 fatty acids, fiber, and antioxidants, flaxseed nourishes the scalp and promotes healthy hair growth. Here are 10 effective ways to incorporate flaxseed into your routine for thicker, healthier hair.

1. Flaxseed Oil Massage

Flaxseed oil is rich in essential fatty acids that promote hair growth. Gently massaging flaxseed oil into your scalp stimulates blood circulation, which can help nourish hair follicles and boost hair growth. Apply it in circular motions and leave it on for about 30 minutes before rinsing it out.

2. Flaxseed Gel Hair Mask

A flaxseed gel hair mask is a natural way to condition and hydrate your hair. The gel helps reduce frizz, adds shine, and makes hair smoother. Simply boil flaxseeds in water, strain the gel, and apply

it to damp hair for 20-30 minutes before rinsing.

3. Flaxseed Oil Hair Serum

Flaxseed oil can be used as a lightweight hair serum. It works wonders to tame frizz and add shine to your hair. Just apply a few drops of flaxseed oil to the ends of your hair to seal moisture and protect against heat damage.

4. Flaxseed and Yogurt Hair Pack

A flaxseed and yogurt hair pack is a perfect combination for nourishing and strengthening hair. Yogurt hydrates while flaxseed promotes hair growth and volume. Mix both ingredients and apply the pack to your hair for 30-45 minutes for best results.

5. Flaxseed Smoothies

Flaxseed smoothies are a great way to nourish your body and support hair growth from the inside out. The omega-3s in flaxseed nourish the scalp and stimulate hair growth. Add a tablespoon of ground flaxseed to your

smoothie and enjoy its health benefits.

6. Flaxseed Hot Oil Treatment

A hot oil treatment using flaxseed oil can deeply nourish your hair. Heat flaxseed oil slightly and apply it to your hair and scalp. Wrap your head with a warm towel and leave it on for 30-45 minutes before washing it out to improve hair strength and shine.

7. Flaxseed Infused Shampoo

You can infuse your shampoo with flaxseed oil for a moisturizing and hair-strengthening effect. Add a few drops of flaxseed oil to your regular shampoo bottle. It can boost your shampoo's ability to promote healthy hair and improve texture over time.

8. Flaxseed Hair Rinse

A flaxseed hair rinse helps balance the pH of your scalp, promoting healthy hair growth. Boil flaxseeds in water, strain, and use the cooled liquid

to rinse your hair after shampooing. This rinse can enhance hair texture and volume.

9. Flaxseed and Chia Pudding

Flaxseed and chia pudding is not only a healthy snack but also a great way to nourish your hair. The combination of omega-3 fatty acids from both seeds helps to maintain a healthy scalp and promote hair growth. Enjoy it regularly to support hair health.

10. Flaxseed Energy Bars

Flaxseed energy bars are a nutritious snack that supports overall health and boosts hair growth. By adding flaxseeds to your diet in the form of energy bars, you're feeding your body with the essential nutrients needed for healthy hair, including proteins and omega-3s.

Note: Before starting any new treatment or dietary change, it is advisable to consult a doctor, especially if you have underlying health conditions.

India promoting digital, financial literacy among women entrepreneurs in rural areas: Govt at UN

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NEW DELHI

India is promoting digital, and financial literacy among women entrepreneurs in rural areas, said Savitri Thakur, Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

She said this at the ongoing 63rd session of the UN's Commission for Social Development (CSOCD), being held from February 10 to 14, in New York, US. The session is aimed at encouraging discussions and collaborations on pressing social development challenges, with an emphasis on advancing inclusive social policies and fostering

global social well-being.

"India has embraced 'women-led development', ensuring women are key players in shaping the development trajectory," said Thakur.

"India has launched large-scale programmes to bridge the gender digital divide, promoting digital and financial literacy, especially in rural areas. This has empowered millions of women entrepreneurs, from start-ups to scalable businesses," she added.

Thakur stated that initiatives like the JAM TRINITY (Jan Dhan, Aadhar, Mobile), have helped "India achieve financial inclusion for disadvantaged communities, espe-

cially women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly".

The Minister highlighted increasing women's workforce participation is a key priority of the government and thus they have developed a robust social protection model. This includes 26 weeks of paid maternity leave, maternity benefits for 37.5 million mothers, a network of one-stop centres, and an integrated national women's helpline.

In addition, India also provides early childhood care, nutrition, and education which benefit over 100 million children, mothers, and adolescent girls.

"India is fully committed to accelerating global progress and supporting the Commission's efforts toward a just world for all," Thakur said.

The session witnessed the participation of 49 Countries including Ministers from 16 countries like France, Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, etc.

India has been an active participant since the 1995 Copenhagen Summit on Social Development. The country has also made significant progress in addressing poverty, malnutrition, and universal healthcare, while also pioneering digital public infrastructure for sustainable development.

S.Korea to amend law to place teachers with mental disorders on compulsory leave

The South Korean government on Wednesday said it seeks to amend a law to place teachers with mental disorders on compulsory leave, following a fatal stabbing of an 8-year-old student by a school teacher that shocked the nation this week.

Education Minister Lee Ju-ho announced the plan during a meeting of top education officials in Seoul, after a female teacher in her 40s fatally stabbed a student at an elementary school in the central city of Daejeon on Monday, Yonhap news agency reported.

"We will amend the law

so that necessary measures can be taken, such as compulsory leave, for school teachers who have difficulty carrying out their duties due to mental disorders," Lee said, noting the amendment would be tentatively named the "Ha-neul Act" after the late student.

Lee said authorities would come up with fundamental measures to ensure that such a tragic incident does not ever happen again.

Ruling and opposition political parties have also called for the introduction of a law for preventative measures in light of the incident, with the People

Power Party planning to hold talks with the government for such measures.

Police have said the suspect, surnamed Myeong, was found to have received treatment for depression since 2018 and thought of killing herself while on a sick leave that began last December before she returned to work early from her leave.

Myeong reportedly assaulted a colleague days before the stabbing murder, but education authorities were found to have not taken any meaningful response measures at the time.

Meanwhile, another school teacher has been

charged with the murder of a toddler son and attempted patricide in South Korea.

The 30-something middle school teacher based in North Gyeong-sang Province has been charged with murdering her 3-year-old son, months after she attempted to kill her father but failed, Yonhap reported citing sources.

The teacher, whose identity is being withheld, is charged with murdering her son and the attempted murder of her father. The trial is set to begin in March at the Gimcheon branch of the Daegu District Court, according to police sources and education authorities.



Shubman Gill cracks 7th ODI ton, achieves rare feat



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AHMEDABAD, FEB 12 (UND)

India's young batting sensation Shubman Gill added another feather to his cap by becoming the first Indian player to score a century in his 50th ODI.

The milestone was achieved during India's ongoing match against England at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

Gill also set a new

record as the fastest batsman in terms of innings (50) to reach seven ODI centuries, underlining his dominance in the format. The stylish right-hander played a measured knock before accelerating to his hundred, displaying his adaptability on a pitch that offered movement early on.

With his century, Gill joined an elite group of cricketers who have scored a hundred at a single venue in all three

international formats, a feat previously achieved by Faf du Plessis (Wanderers, Johannesburg), David Warner (Adelaide Oval), Babar Azam (National Stadium, Karachi), and Quinton de Kock (Supersport Park, Centurion).

Notably, the 24-year-old has also registered an IPL century at this venue, further solidifying his reputation as "Ahmedabad ka Raja" (Ruler of Ahmedabad).

Gill reached his landmark in style, flicking a length delivery from Mark Wood past mid-on for a boundary in the 32nd over.

As he completed his hundred, he removed his helmet, raised his bat, and bowed in celebration while the Ahmedabad spectators erupted in applause. His teammates stood to acknowledge the knock, recognising the significance of yet another milestone in his burgeoning career.

Jasprit Bumrah ruled out from India squad for Champions Trophy 2025

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DUBAI, FEB 12 (UND)

India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out of the squad for the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025, media reports said.

Harshit Rana has been named as his replacement, with the lower back injury sustained in January during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy continuing to sideline India's pace ace, according to an ICC media release.

Bumrah had also missed the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia, making this the second ICC event the 31-year-old has had to miss with a back injury.

India's Squad for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Shubman Gill, Virat



Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohammed Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Ravindra Jadeja, Varun Chakravarthy.

According to reports, Rana has impressed in the ongoing ODI series against England, scalping four wickets in his first two outings. The third ODI will be played in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

India also included spinner Varun Chakravarthy in the squad, replacing Yashasvi Jaiswal, who was originally part of the provisional team. Jaiswal has been named as a non-travelling substitute, alongside Mohammed Siraj and Shivam Dube.

India begin their ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 campaign against Bangladesh on 20 February, before taking on rivals Pakistan in a highly-anticipated clash on 23 February. India will play their final Group A match against New Zealand on 2 March, the report said.

UEFA: Manchester City beaten 3-2 by late Real Madrid goals

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MANCHESTER, FEB 12 (UND)

Manchester City is struggling to stay afloat in the Champions League and a place in the last 16 after Jude Bellingham fired an injury-time goal to settle a tense play-off first leg 3-2 in Real Madrid's favour.

Pep Guardiola's side got back their rhythm in the

early minutes at Etihad Stadium. 19 minutes into the game, Jack Grealish and Josko Gvardiol colluded to set up Erling Haaland for a confident finish, the BBC reported.

Grealish, however, had to be replaced after picking up an injury. Real seized control, but failed to convert their chances into something productive

in the first half. Finally, the talismanic Kylian Mbappe scrambled home a close-range finish on the hour.

Real continued to create and then muss up chances, with Bellingham missing out on two sitters.

The action then happened at the end of the park as Haaland put City again ahead from a penalty after 80 minutes. The

referee had pointed to the dreaded spot after Dani Ceballos committed a foul on Phil Foden.

But Real drew parity through former City player Brahim Diaz with four minutes of playing time left. Bellingham then found the target by sliding in from close range to leave Real as the hot favourites to reach the knockouts.

Tennis: Rybakina's ex-coach Vukov banned after investigation

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LONDON, FEB 12 (UND)

The WTA Tour ban on Stefano Vukov, the former coach of world number five Elena Rybakina, has been upheld by an independent probe into his behaviour towards the player.

The WTA - which governs women's tennis - had in January provisionally suspended the Croat for allegedly breaching its Code of Conduct, BBC reported.

On Tuesday, the WTA confirmed Vukov's ban had been upheld.

The 37-year-old has rejected the allegations while Rybakina said she was never mistreated by him.

Confirming the conclusion of the investigation to



BBC Sport, the WTA added: "Following this process, the suspension remains in place", but declined to give further details, while expressing the body's commitment to deal with the matter in a fair and objective manner.

It also did not specify how long the ban on Vukov will continue and which part of the WTA's code he has breached.

Vukov can appeal against the decision.

The decision means Rybakina will not be able to bring Vukov back on to her team - something she hoped to do at the start of the year.

Concerns have been raised over the past few seasons by some, including coach and commentator Pam Shriver, about the way Vukov spoke to

Rybakina on and off court at tournaments.

Kazakhstan's Rybakina, who won the Wimbledon title in 2022, said at last month's Australian Open she has never made "any complaints" about Vukov, adding: "I don't agree with a lot of things the WTA do in the sense of my relationship with Stefano".

Vukov has been working with Rybakina since she was a teenager and he helped her win her first Grand Slam at Wimbledon, but the association ended before last year's US Open.

Rybakina announced in January she wanted Vukov to rejoin her team but the provisional suspension meant he did not receive accreditation for the opening Grand Slam of the season.

Sabalenka and Gauff ousted in Qatar Open round 2

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DOHA, FEB 12 (UND)

World number one Aryna Sabalenka and number three Coco Gauff have both bowed out in the second round of the Qatar WTA Open here.

World number 26 Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova rebounded from a break down twice in the third set to prevail over three-time Grand Slam champion Sabalenka 3-6 6-3 7-6.

Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk, ranked 21 in the world, rallied from 3-1



down in the second set to carve out a 73-minute straight 6-2 7-5 victory over Gauff.

The 2023 US Open champion was undone by

seven double faults and 39 unforced errors while she managed just eight winners. Gauff had won her last 17 matches against opponents ranked outside

the top 20 before facing Kostyuk.

In other matches, former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina raced to a 6-2 6-4 win over American Peyton Stearns, while Jasmine Paolini - last year's Wimbledon and French Open runner-up - defeated Caroline Garcia 6-3 6-4.

Three-time Grand Slam finalist Ons Jabeur set up a meeting with former Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin after beating world number eight Qinwen Zheng of China 6-4 6-2.

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