



Perpetrators Will be Brought to Book With Exemplary Punishment : Amit Shah

Says 'Chun Chun Ke Badla Lenge', global community supports India's war against terrorism

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NEW DELHI, MAY 01: Stating that perpetrators of April 22 Pahalgam terror attack will be given exemplary punishment, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that this is PM Narendra Modi's India and no one will be spared.

Speaking at an event in Assam, Shah, as per the news agency—, said, "Terrorists should not think they have won the war. This fight is not over yet. Chun chun ke badla lenge (we will take revenge on all terrorists)."

He added that if anyone believes that carrying



out a cowardly act is a sign of victory, they should remember that this is Narendra Modi's India and no one will be spared.

"Today, they (terrorists) should not think they have won by taking the lives of our innocent citizens," Shah said. "This is not the end of the battle. I want to make it clear to those who spread terror, every terrorist involved will be identified and given a befitting reply. The country will not forget, and we will respond to each act with determination."

Pertinently, on April 22, terrorists shot dead 26 people, mostly tourists at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam in South Kashmir. It marked one of the deadliest terror

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SC to hear plea against deportation to Pakistan after Pahalgam terror attack

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NEWDELHI, MAY 1 (UNI) The Supreme Court will hear on Friday a writ petition filed by six members of a family challenging their imminent deportation to Pakistan following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

The matter was listed on Thursday before a bench of Justices Surya Kant and N. Kotiswar Singh, but it could not be taken up during the initial call.

During a subsequent mentioning, Justice Kant advised the petitioners' counsel to refer to a newspaper report published today, which mentioned an order passed by the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court potentially helpful for the petitioners' case.

Taking note of the urgency, the bench agreed to hear the matter tomorrow.

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NIA Chief visits Baisaran, inspects terror attack site

Anti-terror agency checking entire area, examining witnesses

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SRINAGAR, MAY 1 (UNI) Days after National Investigation Agency (NIA) formally took over the April 22 terror attack probe, agency chief Sadanand Vasant Date on Thursday visited the carnage site Pahalgam to review the probe, officials said.

NIA teams have been already camping at the terror attack site since last week and intensified the search for evidence.

After arriving in Srinagar, the NIA chief immediately proceeded to Pahalgam, where officers of the



counter-terror agency are briefed him on the ongoing investigation.

"The NIA DG also visited Baisaran valley- the site of the carnage," officials said.

In one of the deadliest terror attacks on civilians in J&K, 25 tour-

ists and a local resident were shot dead on April 22 at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam which shocked the nation. J&K police blamed Lashkar-e-Taiba's shadow group "The Resistance Front" for the attack and released three sketches of militants including two from Pakistan who allegedly carried out the attack.

While the attackers are still at large despite a massive combing operation continues in woods of Pahalgam and surrounding area, the NIA investigators have been examining several eyewitnesses

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Farooq Abdullah Says India, Pakistan Preparing for War, but Dialogue Efforts Underway

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SRINAGAR, MAY 1 (UNI) Amid the heightened tensions, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday called Pakistan a "failed state".

Speaking to reporters, Abdullah expressed grave concern over the current geopolitical climate, stating, "Both the countries are preparing for tomorrow's battle... and if atomic power is used, only God knows what will happen." He said that global pow-



ers were trying to prevent a confrontation, but questioned how successful these efforts would be. Abdullah did not mince words when discussing Pakistan's internal condition and its actions on the international stage.

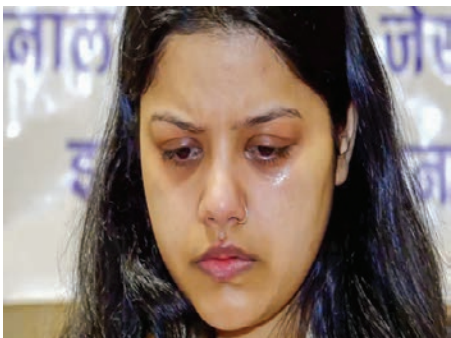
"Pakistan is a failed state. Instead of fixing their country and improving their situation, they are getting involved in actions that have global consequences. They should be held accountable," the NC president said. He also pointed to the role of the Pakistani

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Punish Pahalgam Terrorists, But Don't Target any Community: Navy Officer's Wife

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SRINAGAR, MAY 01 Himanshi Narwal, wife of Indian Navy officer Vinay Narwal - who was killed in the Pahalgam terror attack - Thursday said that those responsible for the incident must be punished, but don't people of any community. Speaking at a donation camp in Haryana, Himanshi, as per news agency—, said that they don't want people going against Muslims or Kashmiris. "We want peace and only peace. Of course, we want justice."



But people of any particular community should not be targeted," she said.

Lieutenant Narwal was among 26 civilians killed in a deadly terror attack in the Baisaran valley of Pahalgam on April 22.

"We want action against those who did this, but I am not saying people should go against any group. We want peace," she added.

She said that Pahalgam attackers must be punished. "I am waiting for that. But at the same

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Haj Flights from Srinagar Unaffected by Pakistan's Airspace Curbs

First Batch of Pilgrims to Depart on May 4

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SRINAGAR, MAY 1, : Amid rising concerns over Pakistan's recent airspace restrictions, officials have assured that Haj flights from Srinagar will continue as planned, as these flights were never routed through Pakistani airspace.

Clearing the air on the issue, authorities said the annual pilgrimage from Jammu and Kashmir remains

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Living in tent, Tral tribal girl secures over 92% marks without coaching

'I will go for UPSC to develop our area'

■ HT News Network

TRAL, MAY 01: In a remarkable display of determination, Shabnum, a tribal girl from the remote Paner area of Tral in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, has achieved an outstanding result by securing 463 marks in her 10+2



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JK Samadhan 2.0: Quality, timely disposal of grievances cornerstone of efficient administration: CS

Over 13 Lakh citizen registrations reflect remarkable progress

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JAMMU, MAY 01: In a comprehensive review meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, the functioning of the public grievance redressal system under the JK Samadhan 2.0 portal was evaluated, with a focus on the pace, quality and effectiveness of responses by the government departments and district administrations.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary, Public Grievances Department, along with Administrative Secretaries of various departments while Deputy



Commissioners from across the UT participated virtually.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that the success of any grievance redressal mechanism lies not in mere registration of complaints but in their satisfactory and time bound resolution. He underlined that timely redressal of citizens' issues is key towards reinforcing public faith in the governance system and ensuring their continued engagement with administrative platforms.

Dulloo made out that mere acknowledgement of grievances does not inspire confidence

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April Turns Deadly in J&K: 27 Civilians, 2 Soldiers, 5 Terrorists Killed

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SRINAGAR, MAY 1, : April witnessed a surge in militancy-related violence across Jammu and Kashmir, with 27 civilians killed, including 25 tourists, in a string of deadly incidents. The month also saw five encounters, resulting in the deaths of five non-local militants, two of whom were infiltrators, and the loss of two soldiers.

The bloodiest attack occurred in the tourist hotspot of Pahalgam, where 26 people, including a local, Syed Adil Hussain Shah from Hapatnard village, lost their lives in a brutal assault in the Baisaran area. The attack targeted unsuspecting visitors, has sent shockwaves across the Valley and elsewhere. The first signs of heightened militant activity surfaced early in

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attacks at civilians in the region in recent years.

Referring to the incident, Shah said, "I pay tributes to those who lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack. This is not just the sorrow of their families, but a shared grief felt by the entire nation."

He said India maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism and will not allow it to grow in any part of the country. "We will exact retribution for every loss. Terrorism will be uprooted from its roots. The global community stands with India in this battle," Shah said, as per KNO.

Earlier in the day, the Home Minister also addressed a gathering in New Delhi during an event to unveil the statue of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma, a prominent figure from Assam known for his contributions to the Bodo community.

At the event, Shah reiterated the government's position on national security and said that, "Whether it is left-wing extremism or Kashmir, if anyone does anything, no one will be spared."

He said it is the government's resolve to eliminate terrorism from every inch of the country and that this goal will be achieved.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have responded firmly to every challenge, whether it was in the North East, the strongholds of Left Wing Extremism, or the persistent threat of terrorism in Kashmir," Shah said—

US

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio made telephonic calls to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif within a span of few hours last night amidst speculation that the two countries could be headed for a war over the terror attack in which 26 tourists were killed on April 22.

In his conversation with Jaishankar, Rubio "expressed his sorrow for the lives lost in the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam, and reaffirmed the United States' commitment to cooperation with India against terrorism", said the US State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce.

"He also encouraged India to work with Pakistan to de-escalate tensions and maintain peace and security in South Asia," Bruce added.

Jaishankar, in his post on X handle, said: "Discussed the Pahalgam terrorist attack with US @SecRubio yesterday. Its perpetrators, backers and planners must be brought to justice."

Rubio, during his telephonic call with the Pakistan Prime Minister, "spoke of the need to condemn the terror attack on April 22 in Pahalgam," according to Bruce.

The State Department spokesman said both leaders "reaffirmed their continued commitment to holding terrorists accountable for their heinous acts of violence."

"The Secretary urged Pakistani officials' cooperation in investigating this unconscionable attack."

This assumes significance since India has said the Pahalgam terror attack has linkages across the border, which Pakistan has been denying.

"He (Rubio) also encouraged Pakistan to work with India to de-escalate tensions, re-establish direct communications, and maintain peace and security in South Asia," the State Department spokesman said.

The Pahalgam terror attack has evoked a massive outrage in India, with calls for 'justice' and 'revenge.'

Sensitive about the public mood, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised that the perpetrators of the attack, their handlers and backers will be punished beyond anybody's "imagination".

It remains to be seen as to how the "punishment" promised by Prime Minister Modi would be meted out but speculation is rife that there could be some major military action.

In non-military action, India has already suspended the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), shut down airspace for Pakistani airlines, closed the Wagah-Attari border transition point and massively downsized diplomatic ties with Pakistan.

Pakistan has also reciprocated with certain similar decisions, like suspending the 1972 Simla Agreement and scaling down the diplomatic staff in Delhi.

RAJNATH

terrorists in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir.

The US Secretary of Defense reiterated full support of the US government in India's fight against terrorism. US stands in solidarity with India and supports India's right to defend itself, a Defence Ministry statement said.

During the conversation, Rajnath told Pete Hegseth that Pakistan has a history of supporting, training and funding terrorist organisations.

"Pakistan has been exposed as a rogue state, fuelling global terrorism, and destabilising the region. The world can no longer turn a blind eye to terrorism," Rajnath said.

He added that it is important for the global community to explicitly and unequivocally

condemn and call out such heinous acts of terrorism.

Notably, 26 tourists were killed in terrorist attack, in Pahalgam. Following the dastardly act, India tools stringent measures against Pakistan, including holding the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance and closing the Integrated Check Post Attari.

DR FAROOQ

military in stalling any real peace between the two neighbours.

"I don't think relations between India and Pakistan will ever improve unless the army in Pakistan steps aside. The people of Pakistan want peace, but their hierarchy does not," Abdullah said, adding that a true people's government in Pakistan might pave the way for reconciliation.

The former JK Chief Minister supported the long-standing demand for a caste census, saying, "It is good. There is nothing wrong in finding out how many Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Christians or others are in the country."

SC

According to the petitioners, they possess valid Indian passports and Aadhaar cards, asserting their lawful presence in the country. The petition has been filed through Advocate-on-Record Dr. Nanda Kishore.

This legal challenge arises amid escalating diplomatic and security tensions between India and Pakistan following the April 22 terror attack in Baisaran Valley, Pahalgam, where 26 tourists lost their lives after being fired upon by terrorists.

In the wake of the incident, the Union Government issued strict directives mandating that all Pakistani nationals on short-term visas must exit India by April 27 or face deportation. While many complied, some, including the petitioners, are now at risk of forced removal.

Notably, the same bench earlier in the day refused to entertain a public interest litigation seeking a judicial commission to probe the Pahalgam terror attack, suggesting that such action falls within the domain of the executive.

The Top Court berated the lawyer who filed a petition seeking an investigation by a retired judge into the Pahalgam massacre.

"Don't file such petitions to demoralise our forces. Since when have judges started conducting investigations?" Justice Kant asked the lawyer who filed the petition seeking the appointment of an Apex Court judge to conduct an investigation.

The current petition filed by the family against their deportation is due to the growing legal and humanitarian dimension to the security fallout of the Pahalgam attack, as questions of citizenship, identity, and due process take centre stage before the **Apex Court**.

PIL

criticised the nature of the reliefs sought, particularly the plea for appointing a retired apex court judge as an investigator.

"Since when have retired Supreme Court judges become experts in investigation?" Justice Surya Kant remarked sharply, questioning the role expected of the judiciary in such matters.

"Tell us, since when have we acquired this expertise in investigation? We only decide disputes," he added.

The Bench further observed that the petitioner had already publicised the issues raised in the PIL and questioned the need for court directions.

"You have already filed it, you have already brought into the public domain what you are asking before us... We are not taking on those people," Justice Kant noted.

While the petitioner also raised concerns over the safety of students studying outside the Union Territory, the Court declined to entertain those concerns in the present matter. "We will not mention anything. Please go wherever you want to go. That's the only advice. Don't ask us to pass an order," the Bench stated firmly.

When the petitioner requested the appointment of an amicus curiae, the Court responded curtly, "Why should we appoint an amicus?" Expressing disapproval of the sweeping directions sought, the Bench pointed to the impracticality of many prayers in the petition.

"Please see what the prayer you are asking for... Firstly, you are asking a retired Supreme Court judge to investigate... The Supreme Court judge can't investigate. They can only decide disputes," Justice Kant said.

He further criticised the manner in which the case was argued: "You force us to read all these things in the night and then you forget what is the prayer you have made. This is not the time."

Stressing national unity in the face of terrorism, Justice Kant remarked, "This is the crucial hour where each and every citizen of this country has joined hands to fight terrorism. Don't make any prayer which can demoralise our forces. It is not acceptable to us."

Justice Kotiswar Singh suggested that the petitioner could raise the issue of student

safety before the relevant High Court. "As far as students are concerned, you can always go to the concerned High Court," he said.

Justice Kant added, "You are harassing... You know the time. Look at the sensitivity of the issue,"

The petitioner eventually sought to withdraw the PIL.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta briefly intervened, advising that the issue not be taken to the High Court.

However, the Court clarified that only the prayer concerning student safety could be pursued further. "This prayer does not go to the High Court... This is for the students. Only students," the Court clarified.

Accordingly, the PIL was dismissed as withdrawn, with liberty to approach the appropriate High Court on matters related to student safety.

WIFE

time, I appeal people across the country to not go against any community, including Muslims and Kashmiris," she said—

HAJJ

unaffected and preparations are on track. The Jammu and Kashmir Haj Committee has released the schedule for the first batch of pilgrims, confirming that the inaugural flight (SG-5304) will depart from Srinagar on May 4, 2025.

Pilgrims scheduled for the first flight have been instructed to report at Haj House, Bemina, between 5:00 AM and 5:30 AM on the day of departure. The committee emphasized the need for strict adherence to reporting times and baggage guidelines.

The schedule for the remaining flights will be released separately in the coming days.

This year, more than 3,600 pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir are expected to perform Haj under the government quota.

Meanwhile, apprehensions had emerged following Saudi Arabia's temporary suspension of Ummrah, tourist, and visit visas. However, officials clarified that the move is a routine pre-Haj step aimed at managing logistical arrangements and will not impact the Haj pilgrimage from India.

The authorities have appealed to pilgrims to stay updated through official communication channels and refrain from paying heed to rumours or unverified information. [KNT]

APRIL

the month, with an encounter erupting in the Panjthirithi forest area of Kathua, followed by a mine blast in Poonch along the Line of Control after crossfire between Indian and Pakistani forces. Suspected militant movement in Billawar Kathua also triggered a firing response from the Special Operations Group.

Two major encounters on the same day later in the month in Ramnagar's Jofar forest area and in Chatro Kishtwar further signaled a spike in militant presence in Jammu's hilly belts. Three militants were eventually gunned down in the Kishtwar operation. Separately, in the Keri Batal area of Akhnour, a fierce firefight led to the death of Junior Commissioned Officer Kuldeep Chand.

Infiltration attempts also made headlines, with two militants neutralized in the Uri sector of Baramulla during a foiled border breach. Just a day later, another soldier was killed during a prolonged gunfight in Udhampur's Dudu Basantgarh area, adding to the toll.

Adding to the civilian tragedy, a social activist, Ghulam Rasool Magray, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Kupwara's Kandi Khas area. [KNT]

CS

among the citizens. It is only when their concerns are addressed promptly and effectively will people feel encouraged to bring issues to the attention of the administration.

He described public grievances as a valuable diagnostic tool for assessing the health of governance at the grassroots level. An in-depth analysis of grievances, he said, can serve as a map highlighting recurring challenges within departments or particular geographic areas. He urged the departments and district officials to utilize the platform not just for grievance resolution but as a means to strengthen the institutional responsiveness and improve public service delivery on ground.

The Chief Secretary laid special emphasis on the quality of disposal, calling for grievance redressal that leads to the utmost satisfaction of the aggrieved citizen. He directed that no grievance should remain unresolved beyond 30 days. He also instructed all the departments and Deputy Commissioners to conduct regular reviews of grievance status, ensuring that no case remain pending unnecessarily and that responsibility is fixed in cases of unwarranted delay.

Stressing the need for broader citizen participation, Dulloo tasked the Grievances Department with increasing awareness about the 'JK Samadhan 2.0' portal. He advised that the portal be highlighted in all government outreach programs and public meetings. He called for periodic bulk SMS campaigns tar-

geting the registered citizens to inform and remind them about the availability and utility of this grievance redressal platform.

Meanwhile, the Chief Secretary also participated in a live demonstration of the JK Samadhan 2.0 portal.

During the session, he appreciated the improvements made in the portal and recommended further technological advancements to be taken up in collaboration with BISAG-N to enable more data-driven and insightful handling of grievances.

He suggested integrating features like heat maps based on grievance types and locations, which would allow departments to visually analyse concentration of specific issues and areas of concern. Moreover, he proposed the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other advanced tools to analyse grievances, classify them intelligently, and ensure efficient, targeted and high-quality redressal of each of them.

The Chief Secretary lauded the significant strides made by the department and emphasized the need for focused efforts in districts with lower coverage to ensure equitable access to grievance redressal mechanisms. He appreciated the data-driven approach and urged for intensified IEC (Information, Education & Communication) campaigns to further boost public participation.

Highlighting the functioning of this Department, Secretary, Public Grievances, Aijaz Asad said that a massive surge in registrations under JK Samadhan has been viewed during the previous few months from January onwards. He revealed that the same had reached a significant milestone of 13,08,759 citizen registrations on the portal till date.

Elucidating further, he made out that mere 12,932 citizen registrations were there on this portal as on January 4, 2025 which increased upto 3,49,826 registrations till February 5, 2025. He added that a staggering 9,46,001 new registrations were made during the past two months only. Registrations had been steadily growing since July 2024, which saw only 1,429 registrations by then, he concluded.

It was further disclosed that as of 30th April 2025, the portal recorded 53,342 grievances from citizens, reflecting active utilization of the platform to voice public issues. Out of the total, 39,971 grievances (75%) had been successfully resolved and 13,371 grievances are currently under active review of the departments for quality resolution.

Thus JK Samadhan has effectively managed over 1.3 million citizen registrations and resolved three-fourths of the grievances received, showcasing its role as a reliable and responsive public grievance redressal platform for citizens of the UT.

Moreover, it was given out that at least a family member from each household is being targeted for registration over this portal in order to enable them to reach out to administrative machinery for targeted assistance during the hour of need.

It is worth mentioning here that JK Samadhan stands as a beacon of the government's resolve to bring administration closer to the people. With over 13 lakh citizens already registered and active tracking of grievances, the initiative has set a benchmark in digital, accountable and transparent governance across all the districts of the UT.

NIA

who had seen the horrifying attack unfold before their eyes at Baisaran valley. Officials said the NIA is piecing together the sequence of events and gathering intelligence on the attackers.

Several eyewitnesses have been questioned over the last one week to piece together the sequence of events that led to one of the worst terror attacks in Kashmir.

The NIA teams, aided by forensic and other experts, are also checking the entire area thoroughly for evidence to expose the terror conspiracy

TRAL

examinations — all without any formal coaching or coaching centres. Coming from a humble background, Shabnum's achievement has not only filled her family with pride but has also become an inspiring story for students across the region, especially girls from underprivileged communities. With limited access to educational facilities and no nearby coaching centres, she relied solely on self-study and guidance from her school teachers.

Shabnum Sadiq, who lives in a polythene tent at Kathwadi near Paner Jagir Tral, faced numerous hardships on her path to success. Despite these challenges, she remained focused and committed to her studies.

Speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Shabnum shared her journey: "Every day, I had to walk several kilometres to reach the school because our area still lacks proper road connectivity. I had no access to coaching classes, but I stayed determined. My parents supported me wholeheartedly, and I am grateful for their encouragement, as well as the prayers and guidance from my teachers."

She said that living in a tent amidst snow and harsh cold conditions was extremely

tough, but she persevered, studying late into the night to prepare for her exams.

Looking ahead, Shabnum expressed her ambitions: "I plan to pursue graduation, and after that, I want to appear for the UPSC exams to become an IAS officer. My goal is to serve and develop our area, as many students here face problems due to the lack of roads and basic facilities."

Her maternal uncle, who, according to Shabnum, is behind her success, expressed immense pride. "We expected her to do well, but her outstanding performance exceeds our expectations. She worked very hard, and this result is a testament to her dedication," he said.

Neighbours have lauded her achievement and called for improved educational infrastructure in tribal and remote areas like Paner. They have urged the authorities to address connectivity issues and provide better facilities to support aspiring students.

Shabnum and her family, along with local residents, have urged the MLA Tral and the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama to intervene and ensure the construction of roads in their area. They believe that better connectivity will enable more students to access quality education without suffering the hardships they currently endure—

Court Rejects Bail in Rs 35

Crore Online Scam Case in

Central Kashmir's Kangan

Kangan, May 1, KNT: A local court in Kangan has rejected the bail applications of three individuals allegedly involved in a multi-crore financial scam, calling the offences grave and the investigation still at a preliminary and sensitive stage.

The accused—Shahnawaz Ahmad Shah, an employee of J&K Bank, his sister Rumesa Begum, and his brother-in-law Dr. Amir Bashir Magray were denied bail by the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Mufti Nahida, in connection with FIR No. 28/2025 registered at Police Station Kangan under Sections 318(4), 316(5), and 111 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

According to police reports, the accused allegedly lured victims into an online investment scam by promising high returns. The complainant claimed he was misled by Shahnawaz into providing personal documents and transferring Rs 5 lakh to an account linked to Shahnawaz's family. However, instead of returns, the complainant discovered irregular activity leading to the freezing of his bank account.

The investigation as per the news agency Kashmir News Trust revealed suspicious transactions totalling approximately Rs 35 crore across multiple bank accounts linked to the accused including Shahnawaz Ahmad Shah: Rs 3.18 crore, Dr. Amir Bashir Magray: Rs 76.66 lakh, Rumesa Begum: Rs 8.27 crore and Ghulam Nabi Shah (father of Shahnawaz): Rs 9.29 crore.

The prosecution argued that the accused were running an organised online scam, constituting a serious economic offence affecting public trust and financial stability. It was also noted that Rumesa, listed as unemployed, failed to explain the large sums in her accounts.

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- 3.....بیزار احمد پسر 29 سال مردوری آمدانی 7000
- 4...اقراء اہان زوجہ بیزار احمد کٹھانی 25 سال کٹرہیولام،
- 5...روینیا جان دختر 30 سال کٹرہیولام
- 6....سمرت اختر خیرمحمد اشرف کٹھانی 27 سال//
- 7....حنایت اشرف پسر 23 سال زیر تعلیم آمدانی 500
- 8...موہدہ اشرف دختر 18 سال زیر تعلیم

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Commissioner SMC reviews Revenue Realisation, progress under PMAY (U) 2.0

Emphasizes fast-track implementation and citizen empowerment

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SRINAGAR, MAY 01: A high-level meeting to take stock of the ongoing progress in revenue realisation and implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 was today held under the chairmanship of Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Dr. Owais Ahmed at office complex here. The meeting witnessed the participation of senior officials from various wings of the Corporation, including the Revenue, Planning. Commissioner issued clear

directions to expedite the pace of revenue mobilisation across all wards of the city. Ward-wise revenue targets were allocated to concerned officers, with instructions to intensify field-level efforts to meet the financial goals set for the current financial year. Dr. Owais stressed the importance of strengthening revenue collection systems, improving documentation, and ensuring accountability at every level. "Revenue Realisation forms the backbone of our municipal functioning. Timely and efficient collection enables us to better deliver civic services to the people. All wards must now work on a mission mode to

achieve their respective targets," he stated. Turning his focus to the PMAY(U) 2.0 scheme, Commissioner expressed concern over the slow pace of application processing and approvals. He directed concerned officials to clear all pending cases without delay, ensuring that the benefits of the central housing scheme reach deserving beneficiaries, especially the economically weaker sections (EWS) and low-income groups (LIG) in Srinagar city. To ensure wider participation and public awareness of the PMAY (U) scheme, Dr. Owais emphasized the need for comprehensive capacity building



among the common masses, with a special focus on digital empowerment. He called for the organisation of ward-level awareness camps, online registration drives, and facilitation desks at the ward offices to help citizens understand the eligibility criteria and online application process under PMAY (U). "In the digital age, it is imperative that we empower our citizens with the knowledge and tools required to access government welfare schemes. Special training sessions and awareness drives must be launched immediately," Commissioner added. Commissioner also directed the SMC Social Media Cell to

create simple, multilingual user guides and videos explaining the online application procedure and to collaborate with local NGOs and ward committees to disseminate information at the grassroots level. The meeting concluded with the Commissioner reiterating his commitment in ensuring transparent governance, timely implementation of public welfare schemes, and inclusive urban development. He urged all stakeholders to work with dedication and coordination to fulfil the vision of affordable housing for all and to strengthen the financial backbone of the Corporation through robust revenue realisation.

GMC Srinagar bids farewell to Principal AMT College, 03 staff members

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SRINAGAR, MAY 01: Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar Wednesday organized a warm farewell ceremony to honor Principal AMT College Razia Mahmood and three distinguished staff members—Haleema Bano (Assistant Matron), Mubeena Bano (Assistant Matron), and Rasheeda Showkat (Nursing Supervisor)—as they retired from their dedicated service. The event witnessed the presence of Principal/Dean, Prof. Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah; Administrator, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; Deputy Registrar, Prof. Dr. M Saleem Itoo; Heads of Departments, Medical Superintendent of SMHS/SSH, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Nursing and Administrative staff, as well as students. Principal GMC commended the retirees for their commitment and decades of service, stating, "Today we bid farewell to individuals whose unwavering dedication has significantly



enriched our institution. Their tireless efforts will always be remembered with deep respect and admiration. We wish them a joyful and fulfilling retirement." Administrator also expressed his gratitude, highlighting the professionalism and compassion each retiree brought to their roles. As a token of appreciation, the retirees were presented with mementos, shawls, and certificates, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to the institution. The ceremony served as a heartfelt tribute to the retirees, celebrating their years of service and the lasting impact they leave behind at GMC Srinagar.

Slain Soldier's Widow Appeals for Relief on Housing Loan, Cites Pending Insurance Payment

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Anantnag, May 1, KNT: The widow of a Territorial Army soldier who was abducted and killed by militants last year has appealed to the State Bank of India (SBI) to grant her time to repay a housing loan taken by her late husband, citing severe financial distress and a pending life insurance claim. Hailal Ahmed Bhat, a TA soldier from Anantnag, was abducted from the Kazwan forest area of Shangus

Kokarnag in October last year. His body was later recovered, while his colleague managed to escape the attack. Speaking to Kashmir News Trust, the bereaved widow said her husband had secured a housing loan from SBI's Achabal Branch prior to his death. Since then, she said, the burden of loan repayment has fallen on her shoulders, even as she awaits the disbursement of her late husband's life insurance policy.

'International Labour Day' commemorated at Srinagar ,Budgan,Pulwama

Events underscored commitment towards supporting the welfare & rights of workers

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SRINAGAR, MAY 01: In order to highlight the significance of labour rights and generate awareness about the importance of the day, District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) across all the districts of Kashmir today observed 'International Labour Day' also known as Global Workers Day with great enthusiasm and fervor. The day is marked every year on May 1st as a celebration of working-class people, recognizing their contribution to society and promoting worker's rights and opportunities. The event was successfully conducted under the leadership of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and under the supervision of Shazia Tabassum, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority.



AT SRINAGAR, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, organized an event to commemorate International Labour Day at the ADR Centre, District Court Complex Srinagar. The programme, held under the supervision of Tasleem Arief, Chairman DLSA Srinagar (Principal District & Sessions Judge) witnessed the presence of, Sec-

retary DLSA Srinagar, Sajad Ur Rehman; officials, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Srinagar officials of Srinagar Municipal Corporation, and Para Legal Volunteers. During the event, Secretary DLSA emphasized the importance of International Labour Day, highlighting the need to uphold and protect the rights of work-

ers. He underlined the value of ensuring that all workers are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect, and reaffirmed the DLSA's commitment to advancing legal awareness and support for labourers in the region. Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, Tasneem Kausar, also addressed the gathering, shedding light on the global objectives of International Labour Day. She stressed the importance of promoting fair labour practices, improving working conditions, and extending social security to the working class, especially those from marginalized sections. The goal of the event was to reinforce awareness about the necessity of protecting the rights of workers and fostering a culture that promotes their welfare. The observance served as a meaningful platform to reiterate institutional dedication toward safeguarding labour dignity in all forms.

NIT Srinagar registers Alumni Association for the first time since inception

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Srinagar, May 01: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has officially registered its alumni association, six decades after the institute was established. The move formalizes alumni engagement for the first time since the Institute's inception as the Regional Engineering College (REC) Srinagar in 1960. The registration of the Alumni Association was led by Prof. M.A. Shah, Dr. H.S. Pali, Dr. Dinesh, Mr. Mohammad Rafiq, and a dedicated team of alumni including Er. Aamir Ali, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia hailed the registration of the Alumni Association and termed it as a landmark moment in the history of the Institute. "It reflects our commitment to building lasting connections



with our alumni, who are an integral part of our legacy and growth. We look forward to their continued support in driving academic excellence and innovation at the Institute," he said. Prof. Binod Kumar said that NIT Srinagar has been making their mark across the globe. Now, with a formal structure in place, the long-cherished dream of nurturing and strengthening this bond between NIT Srinagar and alumni has become a reality. Institute's Registrar Atikur Rahman said that

registration of the Alumni Association is a significant achievement for NIT Srinagar. It will serve as a structured platform to engage with our former students and harness their expertise and experience for the betterment of the institute, he said. Dean Alumni & International Affairs, Prof. M.A. Shah said that mission is to communicate the Institute's goals and achievements while fostering a spirit of unity, loyalty, and shared purpose.

World Labor Day Function in Tagore Hall Srinagar

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Srinagar/ 1st May In connection with the World Labor Day, celebrations were held across the valley. In this connection a festive event was held in Srinagar's Tagore Hall, chaired by the leading broadcaster, writer, and poet Abdul Ahad Farhad. The ceremony was organized by J&K Academy Of Art Culture and Languages in collaboration with Sufi Cultural Forum Srinagar. Kashmiri Sufi Cultural Society Srinagar. Former Deputy Development Commissioner and social worker Farooq Renzo Shah attended the ceremony as the guest of honor, while Syed Humayun Qaiser former head of the all India radio Srinagar and Wajahat Hussain Durani attended the ceremony. Additional Secretary of the Cultural Academy, Adeel Saleem and Zahir Ahmed attended the event as host. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Scriptures, which was received by Farooq Ibn Guldun. Additional Secretary of the



Cultural Academy, Adeel Saleem, welcomed the guests and highlighted the World Labor Day. Speakers at the ceremony highlighted the issues facing workers around the world, citing the importance and utility of World Labor and Labor Day. At the end of the ceremony, a mushaira was also organized in which many prominent poets in the valley described the conditions of the laborers in their poetry by lodging different aspects of life. Among the poets who participated in the poem are well-known journalists, writers, writers and poet Rashid Rahil, Manzoor Damdar, Mir Zahir, Engineer Shabnam Bashir, Shah Kumar, Faqir Sultan Nago, Abdul Majid Butt, Faqir Mohammad Abdullah and renowned journalist Nazim Nazir.

BJP holds key organizational meeting in Srinagar to strengthen party base in Kashmir.

Sat Sharma, Ashok Koul, address meeting of District Presidents, Prabharis in Srinagar.

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Srinagar, 1st May 2025: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, held a crucial organizational meeting at its Kashmir Head Office, J-53 Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar, aimed at reviewing party functioning and strengthening its presence across the Kashmir region. Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary, J&K

BJP, Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, J&K BJP, Sofi Yousuf, Vice President and Dr. Ali Mohammad Mir, Senior Leader addressed the meeting. BJP District Presidents, District Prabharis, and senior leaders from across the Kashmir region attended the meeting. Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, emphasized the party's unwavering commitment to the development, peace, and inclusive progress of Jammu and Kashmir. He encouraged party leaders to maintain constant connect



with the people, remain accessible to the grassroots, and

work diligently for the upliftment of every section of society.

Sat Sharma stressed that the BJP has a clear roadmap for

J&K's progress, and the party cadre must serve as its strong pillars on the ground. He further asked for a collective commitment to consolidate BJP's base in Kashmir, ensure visible presence and delivery at the grassroots, and take forward the party's mission of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas". Ashok Koul, in his address, conducted a detailed review of district-level functioning. He laid special emphasis on strengthening booth-level structures, addressing public

concerns effectively, and ensuring that the achievements of the BJP-led government are conveyed widely to the people of Kashmir. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal highlighted the importance of strong organizational discipline, collective efforts, and responsive leadership in the party cadre. Vibodh Gupta laid stress on the party's dedication at grassroots-level engagement of masses and the 2-way interaction between masses and party.

EDITORIAL

Closure of tourist destinations not a good omen for Kashmir tourism

Following the Baisaran-Pahalgam massacre that left 25 tourists and a local dead it was expected that the union territory government would take some confidence building measures so as to motivate the people to come and visit the Kashmir valley. However, to the disappointment and dismay of the common masses especially, the tourism players the government issued an order that has made it clear that everything is not hunky-dory in the valley.

Couple of days back some of the reports emanated on the social media that the union territory government has closed around 50 tourist destinations for the tourists. These tourist destinations are spread across the length and breadth of the Kashmir valley with some of them falling even in the Srinagar city. The closure of the tourist destinations in Srinagar makes it clear that the government is not in favour of the people visiting these places even though they are located in the summer capital of the union territory.

Interestingly there is no mention of this development on the official website of either the Jammu & Kashmir tourism department or Directorate of Tourism Kashmir. At the same time the Department of Information also did not disseminate the information in this regard and as such the people in general are not aware about the same. Had the information been wrong the concerned department or the ministry would have issued a rebuttal and made it clear that no such order has been issued?

It is highly unfortunate that tourist places like Doodhpathri, Tosamaidan, Yusmarg, Verinag, Watlab, Sinthan Top and many others have been ordered to be closed for the tourists with immediate effect. In the recent past many of the tourist places ordered to be closed had become a hit among the tourists and the same had added a new dimension to the tourism scenario of Kashmir. This goes against the basic diktat of a peaceful dispensation that motivates people to come and explore the beauty of a tourist place and Kashmir is no exception in this regard.

As soon as the militancy erupted in Kashmir many of the foreign countries had issued travel advisories asking its people not to visit Kashmir saying that the place is not safe. The recent directions issued by the union territory government are nothing less than travel advisories. In such a scenario it is very difficult for tourism to revive in Kashmir at least in the near future.

Preserving the Legacy: The Legal Battle to save Walnut, Chinar Trees

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Once upon a time, the landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir were defined by the graceful sway of chinar leaves in the breeze and the majestic silhouette of walnut trees standing tall on hillsides and village borders. These trees were more than flora; they were symbols of culture, commerce, and continuity. Today, however, they face an existential threat, not from natural calamities or pests, but from human avarice, administrative confusion, and legal loopholes.

The question at the heart of the crisis is deceptively simple: Who has the authority to permit the cutting of walnut and chinar trees in Jammu & Kashmir? Can a Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) legally prevent a Tehsildar from granting such permission? Or is this power misplaced in a bureaucratic tangle?

This article explores the intricate interplay of law, history, current misuse, and the environmental consequences of inaction, while also offering a roadmap for safeguarding these ecological and cultural treasures.

The Legal Terrain: Section 133 CrPC and Its Applicability

Section 133 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973 empowers Executive Magistrates, such as Tehsildars, to issue conditional orders for the removal of public nuisances. These could range from obstructed pathways to dangerously hanging structures, and in some disputed interpretations, even trees.

However, legal scholars and judgments have made it increasingly clear that Section 133 cannot override special statutes where such statutes exist to deal with a specific subject matter – such as environmental conservation and forestry.

In this light, it becomes evident that Section 133 CrPC is not legally tenable as a tool to grant permission for felling specified trees like walnut and chinar, which are governed under a special law in Jammu and Kashmir.

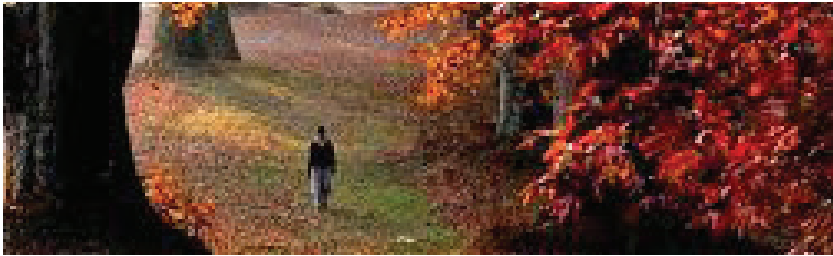
The Preservation Law: J&K Preservation of Specified Trees Act, 1969

Enacted with foresight, the Jammu and Kashmir Preservation of Specified Trees Act, 1969 is the cornerstone legislation that regulates the felling of walnut and chinar trees. The law was framed to prevent indiscriminate cutting and ensure these heritage trees are preserved for posterity.

Key provisions include:

Section 2(d): Defines “specified trees,” which currently include walnut and chinar.

Section 3: Prohibits cutting down, uprooting, or damaging such trees



without written permission.

Section 5: Empowers the Deputy Commissioner (DC) as the competent authority to grant or deny such permission, after obtaining a technical opinion from the Divisional Forest Officer.

Hence, the law is unambiguous – only the Deputy Commissioner, after due consultation with the DFO, can permit the felling of walnut and chinar trees.

Role of the Divisional Forest Officer: Advisory, Not Directive

The DFO is a technical expert, not a licensing authority. Their role is to assess whether the tree in question is diseased, hazardous, or impeding essential infrastructure, and then submit a report to the Deputy Commissioner.

In a recent incident from Anantnag, a DFO issued a letter directing a Tehsildar not to entertain applications under Section 133 CrPC for the cutting of walnut trees. While this direction aligns with legal principles, it lacks binding authority. The DFO can advise, but not command a magistrate unless empowered by law or a court.

This subtle legal nuance is frequently misunderstood, resulting in friction and jurisdictional overreach.

The Historical Context: Royal Edicts and Cultural Significance

The chinar tree (Platanus orientalis) is perhaps the most iconic symbol of Kashmiri heritage. The Mughal emperor Jahangir was so enchanted by its beauty that he ordered the planting of chinar avenues across Srinagar. Later, Maharaja Hari Singh prohibited their felling in 1922, recognizing their symbolic and environmental value.

The walnut tree, prized for its high-quality timber and nutrient-rich nuts, was similarly protected, given its economic value to Kashmiri households. Craftsmen used its wood for carving, furniture, and houseboats – a tradition passed down through generations.

These royal and cultural protections laid the groundwork for the 1969 Act, which formalized the protection.

Post-2019 Developments: Repeals and Retentions

After the abrogation of Article 370

and the bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories, many state laws were repealed. However, the Preservation of Specified Trees Act, 1969 continues to operate in the UT of J&K, reaffirming its continued relevance.

Recent correspondence from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner Anantnag (Ref: DCA/Misc/2023-24/595-7617 dated 11.03.2024) reiterates that no Executive Magistrate is permitted to allow felling under Section 133 CrPC for walnut or chinar trees, reinforcing that the DC is the sole authority under the special law.

Ground Reality: Widespread Violations and Local Complicity

Despite robust legal protections, specified trees are being felled at an alarming rate. Locals, often in connivance with contractors and certain officials, exploit ignorance, delays in permissions, or lack of coordination between departments.

Illegal felling is disguised as:

- Road expansion projects
- Hazards to electric lines
- Crop interference

There are instances where trees are chopped at night, their stumps buried or burnt, and permissions backdated fraudulently. In rural hamlets, social influence often outweighs legal process.

Moreover, enforcement is weak. FIRs are rarely lodged. Penalties are lenient. And follow-up inspections by forest staff are infrequent.

Is the End Near? A Grim Forecast

If this trajectory continues unchecked, the once-proud walnut and chinar trees may soon be found only in textbooks and paintings. Their saplings are not being replanted with the urgency required. Their ecological role in preventing soil erosion and maintaining microclimates is underestimated.

The question must now be asked with sincerity: Are we writing the obituary of these trees through legal neglect and moral apathy?

The Way Forward: Suggestions for Revival and Reform

To reverse this ecological and cultural decay, the government and civil society must act on multiple fronts:

- Legislative Strengthening: Amend the 1969 Act to include stricter penalties, real-time track-

ing of permissions, and mandatory replanting clauses.

- Establish tree heritage zones where felling is entirely banned, akin to “no-construction” zones.
- Digital Permission and Monitoring System: Introduce an online portal for tree felling applications, linked to GIS maps and DFO reports.
- Mandate photographic and video documentation of trees before any decision is taken.
- Empower the Forest Department Technically, Not Administratively: Allow DFOs to recommend cancellation of illegal permissions.
- Include forest officers in revenue inspections when land records involve walnut or chinar trees.
- Awareness and Community Engagement: Launch village-level Tree Guardianship Programs, involving schools and panchayats.
- Offer incentives for preserving old walnut and chinar trees on private land.
- Enforcement Mechanisms: Create a Tree Protection Task Force within the Forest Department with magisterial powers under the Forest Act.
- Fast-track prosecutions for illegal felling under environmental courts or Lok Adalats.
- Celebrate Tree Heritage: Organize annual Walnut and Chinar Festivals, tying together culture, ecology, and commerce.
- Document and publish the oldest walnut and chinar trees, tagging them as “State Trees of Historical Significance.”
- Conclusion: The Battle Is Legal, But the Cause Is Moral

The issue of who can allow or prevent the cutting of a walnut or chinar tree is not just a legal question – it is a test of our commitment to ecological justice and cultural preservation. While the law clearly empowers the Deputy Commissioner and not the Tehsildar or DFO independently, the current abuse of authority and negligence threaten to turn a living legacy into mere memory.

The Divisional Forest Officer has a duty to advise, not command. The Tehsildar must defer to the special legislation. The Deputy Commissioner must act with integrity. But above all, the citizens must recognize that once a chinar is gone, it cannot be replaced in our lifetime.

Unless we act now – not tomorrow – we may find ourselves staring at valleys without shadows, hilltops without crowns, and a culture stripped of its most iconic .

Kashmir Bleeds Kindness, And The World Pays It Back With Stones

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You can evict the Kashmiri family from their rented room. You can blacklist the Kashmiri shop, boycott the Kashmiri artist, silence the Kashmiri poet. But you can't teach us how to hate like you.

You think being Kashmiri is easy? Try carrying your soul in your mouth everywhere you go, just so you can explain yourself to people who don't even want to understand. Try apologising for crimes you didn't commit, while handing out cups of free tea to strangers who still think you're the enemy.

Something ugly happened in Pahalgam. Tourists got attacked. Blood on the streets, screams in the air, shame crawling over everything like smoke. And just like that, the old script got dusted off again: blame all Kashmiris. Paint every wrinkled old shopkeeper, every schoolkid, every housewife, every bus driver with the same dirty brush.

But here's what the headlines won't tell you – while the valley cried in anger and heartbreak, the people here – my people – opened their homes. Hotels threw their doors open. Restaurants put out

more plates. Drivers offered free rides. Villagers with barely enough for themselves handed out free food, free shelter, free kindness – to the very tourists who now look at them with suspicion.

That's Kashmir for you. We've been stitched together by grief for decades, but somehow, the damn fabric still smells of love.

Meanwhile, far away in other states– the hatred was spilling faster than the news could contain it. Kashmiri students beaten with sticks.

Shopkeepers told to shut down or pack up.

Rooms vacated, jobs lost, buses refused.

And the sweet whispers in the corners – “Israel-Palestine them. Bulldoze them. Teach them a lesson.”

You want to teach us a lesson? You think we don't already know pain? We eat it for breakfast. We sip it with noon chai.

You think we don't know loss? We grow up playing hide-and-seek with coffins.

But here's the real joke – after all of it, after the beatings, the betrayals, the open threats – you'll still find us offering you tea the next time you come to our mountains. Still offering you a bed when your bus breaks down in the cold.



Still treating you like honoured guests when you treat us like stray dogs.

Because being Kashmiri is not about politics.

It's not about religion. It's not about who threw the stone or who fired the gun. It's about carrying a heart bigger than the betrayal you keep tasting. It's about choosing kindness when rage would be easier. It's about standing there, arms open, while the world spits in your face – and still not letting hate rot your soul.

And let me tell you – that takes

more strength than any army, any bullet, any angry mob could ever muster.

The real tragedy isn't that Kashmir bleeds. The real tragedy is that when we bleed, we're still the ones handing out bandages. We're still the ones feeding the ones who fear us.

We're still the ones saying “You're safe with us” while getting phone calls telling our own kids not to step outside their rented rooms in strange cities.

Being Kashmiri means you carry hospitality like a second skin –

even when the world slaps you for it.

It's not weakness. It's not stupidity. It's what happens when generations learn that no matter how heavy the sorrow gets, you never, ever pass it along to the next guy. You know why? Because big hearts don't shrink just because the world gets colder.

Because mountains don't bow to every passing storm. Because our mothers didn't raise cowards.

And make no mistake – what's happening now isn't just about Kashmir. It's about a slow rot eating away at whatever's left of decency. It's about turning neighbours into enemies with a flick of a headline. It's about forgetting that humanity isn't a tribe you can sign out of whenever you feel like it.

There's a sickness spreading. And it's not in Kashmir. It's in the way people celebrate cruelty, the way mobs feel powerful, kicking a lone Kashmiri kid in a train station.

It's in the way men cheer when someone says, “Wipe them out like Palestine.”

It's in the way people sleep better at night, thinking pain is only real when it's happening to them. But here's something they should remember – hearts like ours don't break easily. They crack, sure. They bleed, sure.

But they also heal. And every time they heal, they get bigger. Stronger.

More stubborn.

You can beat the Kashmiri kid in the alley.

You can evict the Kashmiri family from their rented room. You can blacklist the Kashmiri shop, boycott the Kashmiri artist, silence the Kashmiri poet. But you can't teach us how to hate like you.

We're built different. Made of snow and blood and poetry and tears and stubborn goddamn hope. Being Kashmiri is not easy.

It's carrying a country in your ribs that the world only sees through a cracked window.

It's walking a tightrope made of barbed wire with a smile for anyone who dares meet your eyes. It's standing in the middle of the storm, handing out umbrellas to the people throwing stones at you.

Not everyone can do it.

Not everyone should try.

But us?

We've been doing it for generations.

And we're not even going to stop it. To fellow Kashmiris, I want to say you make me so proud, and I am proud to say, “I am a Kashmiri.”

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Smart Village Development in Kunan Poshpora

One of the primary pillars of innovative village development is robust digital infrastructure. High-speed internet connectivity is crucial, providing villagers access to information and online services. In Kunan Poshpora, efforts have been made to establish reliable internet services that enable residents to connect with the broader world

MUSHTAQ WANI

Kunan Poshpora, a small village in the Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, has been gaining recognition as a model for rural development through the Smart Village initiative. The concept of a "Smart Village" employs technology and eco-friendly practices to enhance the quality of life of its residents while preserving their cultural heritage and environment. The journey of developing Kunan Poshpora into a Smart Village encapsulates the pioneering spirit of rural India, addressing contemporary challenges through innovative solutions.

The vision for Kunan Poshpora as a Smart Village intends to create a sustainable ecosystem where technology and community development work hand in hand. This transformative approach is focused on improving infrastructure, enhancing education, ensuring healthcare access and promoting economic growth while remaining rooted in the local culture and environment. The involvement of local communities in this initiative is crucial to its success, as it ensures that the development aligns with their needs and aspirations.

One of the primary pillars of innovative village development is robust digital infrastructure. High-speed internet connectivity is crucial, providing villagers access to information and online services. In Kunan Poshpora, efforts have been made to establish reliable internet services that enable residents to connect with the broader world. This connectivity facilitates farmers in accessing market prices, weather forecasts and agricultural advice, thereby improving their productivity and income levels. Moreover, e-governance platforms have been introduced to streamline local government services. Villagers can access essential services



such as land records, health information and education resources online, reducing bureaucratic hurdles and enhancing transparency.

Sustainable energy solutions are at the heart of the Smart Village initiative in Kunan Poshpora. The village has started to harness renewable energy sources, such as solar power, to ensure a reliable and eco-friendly electricity supply. By installing solar panels on rooftops, households can reduce their reliance on conventional energy sources, which are often limited and expensive in rural areas. This shift lowers energy costs and contributes to environmental sustainability by reducing carbon emissions.

Agriculture is the backbone of Kunan Prosphora's economy and integrating innovative agriculture practices can significantly enhance

productivity. Precision farming, soil moisture sensors and mobile applications for pest management are being introduced to help farmers make informed decisions. Training sessions on modern agricultural techniques are organized to assist local farmers in adopting these innovations successfully. Promoting organic farming practices is also encouraged, enabling farmers to access premium markets while ensuring soil health. The village is also exploring digital platforms for direct sales, allowing farmers to connect with consumers without intermediary costs.

Education is a powerful tool for transforming societies and the Smart Village initiative seeks to elevate educational standards in Kunan Poshpora. Establishing digital learning centres with computers and internet access has allowed

students to expand their academic horizons. These centres serve as hubs for e-learning, offering courses ranging from basic computer skills to more advanced topics. In parallel, vocational training programs are being developed to equip the youth with skills relevant to the local job market. Emphasizing entrepreneurship, these initiatives encourage young people to start their ventures, contributing to the local economy.

Access to quality healthcare remains a challenge in rural areas and Kunan Poshpora is addressing this through telemedicine and mobile health units. Telemedicine services connect villagers with healthcare professionals, enabling remote consultations and timely medical advice. Health awareness campaigns highlight preventive care and sanitation practices,

which are vital in enhancing community health. Furthermore, regular health camps are conducted in the village, providing essential services like vaccinations, maternal care and general health check-ups. This proactive approach ensures that health issues are addressed before they escalate into more significant problems.

Kunan Poshpora emphasizes effective waste management practices as part of its commitment to sustainability. Initiatives to promote recycling and composting have been introduced, educating residents about the importance of managing waste responsibly. The village focuses on cleanliness and hygiene, with regular community clean-up drives and the establishment of designated waste disposal points.

A Smart Village's success heavily

relies on community involvement. In Kunan Poshpora, residents are actively engaged in the planning and executing of development projects. Regular meetings are held to gather feedback and ensure that initiatives align with the villagers' needs. This participatory approach fosters a sense of ownership among the residents, motivating them to contribute actively to their village's development.

While the Smart Village initiative in Kunan Poshpora shows promising results, challenges remain. The initial investment in infrastructure and technology can be substantial, and there is a need for continuous maintenance and updates to keep up with changing technologies. Additionally, addressing digital literacy among older people and those without prior exposure to technology is essential for broad acceptance and participation in these initiatives. To overcome these challenges, continuous training and awareness programs are crucial, focusing on youth and older generations. Collaborations with NGOs, government agencies and educational institutions can bring additional resources and expertise to accelerate innovative village initiatives.

Kunan Prosphora's transformation into a Smart Village is a testament to the potential of leveraging technology for rural development. By focusing on sustainable practices, digital infrastructure and community engagement, Kunan Poshpora sets an example for other villages across India. The collective efforts of the local community, supported by government and non-profit initiatives are poised to create a brighter and more sustainable future for the villagers, demonstrating that with the right approach, rural areas can thrive in an increasingly digital world.

Board Results Announced; Government Schools Excel, Girls Shine Brighter; An overview



JAVOID BHAT

The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education has declared the results for both Class 10 and Class 12, sparking celebrations across the Union Territory. This year's results mark a significant shift, as government schools have delivered an impressive performance, earning praise from educationists, parents, and policy-makers alike. Yet again, girls have emerged as the frontrunners, outperforming boys in both overall pass percentages and merit positions. In both Class 10 and Class 12, girls have not only dominated the top ranks but have also shown academic consistency across the board. This recurring trend reflects the growing empowerment of girls in the region, supported by targeted government initia-



tives and a renewed focus on inclusive education. Once considered the stronghold of private institutions, academic excellence is now flourishing in government schools—especially in rural and remote areas. Students from far-flung regions have achieved distinctions and secured top ranks, breaking barriers and rewriting the narrative of public education. Officials from the School Education Department attribute this success to a combination of strategic academic planning, improved infrastructure, regular evalua-

never attended coaching. I just focused on regular classes. My teachers are behind my success," he said with pride. Another remarkable achiever is Barkat Rashid from the remote village of Daril Tarathpora, who scored 493 marks. "My teachers and parents are everything behind this achievement," he shared emotionally. The outstanding performance of girls and students from government schools has brought immense pride to parents and communities, particularly in areas that have traditionally faced educational challenges. Many schools are now preparing to host felicitation ceremonies to celebrate these young achievers. This year's board results signify a turning point for public education in Jammu & Kashmir. As girls continue to break societal barriers and government schools rise in stature, the future of education in the UT shines with promise. With toppers poised to embark on new academic journeys, their success is bound to inspire thousands more across the region.

What does it truly mean to read

ABDUL ROUF YATOO

What does it really mean to read? Is it just about holding a book and flipping through its pages? Certainly not. Reading is not a mechanical motion of the fingers and the pages it is a journey of the mind, a quiet dialogue or rather, a striking of thoughts between the reader and the writer, between one mind and another. Sometimes these minds clash; sometimes they reach a mutual understanding, like the waves in the ocean.

In ancient times, stories and ideas were passed orally from one generation to the next. Carbon dating reveals that the oldest known book, the Etruscan Gold Book, found in a tomb in Bulgaria, dates back to around 600 BCE. But humanity especially modern humans (Homo sapiens) has existed for roughly 300,000 years. Long before books existed, people were already thinkers, storytellers, and questioners.

So, when we talk about reading today, we must understand that reading means engaging with ideas, challenging them, and allowing them to give birth to new ones. The evolution of science we experience today dates back to when Greek philosophy emerged. Thinkers like Thales, Euclid, and Pythagoras and many more offered ideas that, when examined and reinterpreted by later philosophers, sparked new insights. Over time, this phil-

osophical tradition gave rise to what we now call modern science

Although we may not see an obvious link between the two, there is an unseen thread connecting them.

So ,Real reading isn't measured by the number of books you finish. It is measured by how deeply you ponder what you read, how well you understand it, and how much it transforms your thinking.

To read is to ask questions. To read is to listen to an author's voice and respond with your own thoughts. Start with books that speak to your interests. Whether it's history, religion, philosophy, psychology, science or literature begin with what you love. Once your interest grows, expand into new areas.

As you read 10-15 pages, highlight or write down key words or concepts.

Use reliable platforms like Wikipedia or any AI platform to understand unfamiliar ideas.

Summarize these on one page using bullets or line charts keep it visual and simple.

Then pause. Close your eyes. Meditate on the ideas deeply

Maintain another notebook, write down questions that arise from the reading. This will develop your critical thinking. With time, your brain will begin asking questions automatically just like a seasoned walker doesn't think about each step his steps tread automatically.

If you see people discussing something listen to them. Process their words. Compare them with your knowledge. Ask yourself silent questions. Don't jump into debates just to prove a point. Approach with a learning attitude.

Wherever you go observe carefully.

When a thought visits your mind, write it down. Even a passing idea can blossom into something powerful when revisited.

I have experienced it quite a number of times—a little wave of an idea would strike me, I would write it down, and later, when I pondered over it, it turned out to be truly phenomenal.

Surround yourself with people who read, question, and reflect. Share your ideas. Discuss your readings. A wise saying goes, "A man is known by the company he keeps." A good friend can sharpen your mind like a whetstone sharpens a blade.

One more thing when you reach home after dinner and enter your room, take 10-15 minutes, open the window, and look outside into the darkness at the stars. It will refresh your mind, and believe me, looking at the stars, the sky, and the moon can inspire deep ideas.

And then pound on your thoughts and the books you want to read and keep reading until your eyes support you and make a habit of sleeping less



Sakeena inaugurates Shaheed Wali Mohammad Itoo Memorial SDH building at D.H. Pora, NTPHC at Ahmadabad Kulgam

■ FAROOQ RATHER

KULGAM, MAY 01: In a boost to rural healthcare infrastructure, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today inaugurated the Shaheed Wali Mohammad Itoo Memorial Sub-District Hospital (SDH) building at D.H. Pora and the newly constructed New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) building at Ahmadabad Kulgam.

Fulfilling a long pending demand of the local population, these healthcare facilities are poised to enhance the medical care services in this rural belt of the district.

The Sub-District Hospital, a project of Rs 11 crore, has been constructed by the Police Housing Corporation

and is expected to cater to a large population, thereby improving access to quality healthcare.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion, Sakeena reaffirmed the government's commitment towards strengthening the rural healthcare facilities. She underscored the importance of such projects in ensuring equitable health services for all.

She stated that the Omar Abdullah led government remains dedicated to public welfare and numerous initiatives have been undertaken in recent months to uplift the lives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. She also instructed the authorities to accommodate 30 bed Ayush facility in the hospital.

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in addressing crucial healthcare

needs of the area. Later in the day, the

Minister visited the Martyr Sabzar Ahmad Shah Memorial Girls High School at Ahmadabad, Kulgam.

Interacting with students and staff on the occasion, Sakeena highlighted the government's focus on providing quality education in every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

Director School Education, Kashmir Director Health, Director Coordination New GMCs, Director ICDS and other senior officers were also present on the occasion. The Sub-District Hospital, a project of Rs 11 crore, has been constructed by the Police Housing Corporation and is expected to cater to a large population, thereby improving access to quality healthcare.

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ازنیابت پھلگام

درخواست منجانب سورہ اسر ف دختر محمد اسر ف منجانبی ساکن اڈو پھلگام
بجھول RBA سرٹیفکٹ

بجھول لیگل ہیر سرٹیفکٹ

معاملمندر پھلگام میں درخواست سال دفتر پڈمیل زیر کاروائی ہے اس نسبت پڈمیل حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقولات ریکارڈ طلب کے جس سے عیاں ہوتا ہے سال موضع سال اڈو پھلگام میں رہائش پزیر ہے۔ سال یک واڈ زمرہ میں اتالیے سال دھرم کو رکھ کر منتقل باشندہ ہے۔ سال کا کمنڈر پڈمیل افراد منتقل ہے

محمد اسر ف و غلام حسن مزدوری 53 سال آمدن 5000

نازیہ بانو زوید محمد اسر ف 53 گھر کام

سبزار احمد پسر مزدوری 29 = 7000

اقرام جان زوید سبزار احمد 25 گھر کام

رومیدہ جان دختر سبزار

سال کے کمنڈر کل آمدن 120000 مطابق سرٹیفکٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو عمر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ دن کے اندر اندر پیش کریں معاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول میں ہوگا

نائب تحصیلدار پھلگام

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that the name and date of birth of my son, Mohammad Zuhail Shah, son of Javid Ahmad Shah, a resident of Saloosa, Tehsil Kreeeri, District Baramulla, have been incorrectly recorded on his Aadhaar Card 416154659869. This error occurred due to unknown reasons. The correct date of birth is 11-05-2012. I have also applied for a correction in his school records. If anyone has any objections regarding this matter, they may submit their objections to the concerned authority, Assistant Collector Kreeeri, within a period of seven days. After that period, no objections will be entertained.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREEERI
(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 has submitted case file pertaining to death of GHULAM MOHI UD DIN THOKER S/O ABDUL GANI THOKER R/O KALANTRA BALA Tehsil KREEERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of death as 16/02/2023 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 Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Executive Magistrate
1st Class KREEERI

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, KASHMIR

Subject: 1st tentative seniority list of Nursing Supervisors.

NOTIFICATION

On the basis of record available with this Directorate and as per information furnished by subordinate Offices, 1st tentative seniority list of Nursing Supervisors, asit stood on 01.01.2025, is hereby prepared and notified amongst all concerned through their Controlling Officers for information. Any Nursing Supervisors who may not be satisfied with the position assigned to him/her in the tentative seniority list, may submit his/her representation/objections, if any, with documentary proof to this Directorate within 07 days from the date of issuance of this Notification. Any Supervisory Staff Nurses who may not be satisfied with the position assigned to him/her in the tentative seniority list, may submit his/her representation/objections, if any, with documentary proof to this Directorate within 07 days from the date of issuance of this Notification. After expiry of the stipulated period, no objection in this regard shall be entertained.

The date of birth of the officials reflected in the seniority list shall not be taken as authentic and shall be subject to further verification with the service record/Matriculation Certificate issued in respect of these officials by the concerned authorities. The seniority list shall be without prejudice to the final outcome of Writ Petition(s), if any, pending before the Competent Court(s) of Law.

S.No	Name of employee	D.OB	Date of Ist. Apptt	Date of promotion as PMS	Place of Posting
1	Mrs. Masooda Akhter	15.08.1965	19.10.1989	17.08.2020	JLNM Hospital, Srinagar
2	Mrs. Neeta Devi	15.01.1975	31.10.2007	01.07.2022	JLNM Hospital, Srinagar

The concerned CMO's/Controlling Officers shall ensure that no Nursing Supervisors is left out who has been appointed by the competent authority through proper mechanism and in case any such employee is left out, the concerned CMO's/Controlling Officers shall furnish his/her complete biodata along with documentary evidence in order to include him/her at appropriate place/serial in the seniority list. The seniority list is also made available on www.dhskashmir.org of this Directorate.

DIPK-999/25
Date: May 01, 2025

Director Health Services,
Kashmir.

Workers honoured at Labour Day event at Samba

■ HT News Network

SAMBA, MAY 01: The International Labour Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and recognition at Kandhari Beverages, Samba at a collaborative event organized by the Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner and the leading beverage manufacturer. The celebration honoured the invaluable contribution of workers to the economic growth and development of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Samba Rajesh Sharma and Additional District Development Commissioner, Champa Thakur felicitated employees for their dedication and service. They emphasized the critical role that labourers play in society's advancement and prosperity.

"The workforce is the backbone of our economy and deserves recognition not just today, but every day," stated the DC. He reaffirmed the administration's unwavering commitment to safeguarding workers' welfare and rights while encouraging the labourers with words of appreciation.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREEERI
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Executive Magistrate
1st Class KREEERI

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohsin Nazir Bhat, have lost my wallet, which contains some important documents and cards. I traveled from Sanatnagar to Dangerpora. The wallet contains a SIM card with the number 9877186880, along with my Aadhaar card, PAN card, and ATM cards. If anyone finds it or has any information, please contact me. You will be considered fortunate for helping.

My contact number is: 6006277265

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Ghulam Qadir Bhat S/O Abdul Jabbar Bhat Father's of Iqbal Qadir Bhat R/o Kenyal Tehsil Tarathpora I have applied for DOB Certificate of my son's Namely Iqbal Qadir Bhat Dob 04/05/2016 in this record if anybody has any kind of objection He/she may contact concerned authority within 7 days no objection will be entertained after the date of expire.

IQBAL QADIR BHAT
S/O GHULAM QADIR BHAT
R/O KENYAL TEHSIL TARATHPORA DIST KUPWARA
DOB 04/05/2016

ازدفتر نائب تحصیلدار کھن پٹہ

عنوان درخواست منجانب افروزہ بیگم بیوہ محمد عباس ڈار ساکنہ کھن پٹہ پورہ نسبت اجرائی لیگل ہیر (وارث جائز) سرٹیفکٹ بحق وارثان متوفی اشتہار بمراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

ماملہ مندر پھلگام میں پڈمیل حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی۔ مطابق رپورٹ پڈمیل وڈ بیٹھ سرٹیفکٹ محمد عباس ڈار ولد محمد ابراہیم ڈار ساکنہ کھن پٹہ پورہ مور 24-10-31 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے۔ متوفی محمد عباس ڈار مرگور پڈمیل سے مزدوری کرتا تھا متوفی کے مندر پڈمیل وارثان جائز چھوڑ گئے

1. افروزہ بیگم بیوہ 40 سال کھن پٹہ کام

2. ... پڈمیل پسر 15 سال زید تعلیم

3. بیجا دین پسر 10 سال

4. ... زینب 09 سال

5. ... منتظر پسر 08 سال

6. ... سائل عباس پسر 06 سال

اس طور کمنڈر کل (06) افراد پڈمیل مطابق رپورٹ پڈمیل مندر وارثان جائز کے علاوہ اور کوئی وارثان جائز نہیں ہے۔ سرٹیفکٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو عمر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ دن کے اندر پیش کرے معاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول میں ہوگا

نائب تحصیلدار

PUBLIC NOTICE

MY PARENTAGE HAS BEEN WRONGLY MENTIONED IN J&K BANK ACCOUNT AS FATIMA D/O MOHD MUSSAIN R/O CHOSKORE KARGIL INSTEAD OF FATIMA D/O MOHD MUSSA R/O CHASKORE KARGIL. I WANT ITS CORRECTION, IF ANY BODY HAS ANY OBEJECTION MAY CONTACT J&K BANK LALCHOWK KARGIL WITHIN THE PERIOD OF 7 DAYS.

ازنیابت ماگام

مضمون: زید بن حسن زیر بن حسن محل حسن نوید حسن سمیرہ حسن اولاد ان غلام حسن نماز

سال موضع ماگام

اشتہار بمراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

معاملمندر پھلگام میں درخواست سال کے دفتر پڈمیل زیر کاروائی ہے اس سبب نسبت تحت اس میں آڈ 294 دی ہوئی ہے جو کہ دفتر پڈمیل میں زیر کاروائی ہے اور اجرائی مطلوب ہے کمنڈر کل پڈمیل میں ہے

1. غلام حسن نماز ولد مرحوم پچو کمار عمر 48 پیدمزدوری

2. شمیم بیگم زوید غلام حسن نماز عمر 45 پیدمزدوری

3. زید بن حسن پسر غلام حسن نماز عمر 23 پیدمزدوری

4. زید بن حسن پسر عمر 22 پیدمزدوری

5. مکمل حسن پسر عمر 18 پیدمزدوری

6. نوید حسن پسر عمر 17 پیدمزدوری

7. سمیرہ حسن دختر عمر 15 پیدمزدوری

اس کے علاوہ کمنڈر کل ماباد آمدنی ذرائع وغیرہ میں 120000 روپیہ تک ہیں سبب نسبت زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو عمر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ دن کے اندر پیش کرے معاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

نائب تحصیلدار ماگام

ازنیابت زچلڈارہ

مضمون: درخواست منجانب: شاہ زیب احمد میر و سائل احمد و شاہدہ احواد اولاد ان عبد الاحد میر ساکن کھن پٹہ پورہ

اشتہار بمراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

ہر خاص و عام کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ سال/سالہ سے ایک درخواست بمراد آگاہی اسے سبب نسبت دی ہوئی ہے جو کہ دفتر پڈمیل میں زیر کاروائی ہے سال/سالہ کا کمنڈر پڈمیل میں پڈمیل پندرہ سالوں سے مسلسل طور پر رہائش کرتا چلا آ رہا ہے جس کا سال کا کمنڈر پڈمیل منتقل ہے

1. عبد الاحد میر ولد احمد میر عمر 46 پیدمزدوری

2. انشہ بیگم زوید عبد الاحد میر عمر 43 پیدمزدوری

3. شاہ زیب احمد پسر عمر 26 پیدمزدوری

4. سائل احمد پسر عمر 24 پیدمزدوری

5. شاہدہ دختر عمر 21 پیدمزدوری

اس کے علاوہ کمنڈر کل اور کوئی فرد نہیں ہے کمنڈر کل ماباد آمدنی 6666 بھجائی گئی ہے لہذا اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو اس سبب نسبت اجراء کرنے میں کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ دن کے اندر پیش کرے معاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

نائب تحصیلدار زچلڈارہ

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص و عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ سکول کاڈ میں میری تاریخ پیدائش 12/08/2012 ہے جب کہ میری اصل تاریخ پیدائش 08/03/2012 مطابق احواد کاڈ ہے اب اس کی دیکھ کرانی مطلوب 03/12/2012 مطابق احواد کاڈ ہے کسی کو کوئی عذر ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ دن کے اندر پیش کرے معاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

المستہر

بازلہ طارق دختر طارق احمد گوجر گورسی ساکن ولہرہ ماہ تحصیل سر پھلگام

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Saliha Showkat	493	Arooj Qayoom	479	Zeeshan Sharief	429
Blint ul Islam	490	Toiba Javid	478	Abu Musab	428
Hadiya Javid	490	Zakia Bilal	477	Adeeba Bilal	427
Haniya Blint Zaid	490	Abdul Mugit	477	Wahid Bilal Mir	419
Atrosha Feroz	488	Syed Mohsin	475	Naveer Farooq	416
Ifra Ashraf	487	Wasiah Nissar	470	Hayan Bin Zaman	389
Asraf Mushtaq	487	Arooj Aslam	465	Syed Safwan	388
Aatiya Altar	487	Huzail Bin Muzaffar	464	Nida Gul	375
Mantasha Muneer	486	Tahira Jan	458	Imran Ahmad Sofi	367
Moomin Maqbool	485	Solihah Mehraj	457	Rehbar Rafiq Mir	350
Sani Ismail Wani	483	Shyhan Showkat	456	Mehvish Jan	333
Huda Farooq	483	Taliba Ajaz Mir	453	Mohammad Huzail	331
Toiba Reyaz	483	Inam ul Javid	452	Wasia Rafiq	331
Ammarah Riyaz	482	Seher Shafi Sheikh	441		

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Baramulla observes 'International Labour Day' DC inaugurates Medical and Grievance Redressal Camp

HT News Network

BARAMULLA, MAY 01: Labour Department Baramulla today organized a special programme to commemorate 'International Labour Day', recognizing the invaluable contributions of the working class and raising awareness about their rights and welfare. On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, inaugurated a medical and grievance redressal camp organized for labourers. The camp offered free medical check-ups and consultations,

along with a dedicated grievance redressal cell where labourers directly interacted with officials to seek resolution of their issues related to welfare benefits and labour rights. In his address, DC praised the hard work and resilience of the labour community, stating that they form the backbone of society. He informed that during the last financial year, the district administration disbursed approximately Rs.18 crore as financial assistance to registered labourers under various government welfare schemes, reflecting a strong commitment to their well-being. Highlighting the importance of



financial security for the working class, Minga Sherpa urged labourers

to come forward and avail benefits under the National Mission for Finan-

cial Inclusion, which aims to provide universal access to essential financial services. He specifically encouraged enrolment in two key insurance schemes—Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), which offers life insurance coverage at a nominal premium, and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), which provides accidental death and disability cover at a very low cost. He said these schemes are crucial in safeguarding the future of labourers and their families and called for greater awareness and participation at the grassroots level. Earlier, Assistant Labour Commis-

sioner Baramulla, Rahil Amin, highlighted the significance of the day. He also briefed the gathering about various welfare schemes being implemented by the Labour Department to ensure the socio-economic upliftment of the working class. Later, DC distributed certificates among workers as a token of appreciation for their service and to encourage continued engagement with various government initiatives. The event concluded with the distribution of informative materials and on-the-spot facilitation for registration under various welfare schemes.

District Industries Centre (DIC) Kulgam organizes Awareness programme under RAMP

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, MAY 01: District Industries Centre (DIC) Kulgam today organised an awareness cum outreach programme under RAMP (Raising and Accelerating of MSME Performance) at Govt High School, Behibagh. Officers from line departments viz. Lead District Manager Kulgam, Govt High School, Behibagh, besides representatives from KVIB, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Handicrafts/Handloom, CSC centres and Cooperatives Department, IPoS and other officials of DIC Kulgam were present in the programme. More than 100 beneficiaries from various departments, viz. Handicrafts/Handloom, NRLM, Cooperatives, PPO, Agriculture, and industrial unit holders of DIC Kulgam attended the pro-



gramme. In the inaugural address General Manager DIC Kulgam, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Lone sensitized the participants and other stakeholders about the

importance and vibrancy of Udyam Registration for taking their business and industrial establishments to new heights in collaboration with the Gov-

ernment and the flagship schemes run by it. He also sensitized the participants about prevailing drug menace and urged them to stay away from such activities and be focused to achieve their goals and upgrade their skills. The process flow and benefits under Udyam Registration was explained to the participants through a detailed powerpoint presentation. On the occasion, Principal Govt High School Behibagh, Representative from Lead Bank Manager, Kulgam also interacted with the participants regarding entrepreneurship and the benefits of registration. On the occasion, Principal Govt High School Behibagh, Representative from Lead Bank Manager, Kulgam also interacted with the participants regarding entrepreneurship.

09 Hooper Dumper Vehicles flagged-off for Village Sanitation in Shopian

Initiative aims to boost Rural Sanitation, Support Swachh Bharat Mission goals

Farooq Rather

SHOPIAN, MAY 01: In a significant step towards improving solid waste management and sanitation services in rural areas, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone, along with ACP, Manzoor Ahmad Mir, today flagged-off a fleet of nine Hooper Dumper vehicles for various blocks across the district. A total of nine vehicles have been procured for the nine blocks of District Shopian as part of an initiative to strengthen solid waste management infrastructure in line with the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).



These vehicles will aid in efficient collection and transportation of solid waste from rural households and communities, thereby ensuring cleaner and healthier surroundings. Speaking at the occasion, ADDC emphasized the importance of community participation in maintaining sanitation and the pivotal role of Panchayati Raj Institu-

tions in implementing decentralized waste management systems. ACP Shopian, Manzoor Ahmad Mir highlighted that these efforts are aimed at achieving sustainable sanitation outcomes in all villages of the district. Officials from RDD, BDOs, and panchayat representatives were also present during the flag-off ceremony.

IUST's ECE Department Hosts School Outreach Session Under UBA

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Awantipora, May 1: IUST's Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering organized a hands-on outreach session under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), reinforcing the university's commitment to rural engagement and STEM education. As part of the initiative, students from Government Boys High School, Padgampora visited the campus and participated in interactive demonstrations at the Electronics Laboratory. The sessions, conducted by Dr. Romana Yousuf, Dr. Shaiqa Nasreen, Dr. Asif Bashir, Dr. Issmat S. Masoodi, and Ms. Safeena Rasool, introduced basic electronics concepts through simple experiments. The program aimed to spark curiosity and foster early interest in STEM fields among school students, aligning with the university's broader outreach and UBA objectives. The visit was well-received by both students and teachers, who valued the opportunity for practical learning in a university environment.

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai declared as Proclaimed Offender in UAPA case in Budgam

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Budgam May 01: In a significant development, Police in Budgam has successfully secured the declaration of Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai as a proclaimed offender through the Hon'ble Special Judge, NIA Court, Budgam. Dr. Fai, a resident of Wadwan, Budgam, presently concealing himself in the United States of America, is involved in FIR No. 46 of 2020 registered at Police Station Budgam under Sections 10, 13, and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Despite the issuance of warrants, Dr. Fai persistently evaded arrest, obstructing the legal process and avoiding accountability under the law. In light of his continued non-cooperation and deliberate attempts to conceal himself to evade arrest, Budgam Police presented a plea before the Hon'ble Court. Acting on this plea, the court declared Dr. Fai a proclaimed offender on April 30, 2025. The court has directed Dr. Fai to surrender before the Jammu and Kashmir Police within 30 days from the date of proclamation. Police reaffirms its commitment to pursue criminal cases against individuals evading justice and arrest, whether within India or abroad, ensuring due legal process and judicial determination through proper trial. Police reaffirms its commitment to pursue criminal cases against individuals evading justice and arrest, whether within India or abroad, ensuring due legal process and judicial determination through proper trial.

DC Kupwara reviews thematic areas of skill development under ADP

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KUPWARA, MAY 01: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Wednesday convened a meeting of concerned officers at D. C. Office, here to discuss various thematic areas of Skill Development under Aspirational District Programme (ADP). On the occasion, Ayushi enjoined upon the officers to make joint efforts for transformative skill development initiatives that align with the needs of the unemployed youth of the district so that they can earn their livelihood and become self-reliant. DC directed all concerned departments to identify skill gaps across sectors such as agriculture, handicrafts, IT and others. She further called for collaborative efforts with industry partners and training institutes to design localized skill modules that cater to the aspirations of the local



population. Underlining the importance of youth engagement, DC urged for greater awareness campaigns to mobilize participation in ongoing and upcoming skilling programs. After threadbare discussion, various short-term and sector relevant skill courses were identified for implementation which include Basic Masonry, Digital Literacy & Basic Computer Application, Sozni Embroidery and Handicrafts, Electrician & Wiring,

Automobile Repair & Maintenance, Tourism, Retail sales & hospitality, food & beverage, retail sales associate and other related vocational courses. The meeting was attended by Principal GPC Kupwara, CEO, CMO, CAO, CHO, ALC, AD Handicraft/Handloom, Superintendents of ITIs, EOs of Municipalities, besides officers from JKEDI, DIC, NRLM, Social Welfare, NULM and other concerned were present in the meeting.

Deaf-Mute Student Sadiq Sarwar from Bandipora Secures Distinction in Class 12 Exams

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Srinagar, 01 May 2025: In a good example of resilience and determination, Sadiq Sarwar Rather, a deaf and mute student from Chat-tibandi village in North Kashmir's Bandipora district, has passed the Class 12 board examinations with distinction—scoring an outstanding 436 out of 500 marks. Sadiq's achievement is not just academic; it is a story of personal triumph over extraordinary challenges. Orphaned at a young age, he lost his father, Mohammad Sarwar Rather, in a tragic road accident in 2012. In addition to coping with the grief of this loss, Sadiq has undergone five major surgeries in his lifetime—all while dealing with the daily realities of being hearing and speech impaired. Despite these obstacles, Sadiq pursued education through visual learning, supported by the relentless dedication of his family and teachers. In a region where access to special education is extremely limited, his journey stands as a testament to what can be accomplished with perseverance and community support. His success has sparked pride and celebration in his hometown. "Sadiq's journey is nothing short of inspirational. It sends a strong message that with determination and the right support, no limitation is insurmountable," said a neighbor who has known him since childhood. Sadiq's story highlights the urgent need for inclusive education policies and better support systems for differently-abled students in Jammu and Kashmir.



KVK Bandipora-1 organizes Training & Seed Distribution programme under Tribal Sub Plan

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BANDIPORA, MAY 01: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Bandipora-1, in collaboration with the TSP-ICAR project 'Outreach of Technology & Distribution of Farming Tools for Economic Upliftment of Scheduled Tribe and Low-Income Farmers' and the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Seed (Crops), NSP, SKUAST-K Shalimar, successfully conducted a comprehensive training and seed distribution programme under the Tribal Sub Plan. The initiative was designed to empower tribal farmers by equipping them with modern agricultural knowledge and high-quality inputs to boost productivity and ensure sustainable livelihoods. The programme was presided over by Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, Director



Extension, SKUAST-K, who was the chief guest on the occasion besides Prof. Javed Ahmad Mugloo, Professor & Head, KVK

Pulwama and Principal Investigator of the TSP Project; Prof. K.M. Malik, Programme Coordinator, KVK Kupwara; Dr.

H.A. Malik Programme Coordinator KVK Gurez, Dr. Gowhar Ali and Dr. Aflaq Hamid, Senior Scientists, NSP, SKUAST-K Shalimar were also present. In her keynote address, Prof. Raihana highlighted SKUAST-Kashmir's continued efforts toward the upliftment of tribal farming communities. She emphasized the critical role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in promoting climate-resilient agriculture and improving livelihood security. "KVKs are playing a pivotal role in transforming the lives of tribal farmers by introducing innovative, sustainable practices and providing timely access to quality agricultural inputs," she added. Prof. Mugloo reiterated the project's commitment to agricultural development in tribal areas through training and the distribution of essential farming resources.





Labour Day was celebrated in Srinagar at Nawa-e-Subh Auditorium at Rajbagh

■ HT News Network

Srinagar, May 01: Today on Ist. Day of May 2025 Labour Day was celebrated in Srinagar. Number of Labour Union leaders participated in the function held in Nawa e Subh Auditorium at Rajbagh Srinagar. The speakers highlighted the importance of Labour Day. The Function was presided over by Mr. Ghulam Nabi Telbali the Convenor of Trade Union Wing of Kashmir.



IUST hosts Media Outreach Program

■ HT News Network

Awantipora, May 1: Under its University Outreach Program and as part of its MoU with DataLEADS, the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) today launched a Media Literacy Program aimed at aspiring entrepreneurs, with a special focus on women participants.

The initiative, conducted in collaboration with the Women Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, is part of IUST's Media Outreach Campaign. It seeks to equip emerging entrepreneurs with essential media skills to effectively utilize digital tools for business growth and promotion.

Key topics included identifying misinformation and disinformation, understanding deepfakes and manipulated content, enhancing fact-checking skills, and using advanced search strategies under Google's Super Searchers curriculum. This initiative reflects IUST's continued commitment to community-focused education, digital literacy, and women's empowerment through outreach.

DLSA Shopian conducts awareness program on Women's Rights

■ HT News Network

SHOPIAN, MAY 01: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian organized an impactful awareness program today at NRLM Shopian, focusing on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence, Property Rights, and Workplace Discrimination. The program was conducted under the directions of Chairman DLSA Shopian Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhury and aimed to educate and empower women about their legal rights and available remedies under Indian law.

The program featured legal experts as key speakers, including Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC), Rafie Ahmad Ganie; Deputy Chief LADC, Shah Nawaz Raina and Assistant LADC, Amir Ayoub. Speakers elaborated on critical issues such as Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA), 2005, Legal safeguards and remedies for survivors, Property Rights of Women ensuring equal inheritance and ownership rights, Workplace Discrimination and addressing gender bias and legal recourse under labor laws.

The session included interactive discussions, case studies and a Q&A segment where participants raised concerns and sought guidance on legal procedures.

Chief LADC emphasized that awareness is the first step towards justice.

DLSA Shopian is committed to ensuring that women know their rights and can access legal aid without hesitation.

The event was conducted in collaboration with the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) Shopian, reinforcing the importance of legal literacy in women's empowerment and social justice.

Distt Admin B'pora bids adieu to GM DIC Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat on superannuation

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BANDIPORA, MAY 01: Industries Department Bandipora today organized a farewell function to bid warm send-off to Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC) Bandipora, on the occasion of his superannuation. The farewell function at mini secretariat Bandipora was held to recognize decades of dedicated service and outstanding contributions of superannuating officer to the public sector, particularly in promoting industrial development in the district. The farewell function was attended by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, who lauded the retiring officer's role in strengthening the industrial ecosystem in the district besides highlighted his role in implementing government schemes. He termed Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat as an officer who always carried out his responsibilities with sincerity, vision, and integrity. Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Shabir Ahmad Wani, commended professionalism, people-centric approach of Mushtaq Ahmad in delivering public service. The officers also extended their best wishes for his post-retirement life. In his farewell address, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat expressed his gratitude to the District Administration, his colleagues, and the Industries Department staff for their cooperation and support throughout his service in District Bandipora.

Dy CM conducts public outreach camp at Chowkian, Kalsian Panchayats

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RAJOURI, MAY 01: As part of the government's ongoing commitment to grassroots governance and responsive administration, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today conducted a public outreach camp at Panchayat Chowkian and Panchayat Kalsian in Nowshera division.

The outreach programme aimed to foster direct communication with the people and resolve their issues promptly. During the interactive session, the locals raised several concerns including the need for macadamization of roads, staff shortage in government institutions, inadequate healthcare infrastructure, water scarcity and establishment of a Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Panchayat Chowkian.

Other highlighted issues included the need for additional border bunkers and Anganwadi centres, repair of dilapidated Government Middle School (GMS) Chowkian, low



voltage problem and upgradation of GMS Jhanghar and GMS Sarya.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured the public that their genuine issues would be addressed in a time bound manner. He directed the concerned departments to initiate prompt redressal measures.

While reviewing implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), the Dy CM expressed concern over the slow pace of work. He instructed the officers to expedite project completion so that the benefits reach the people at the earliest.

Regarding the electricity issues, he directed the Power Development Department to take necessary corrective steps to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

On the occasion, the Dy CM also distributed labour cards among the eligible beneficiaries, reaffirming the government's commitment to welfare and inclusivity. ADC Nowshera, PO ICDS, Executive Engineers PDD Rajouri, PWD (R&B) Rajouri, PMGSY Rajouri and REW, ACP, CAHO, ALC, AD FCS&CA were present in the camp.

Shantmanu releases Vandana Sharma's Book "Therapeutic Thoughts"

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, MAY 01: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Education, Shantmanu, today released the English translation of "Therapeutic Thoughts", a profound rendering of Vichar Oshdi originally penned by eminent writer Santosh Sangra. The translation has been skillfully accomplished by Professor Vandana Sharma and Dr. Shachi Sood.

The book release event was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), drawing a galaxy of writers, intellectuals and academicians from across the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Shantmanu remarked, "a



book deepens your roots and broadens your horizon." He appreciated the lucid and meaningful translation work, emphasizing that such books must find a place in every academic institution's library. He also recited a few poems of his own in Hindi. He appreciated the author and the translator for writing and translating a purposeful book.

In her welcome address, Harvinder Kaur, Secretary, JKAACL, noted that the content of the book is both dis-

tinct and inspirational. She highlighted its relevance for the younger generation, stating, "The book inspires us to live a balanced life." Professor Dilip Kumar, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, praised the translators for their sensitive rendition, stating, "They have translated the book into sense, not just into sentences."

Santosh Sangra, the original author, read the selected excerpts from Vichar Oshdi, reflecting on themes of

female empowerment and liberation.

Professor Vandana Sharma, Dean, School of Languages, Central University of Jammu, in her translator's address, described translation as a bridge between cultures. She added that her effort was not just to translate but to "transcreate," ensuring the spirit of the original resonates with today's readers, especially the youth.

Professor Gitanjali Rana, Principal, GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, presented a thoughtful review of the translated work. Among the audience, Dr. Avinder Amar, Former Additional Secretary, JKAACL, spoke on the pivotal role of women as the foundation of the family.

J&K Waqf chairperson hands over appointment letter to Pahalgam braveheart's brother

■ HT News Network

Anantnag, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board today handed over the appointment letter on compassionate grounds to Nazakat Shah, brother of Shaheed Syed Adil Hussain who lost his life in Pahalgam terror attack while saving the people from attackers. Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board has provided the job on compassionate grounds to the brother of the martyr and also presented the Bravery Award to the martyr Syed Adil Hussain. Dr Andrabi was accompanied by the BJP J&K President Sat Sharma, Gen-



eral Secretary Ashok Koul, Shri Vibodh Gupta, MLA Dr Maniyal & Sofi Yousuf. Speaking on the occasion Dr Darakhshan said that our fight against terrorism has to be supported and the Waqf Board took a decision to produce a job in the Board to the brother of the brave martyr

who held our head high during the massacre of the innocent tourists at Pahalgam. "Mere lip service doesn't work and hence, as a people's Board, we took a decision to honour the martyr and offer the job to the his brother so that the family gets a financial support", said.

Road Safety Committee meeting held at Kupwara DC directs strict enforcement of traffic regulations

■ HT News Network

KUPWARA, MAY 01: In order to review the implementation of road safety measures and traffic regulation in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today chaired the meeting of District Road Safety Committee (DRSC), here. Addressing the meeting, DC stressed that road safety is a major issue concerning the safety of lives of the people. She urged all the stakeholders to cooperate in making the roads safer by following traffic rules and regulations religiously. She emphasized the officers to intensify the enforcement of traffic regulations on the ground and tighten the noose on offenders to avert the possibility of road accidents in the district which result in losing precious lives. The SE R&B and BEACON were directed to ensure pothole



free roads by repairing and macadamizing all major roads of the district to ensure smooth movement of traffic and the people. They were also directed to ensure curve improvement on major roads of the district especially hilly roads to remove the black spots which are prone to accidents. The meeting was attended by SE R&B Kupwara, CMO, CEO, ARTO, Executive Engineers, besides, officers from Police, Traffic, and other concerned officers were also present during the meeting.

District level Committee reviews implementation of Road Safety measures in Kishtwar district

■ HT News Network

KISHTWAR, MAY 01: A meeting of the District Road Safety Committee was today convened here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan to review the status and progress of road safety measures across the district. The meeting featured presentations from various departments and committee members on the latest actions taken to improve road safety.

To strengthen vehicle monitoring and enforcement mechanisms, the DC directed the ARTO, DTI and Police authorities to jointly establish a 24x7 control room for real-time GPS-based vehicle tracking and surveillance.

Referring to rising concerns of road safety, the DC instructed the nodal agencies to intensify document verification, monitor



overspeeding and ensure strict adherence to traffic regulations. The importance of preventive measures and public awareness was highlighted as a critical component in reducing road mishaps.

The ARTO informed the meeting that the

MVD has seized 68 vehicles for overloading, fitness issues and other violations in the last 3 months. Similarly, 12 vehicle permits were suspended, 104 vehicles blacklisted and 22 driving licenses suspended during the period.

The DC directed ARTO to enhance coordination with stakeholders for joint enforcement drives, public sensitization campaigns and use of modern equipment like speed guns. He also stressed the need for periodic fitness and license checks, holding health check up camps for drivers, establishment of driver training institute, and prompt disbursement of compensation to families of road accident victims. Special emphasis was laid on sensitizing drivers about the dangers of drug abuse and educating the general public about traffic safety and overloading.

Further, the DC conducted a comprehensive review of accident-prone locations, directing officials to expedite the installation of crash barriers, convex mirrors, and corrective measures. He directed for erection of Crash Barriers by BRO & NHIDCL at an earliest.



Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025

DC reviews arrangements, progress of infrastructure projects

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KISHTWAR, MAY 01: To ensure seamless arrangements for the Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan chaired a comprehensive review meeting today to assess the progress of developmental works and logistics in the region. The DC took stock of ongoing infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing facilities for pilgrims. Key focus areas included the completion of Yatri Bhawan by the first week of June, renovation of sanitary complexes, development of the area surrounding the Bhawan, and ensuring uninterrupted power and water supply during the Yatra. Special emphasis was placed on boarding and lodging arrangements, security preparedness, road and bridge development from Gulabgarh to Machail, and strengthening telecom connectivity. Directions were issued to all concerned officers to expedite the work and maintain quality standards.



The DC also instructed the SDM Paddar to launch an awareness campaign for hotel and paying guest operators, encouraging them to maintain cleanliness and

offer modern amenities to visiting pilgrims. Anticipating a significant increase in footfall, the DC emphasized that over 10

lakh pilgrims are expected this year, a sharp rise from the 3 lakh pilgrims recorded last year. He emphasized the importance of publicity and coordinated planning in achieving this milestone and highlighted the launch of a comprehensive promotion strategy to boost awareness about the sacred Yatra. Earlier in the day, the DC directed the OG GREF to improve road conditions on the Kishtwar-Paddar stretch to facilitate smooth vehicular movement. Representatives from Sarv Shakti Sewak Sanstha were also present during the meeting and shared concerns related to the Yatra. The DC gave a patient hearing and assured them of full administrative support. The meeting was attended by ADC Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, POICDS Rishi Kumar Sharma, SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar, Tehsildar Paddar, members of Sarv Shakti Sewak Sanstha, Sanatan Dharma Sabha, Head Priest (Baba Ji) of Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir Sarkoot, contractors, and other key officials.

DC reviews progress of CAPEX Budget works in Poonch

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POONCH, MAY 01: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting today to evaluate the physical and financial progress of development works funded under the UT CAPEX Budget for the financial year 2024-25. The meeting was held in the conference hall of the DC Office Poonch.

During the session, a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation provided insights into both ongoing and completed projects across various sectors. The review included key areas such as Minor Irrigation, Roads and Buildings (R&B), RDD, Elementary and Secondary Education, Health, Urban Development and more. The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of expediting work across all departments and reviewed the requirements of all ongoing projects to ensure that they are completed on a priority basis before commencing any new works and directed executing agencies to prioritize the completion of ongoing projects. He also directed all concerned officers to upload completed projects for the financial year 2024-25 onto the e-Compendium portal with the good quality geo-tagged photographs. The meeting was attended by ACP, DSEO, CMO, CEO Education, Executive Engineers of PWD, JPDC, JSD, REW, I&FC, CEO Municipality, BDOs besides other concerned officers.

Chief Justice administers oath to newly appointed Judges

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JJAMMU, MAY 01: Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli, today administered the oath of office to the two newly appointed Judges; Justice Sanjay Parihar and Justice Shahzad Azeem as Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the Chief Justice's Court Room here. The oath ceremony was attended at Jammu by Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani while Justice Sanjeev



Kumar, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal participated virtually from Srinagar Wing of the High Court. The proceedings of the ceremony were conducted by M.K. Sharma, Registrar General (Officiating) of the High Court of

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh who read the contents of the notification received from the Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice, the Warrants of Appointment issued by the President of India and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant

Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorising the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the oath of office to the two newly appointed Judges.

The ceremony was also attended by the Former Chief Justices/Former Judges of the High Court, Secretary Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Deputy Solicitor General of India, Jammu as well as Srinagar, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu, Senior Advocates, President Bar Association, Jammu & Members of Bar, Officers from Civil and Police Administration and Officers & Officials of the Registry.

Labour Day celebrated in Ramban with awareness event on labour laws

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RAMBAN, MAY 01: Labour Department, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, today celebrated Labour Day at ALC office with a gathering of 70 participants, including labourers from the construction industry and service providers of SANJY. The event featured an awareness session on key labour laws and benefits. Speakers elaborated the Payment of Wages Act, Contract Labour Act, Building and Other Construction Workers (BOC) Act, health and safety measures, and guidance on working during heat waves. Labourers were also informed about BOC schemes and their benefits.

Assistants Labour Commissioner Amit Kumar emphasized the efforts of the labourers and workers in the society and assured that the department of Labour is always available for helping and ensuring the welfare of the workers in the district.

The department offered on-the-spot verification for new registrations and renewal of labour cards, streamlining administrative processes for attendees. Simultaneously



ously Service providers for SANJY 2025 were also registered on the designated portal. Later, a team of the Labour Department visited the restoration work site at Cafeteria Mohalloh, which was impacted by recent floods in the area. Labourers engaged in debris clearing were acknowledged for their efforts. These workers received refreshments and Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions to restoring the area. The ALC said that the Office always opens for any aggrieved workers and our 24x7 Helpline for workers is 9797354805. He also informs the Construction workers that application forms for Education assistants are now opened and they can apply through online mode.

Red Cross Day preparations reviewed at Doda

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DODA, MAY 01: A preparatory meeting for the upcoming World Red Cross Day celebrations scheduled on May 8, 2025, was held here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex today. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, who is also the President of the District Red Cross Society (DRCS). The meeting aimed to finalize the arrangements for the observance of Red Cross Day and to ensure coordinated efforts among different departments for the smooth conduct of the event. Key agendas discussed included the organization of blood donation and medical camps in coordination with the Health Department. It was informed that blood donors will be from security and paramilitary forces. Activities like symposiums, painting competitions, rallies, and cultural programs involving students and volunteers were also planned in collaboration with the education and youth departments. The Red Cross Day-2025 theme, "On the Side of Humanity," was emphasized for awareness among participants.

Logistical arrangements such as tents, chairs, PA systems, banners, and refreshments were delegated to respective departments. It was decided that Red Cross funds would be utilized to cover the cost of refreshments and materials such as certificates and stationery, following proper verification and submission of certified bills. Certificates would be awarded to students excelling in various competitions. The Deputy Commissioner urged all departments to work in coordination for the successful conduct of Red Cross Day, emphasizing its importance in public welfare. He also directed the concerned officers to initiate awareness and painting competitions in all government schools well before the event. In addition, the distribution of sports kits to the youth of sensitive areas was approved to encourage sports participation and discourage drug abuse. The rally route for the celebration was also finalized during the meeting.

Javed Dar extends greetings on International Labour Day

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JAMMU, MAY 1: Minister of Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development Department and PR, Javed Ahmed Dar, has extended warm greetings to the working class to mark International Labour Day.

Javed Dar acknowledged the invaluable contributions of workers towards nation building, emphasising the importance of ensuring their social security.

"I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes on International Labour Day to my working brothers and sisters who are the strongest pillars of nation building. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to welfare of the working class.

The Minister emphasized the importance of protecting workers' rights and improving their quality of life. He assured that the government would take all necessary measures to ensure the well being and safety of workers.

Highlighting the government's initiatives to support the workers, the Minister stressed the need to enhance working conditions, provide fair wages and promote social security. He also emphasized the importance of creating a conducive work environment that fosters productivity and job satisfaction.

Labour Department Kathua observes Int'l Labour Day with awareness programme, felicitation of workers

HT News Network

KATHUA, MAY 01: To mark the International Labour Day, the Labour Department Kathua today organised an awareness-cum-felicitation programme in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and the Health Department.

The event was aimed at acknowledging the contribution of the working class and spreading awareness regarding their rights and welfare.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Piyusha Khajuria presided over the programme and threw light on the historical significance and global relevance of Labour Day. She highlighted various initiatives being taken by the Labour Department for the welfare and empowerment of the workforce.

As part of the programme, workers from different industrial and service sectors were felicitated with Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their commendable services and dedication. The initiative was lauded by the attendees as a morale booster for the labour community.

On the occasion, a legal awareness sessions were also conducted by panel lawyers of DLSA wherein workers were sensitised about important labour laws and legal safeguards available to them. These sessions aimed at empowering the workforce through legal literacy.

In a step towards ensuring the well-being of the workers, a free medical camp was also organised at the venue by the Health Department in association with the Ayush Department. The camp provided basic health check-ups and consultations to the workers present.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from workers across various sectors and reaffirmed the Labour Department's commitment towards ensuring the welfare, safety, and empowerment of the labour force in the district.



Labour Day Celebrated in Jammu with 'Run for Health and Safety of Workers'; Industrial Outreach

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JAMMU, MAY 01: The Labour Department Jammu today organized a 'Run for Health and Safety of Workers' to mark International Labour Day (May Day). The run was flagged off at 6:00 AM by Labour Commissioner J&K, Charandeep Singh here from Shram Bhawan, Railway Road.

The run followed a designated route via War Memorial, Railway Station, opposite Ladakh House, J&K Bank Zonal Office link lane, Divisional Commissioner Office Jammu, and culminated at the Office of the Labour Commissioner J&K. The event aimed to promote awareness about

the importance of health, safety, and dignity of workers across sectors. A large number of participants, including officials of the Labour Department from Jammu District, employees of J&K Employees State Insurance Society (JKESIS), Provident Fund Organisation, labourers and individuals from various walks of life joined the run in solidarity with the labour class.

Notable officers who participated in the event included Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu Veenkashi Koul; Chief Accounts Officer, JKESIS Nimisha Anand; Assistant Labour Commissioner, Central Roopali Gandotra and Assistant Labour Commissioner Rupali Jasrotia, among other



functionaries and staff. The civil administration, J&K Police, Health Department, Municipal Corporation, Security personnel, and Traffic Police extended full cooperation, ensuring the run was conducted smoothly and successfully. The Labour Commissioner expressed gratitude to all departments for their unwavering support in making the

event a success. All participants were given certificates for their enthusiastic participation. In a special gesture, several labourers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their invaluable contribution to nation-building.

Adding to the spirit of the event, a 'Wall of Gratitude' was installed at Shram Bhawan, where participants penned down messages and signed in solidarity with the labour force, reaffirming their commitment to upholding the rights and welfare of workers.

Later in the day, a programme was also held at Industrial Estates, Gangyal, where Labour Day was celebrated

in the presence of various stakeholders. The Association of Industries, Gangyal, actively participated in the event, with its President Varinder Jain and his team joining the celebrations. The focus remained on worker welfare, safety awareness, and collaborative efforts for improving industrial labour conditions. Officers of the Labour Department and representatives from industrial units engaged with workers, highlighting ongoing government schemes and initiatives for their benefit.

This meaningful initiative reinforced the message that the health, safety, and dignity of workers must remain a shared priority for all stakeholders in society.



PM Modi heralds 'Orange Economy' in India, with focus on content, creativity and culture

AGENCIES

MUMBAI, MAY 1 (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday heralded the dawn of the "Orange Economy" in India, emphasising the transformative power of content, creativity, and culture as its three pillars that will bring an economical boom in the country.

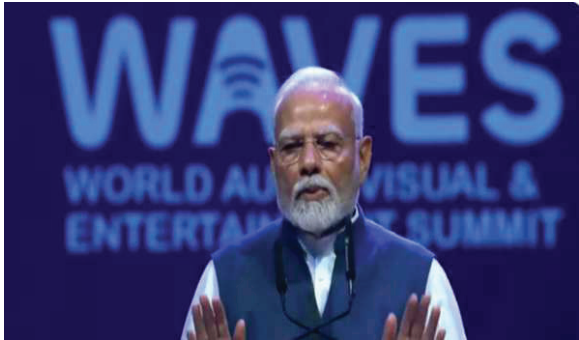
Inaugurating the WAVES 2025, India's first-of-its-kind World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit at the Jio World Centre here, the Prime Minister said that Indian content creators can showcase the country's capabilities in various economic and technological sectors and celebrities from the Indian film industry can play a pivotal role in this sphere.

Highlighting a significant cultural shift, Modi pointed to the growing international trend of viewers watching Indian films with subtitles – a signal, he said, which signifies deeper engagement with Indian narratives.

Modi also highlighted the explosive growth of India's OTT industry, which he said has grown tenfold in recent years. "While screen sizes may be shrinking, but the scope of content is infinite, with micro screens delivering mega messages," he said, underlining the digital revolution's impact on storytelling.

Stating that as Indian cuisine was becoming a global favourite, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that "Indian music will soon gain similar worldwide recognition".

Emphasising the immense potential of India's creative economy,



Modi said, "In the coming years, its contribution to the country's GDP is set to increase significantly. India is emerging as a global hub for film production, digital content, gaming, fashion, and music".

He noted the promising growth opportunities in the live concert industry and the vast potential in the global animation market, which currently stands at over USD 430 billion and is projected to double in the next decade. Adding that, this presents a significant opportunity for India's animation and graphics industry, he urged stakeholders to leverage this expansion for greater international reach.

Calling upon India's young creators to drive the nation's Orange Economy forward, Modi acknowledged their passion and hard work that were shaping a new wave of creativity. He said that whether they were musicians from Guwahati, podcasters from Kochi, game designers in Bengaluru, or filmmakers in Punjab, their contributions are fueling India's growing creative sector.

The Prime Minister said that WAVES is not just an acronym, it is a wave of culture, creativity and universal connectivity.

"India with a billion plus population is also a land

of billion plus stories and over a billion story tellers, every street, every river, every mountain in India carries a tale. Across more than six lakh villages, each one holds a new story, a fresh perspective truly India has much more to offer," the Prime Minister said.

Highlighting the vastness of India's cultural wealth, Modi said, "In India, even music is a form of spiritual practice. Every note tells a story, every rhythm has a soul. Be it a devotional Bhajan or a modern composition, the sound of India carries a touch of the divine".

He asserted that the government stands firmly behind creative professionals, supporting them through initiatives like Skill India, Startup Support, policies for the AVGC Industry, and global platforms like WAVES.

He asserted that every effort is being made to build an environment where innovation and imagination are valued, fostering new dreams and empowering individuals to bring those dreams to life.

Modi expressed his unwavering confidence in India's content creators, highlighting that their free-flowing creativity is redefining the global creative landscape. He emphasised that the youthful spirit of

India's creators knows no barriers, boundaries, or hesitation, allowing innovation to thrive.

He remarked that through his personal interactions with young creators, gamers, and digital artists, he has witnessed firsthand the energy and talent emerging from India's creative ecosystem. He acknowledged that India's massive young population is driving new creative dimensions, from reels, podcasts, and games to animation, stand-up, and AR-VR formats.

The Prime Minister asserted that WAVES is a platform designed specifically for this generation—one that enables young minds to reimagine and redefine the creative revolution with their energy and efficiency.

Modi emphasised that WAVES will serve as a major platform where "creativity meets coding, software blends with storytelling, and art merges with augmented reality". He also urged young creators to make the most of this opportunity, dream big, and dedicate their efforts to realising their visions.

Modi praised the resounding success of the first edition of the WAVES Summit, stating that from its very first moment, the event has captured global attention and is "roaring with purpose."

The Prime Minister also extended greetings on the occasion of Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Statehood day.

Participants from 90 countries with more than 10,000 delegates, 1000 creators and over 300 companies are participating in this summit.

Indo-Pak tensions: US urges de-escalation, asks Islamabad to cooperate in Pahalgam probe

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI, MAY 1 (UNI)

Amid growing war hysteria between India and Pakistan, the US has urged both the nations to de-escalate the tensions while specifically asking Islamabad to cooperate in the probe into the "unconscionable attack" in Pahalgam even as New Delhi insisted that those responsible for the carnage "must be brought to justice".

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio made telephonic calls to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif within a span of few hours last night amidst speculation that the two countries could be headed for a war over the terror attack in which 26 tourists were killed on April 22.

In his conversation with Jaishankar, Rubio "expressed his sorrow for the lives lost in the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam, and reaffirmed the United States' commitment to cooperation



with India against terrorism", said the US State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce.

"He also encouraged India to work with Pakistan to de-escalate tensions and maintain peace and security in South Asia," Bruce added.

Jaishankar, in his post on X handle, said: "Discussed the Pahalgam terrorist attack with US @SecRubio yesterday. Its perpetrators, backers and planners must be brought to justice."

Rubio, during his telephonic call with the Pakistan Prime Minister, "spoke of the need to condemn the terror attack on April 22 in Pahalgam," according to Bruce.

The State Department spokesman said both leaders "reaffirmed their continued commitment to holding terrorists accountable for their heinous acts of violence."

"The Secretary urged Pakistani officials' cooperation in investigating this unconscionable attack."

This assumes significance since India has said the Pahalgam terror attack has linkages across the border, which Pakistan has been denying.

"He (Rubio) also encouraged Pakistan to work with India to de-escalate tensions, re-establish direct communications, and maintain peace and security in South Asia," the State Department spokes-

man said.

The Pahalgam terror attack has evoked a massive outrage in India, with calls for 'justice' and 'revenge'.

Sensitive about the public mood, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised that the perpetrators of the attack, their handlers and backers will be punished beyond anybody's "imagination".

It remains to be seen as to how the "punishment" promised by Prime Minister Modi would be meted out but speculation is rife that there could be some major military action.

In non-military action, India has already suspended the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), shut down airspace for Pakistani airlines, closed the Wagah-Attari border transition point and massively downsized diplomatic ties with Pakistan.

Pakistan has also reciprocated with certain similar decisions, like suspending the 1972 Simla Agreement and scaling down the diplomatic staff in Delhi.

SC dismisses PIL seeking judicial probe into Pahalgam terror attack

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAY 1 (UNI)

The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking a judicial inquiry into the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, and the appointment of a retired Supreme Court judge to head the investigation.

A Bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh strongly criticised the nature of the reliefs sought, particularly the plea for appointing a retired apex court judge as an investigator.

"Since when have retired Supreme Court judges become experts in investigation?" Justice Surya Kant remarked sharply, questioning the role expected of the judiciary in such matters.

"Tell us, since when have we acquired this expertise in investigation? We only decide disputes," he added.

The Bench further observed that the petitioner had already publicised the issues raised in the PIL and questioned the need for court directions.

"You have already



filed it, you have already brought into the public domain what you are asking before us... We are not taking on those people," Justice Kant noted.

While the petitioner also raised concerns over the safety of students studying outside the Union Territory, the Court declined to entertain those concerns in the present matter. "We will not mention anything. Please go wherever you want to go. That's the only advice. Don't ask us to pass an order," the Bench stated firmly.

When the petitioner requested the appointment of an amicus curiae, the Court responded curtly, "Why should we appoint an amicus?" Expressing disapproval of

the sweeping directions sought, the Bench pointed to the impracticality of many prayers in the petition.

"Please see what the prayer you are asking for... Firstly, you are asking a retired Supreme Court judge to investigate... The Supreme Court judge can't investigate. They can only decide disputes," Justice Kant said.

He further criticised the manner in which the case was argued: "You force us to read all these things in the night and then you forget what is the prayer you have made. This is not the time."

Stressing national unity in the face of terrorism, Justice Kant remarked, "This is the crucial hour where each and every

citizen of this country has joined hands to fight terrorism. Don't make any prayer which can demoralise our forces. It is not acceptable to us."

Justice Kotiswar Singh suggested that the petitioner could raise the issue of student safety before the relevant High Court. "As far as students are concerned, you can always go to the concerned High Court," he said.

Justice Kant added, "You are harassing... You know the time. Look at the sensitivity of the issue."

The petitioner eventually sought to withdraw the PIL.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta briefly intervened, advising that the issue not be taken to the High Court.

However, the Court clarified that only the prayer concerning student safety could be pursued further. "This prayer does not go to the High Court... This is for the students. Only students," the Court clarified.

Accordingly, the PIL was dismissed as withdrawn, with liberty to approach the appropriate High Court on matters related to student safety.

Dhankhar releases book on UP Governor

AGENCIES

LUCKNOW, MAY 1 (UNI)

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday released a book 'Chunautiyan Mujhe Pasand Hai' (I like challenges), chronicling the journey of Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion in the event held at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University in Lucknow, highlighting Governor Patel's remarkable journey from humble beginnings to the highest echelons of public life, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "This book is



like a guiding scripture for the new generation."

He said that Anandiben Patel's journey from a small village in Gujarat to the governorship of India's largest state was marked by challenges. He said 'Chunautiyan Mujhe

Pasand Hai' illustrates how a woman, through determination and resilience, can rise above social barriers, limited resources and adversity to become a source of inspiration for society.

Yogi said the book is

more than a biography, it's a reflection on life's journey, capturing the triumph of perseverance over hardship. Praising authors Vinay Joshi, Ashok Desai and Pankaj Jani, he compared the 14 chapters of the biography to 'the 14 gems that emerged from the churning of the ocean'.

He said, "We often see only the peak of success but forget how much struggle went into building that foundation. Governor Patel's life is proof that anyone who faces difficulties with courage and resolve can become a role model and inspire others."

Islamic parties in Bangladesh collectively call for abolishment of Women's Affairs Reform Commission

AGENCIES

DHAKA, MAY 1 (UNI)

Showcasing the rampant rise in Islamic fundamentalism across Bangladesh, a coalition of the country's Islamic parties has demanded the abolition of the Women's Affairs Reform Commission, sparking fresh concerns over women's rights in the country.

The coalition – united under the banner 'Jatiya Olama Mashayekh Aemma', has also rejected the recommendations of the Commission and called for a new commission comprising "pious, educated, and

socially conscious women who truly represent the country's female population", Business Standard BD reported.

The call was made by religious radicals at a national seminar titled 'Islamophobia of the Women Reform Commission and our Responsibilities', held on Wednesday at the Institution of Diploma Engineers in Dhaka. The event was organised by the 'Ulama Mashayekh Aimmah Parishad.'

The speakers said that many of the commission's recommendations are inspired by Western ideolo-

gies and contradict Bangladesh's social realities, culture, values, and the true needs and struggles of the country's women.

Shafiqur Rahman, leader of the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, said: "We reject this commission outright as it stands against the values and laws of Allah, and the thoughts and beliefs of the nation. Rejecting the commission means rejecting its report as well."

"We don't want a movement, but if forced, we won't hesitate to take to the streets," he warned.

Criticising what he called contradictions in the com-



mission's approach, he said, "On one hand, they talk about equal rights, and on the other, they push for women's quotas everywhere. If rights are equal, why the need for quotas? Let women earn positions based on merit, not reservation."

Mamnunul Haque, secretary general of Khelafat Majlish, said: "Islam grants women fair rights - not equal rights, but just rights. Equal rights would push women into competition with men in a way that disadvantages them," Dhaka Tribune reported.

He added: "We make a

clear appeal: grant women their just rights. Do not push them into prostitution or turn mothers into a symbol of disgrace. This is a destructive agenda aimed at ruining society and destroying Bangladesh. This must stop."

At the event, speakers claimed that instead of addressing the issues of women who fall into prostitution due to trafficking, sexual abuse, and poverty, the commission has attempted to legally recognise prostitution as a profession, thereby legitimising a "cursed life for women".

Centre extends financial aid to indigenous indoor air purification solution

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI

In a significant step toward advancing indigenous clean air technologies, the government on Thursday extending financial support to Gurugram-based Urban Air Labs for their unique project in this field.

The financial assistance by Technology Development Board (TDB), under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), is given to the company for their project, titled “Development & Commercialization of a Made in India Efficient Wall-Mounted Air-Purification System for Indoor Premises.”

This intervention marks a commitment to improve the Air Quality Index (AQI) indoors through innovative, plant-based purification systems that remove both particulate and gaseous contaminants.

TDB’s financial assistance to this promising startup underscores its



confidence in the project’s potential to deliver sustainable, science-backed air purification solutions.

The support aims to promote innovation in climate-responsive technologies while strengthening India’s self-reliance under the ‘Make in India’ and ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ missions, said Ministry of Science and Technology.

The core technology harnessed in this product blends natural plant-based filtration with advanced engineering. Based on

the ‘Urban Munnar Effect’ and a patented innovation called ‘Breathing Roots’, the system enhances the natural air-purifying capacity of leafy indoor plants.

Air from the room is pulled toward the plant leaves, then directed into the soil-root zone, where the purification process intensifies. The device features a centrifugal fan that creates suction pressure, allowing the purified air—processed through the roots—to be released

in 360 degrees across the indoor space.

Fitted within a specially designed planter box, the ‘uBreathe Life’ system stands out as a compact, aesthetic, and effective wall-mounted solution tailored for homes, offices, hospitals, and other indoor environments.

It directly addresses the growing public health concern over poor indoor air quality and represents a game-changing innovation in the field of sustainable air purification.

“TDB’s support to Urban Air Labs reflects our mission to back indigenous solutions that address pressing environmental challenges. The fusion of biotechnology and engineering in this project offers a scalable, sustainable way to enhance indoor air quality, aligned with the nation’s clean technology goals,” said Rajesh Kumar Pathak, Secretary, TDB.

Love eating chicken? Study links regular consumption with gastrointestinal cancers

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI

While eating chicken, known to be lean meat, has long been considered healthier than red meat, a new study shows that regularly eating poultry may lead to early death due to gastrointestinal or digestive system cancers.

The study, led by researchers at the National Institute of Gastroenterology, in Italy, is based on an analysis of health-related data for 4,869 adults living in Italy over 20-years.

The findings showed that the risk of digestive system cancers including oesophageal, stomach, colon, pancreatic, and liver, is higher for men than for women.

Poultry meat (mainly chicken) is currently among the most widely consumed meats worldwide. It is reasonably affordable and accessible, explaining the high global consumption rates.



Prior research has suggested chicken as a protein source as it poses less risk of contributing to cardiovascular disease and some gastrointestinal cancers.

The new study, published in the journal *Nutrients*, showed that people who ate more than 300 grams of poultry per week are likely to experience a higher incidence of gastrointestinal cancer development and also early

deaths. Moreover, the risk of death after consuming over 300 grams of poultry per week was 27 per cent higher compared to people who ate just 100 grams of poultry per week or less.

“In our opinion, it is important to learn more about the long-term effects of this food category, white meat, that is widely consumed by the world

population who, perhaps mistakenly, consider it healthy in absolute terms,” said the researchers.

“We believe it is beneficial to moderate poultry consumption, alternating it with other equally valuable protein sources, such as fish. We also believe it is essential to focus more on cooking methods, avoiding high temperatures and prolonged cooking times,” they added.

Common diabetes drug may help manage knee arthritis, obesity

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI

A common diabetes drug can help reduce pain in people with knee osteoarthritis (OA) and obesity, as well as delay the need for knee replacements, revealed a study on Friday.

Researchers from Monash University in Australia showed that metformin -- commonly prescribed to treat type 2 diabetes -- can reduce knee arthritis pain in people without diabetes.

“Metformin is a potentially new and affordable way to improve knee pain in those with knee OA and overweight or obesity,” said lead researcher Professor Flavia Cicuttini, who heads Musculoskeletal Unit at the varsity.

The six months-long randomised clinical trial, performed entirely as a community-based study using telehealth, involved 107 participants with pain from knee osteoarthritis



(73 women and 34 men), with a mean age of 60. The participants took up to 2,000 mg of metformin daily for six months. Others took the placebo. None had diabetes.

Knee pain was measured on a 0-100 scale, with 100 being the worst.

In the results, published in *JAMA*, the metformin group reported a 31.3 point reduction in pain after six months, compared to 18.9 for the placebo group. This was considered a moderate effect on pain.

Knee OA treatments include lifestyle approach-

es such as exercise and weight loss, which patients often find difficult, and medications such as paracetamol, topical anti-inflammatory creams, and oral anti-inflammatory medications which have small benefits and may be unsuitable for some patients for safety reasons.

Professor Cicuttini said effective treatments that improved knee pain in osteoarthritis were limited. She said this led some patients and their doctors to seek alternative treatments including surgery.

This resulted in major problems managing knee

OA, including an increase in the rate of knee replacements performed for earlier stages of OA.

Professor Cicuttini said metformin now provided GPs an alternative they could offer patients in addition to managing weight and increasing activity.

“Metformin works in a number of ways on the knee, including affecting low-grade inflammation and other metabolic pathways that are important in knee OA,” she said.

Stating that Metformin is “low-cost and safe medication,” the expert noted it “has the potential to delay people having knee replacements before they are absolutely needed. If people on metformin have less knee pain and are able to do more physical activity, then knee replacements can wait.”

However, the researchers also called for a larger clinical trial as the study had a small sample size.

15 Refreshing Breakfast Ideas for Summer Mornings

Summer has arrived, and it's time to turn your breakfast around! Say goodbye to greasy, heavy breakfasts and hello to something light, cool, and full of energy. Don't worry, we've got you covered with these 15 tasty breakfast recipes that are just right for the summer season.

Smoothie Bowls: A Refreshing Treat

Mix your favorite fruits with yogurt and top with seeds, nuts, and granola for a healthy and satisfying breakfast. Ideal for warm summer mornings, smoothie bowls are refreshing, full of vitamins and minerals, and just yummy.

Overnight Oats: A Convenient Breakfast

Combine rolled oats with milk, fruits, nuts, and a splash of honey, and refrigerate overnight. In the morning, you'll have a cold, creamy, and filling breakfast waiting for you.

Chia Seed Pudding: A



Healthy Treat

Blend chia seeds with milk and leave them overnight for a creamy, nutritious breakfast. Rich in omega-3 fatty acids, fiber, and antioxidants, chia seed pudding is the best way to begin your day.

Muesli: A Crunchy Treat

Roll oats, dried fruits, seeds, and nuts unite in this healthy breakfast that is rich in fiber and aids digestion. Eat it crunchy or leave it overnight for a softer texture.

Idli Sambar: The South Indian Staple

Light, airy idlis with a side of fiery, zesty sambar - what's there not to like? This tasty twosome is a

carb, protein, and fiber powerhouse, satisfying you for hours.

Poha: The Quick and Convenient Treat

Flattened rice, peanuts, and spices unite in this tasty dish that's easy to prepare and easy on the stomach. Throw in some veggies like peas, carrots, and onions for a bit of crunch and a nutritional boost.

Vegetable Sandwich: Fresh and Easy Option

Stuff whole grain bread with cucumber, tomato, lettuce, and a light spread such as hummus or hung curd for a crunchy, hydrating breakfast on a warm summer morning.

Upma: A Savory Favorite

Semolina, mixed veggies, mustard seeds, and curry leaves come together in this filling dish that's easy to make and rich in iron. Upma keeps your blood sugar steady and provides a steady stream of energy without the heaviness of fried foods.

Besan Cheela: A Savory Pancake

Prepared with chickpea flour, these healthy pancakes are a great option for a post-workout meal or a lazy summer breakfast. Mix with some vegetables such as spinach, tomatoes, or onions to enhance the flavor and nutrition.

Dahi Chura: A Cooling Classic

This ubiquitous eastern Indian breakfast blends yogurt and flattened rice for a light and refreshing meal. Yogurt contributes probiotics to help support gut health, and the poha offers a good dose of carbs.

ISRO, SCTIMST sign MoU to collaborate on Space Medicine

AGENCIES
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space (DoS), and Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), have signed a Framework Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Space Medicine.

This partnership marks a significant milestone in advancing the field of space medicine and its applications in India.

ISRO’s human space-flight programme, Gaganyaan, is a national endeavour that opens up unique opportunities for collaboration with academic institutions, national agencies, and industries in areas such as human health research, microgravity studies, space biology, and space medicine.



The MoU is expected to catalyse cooperation in this niche area and support innovations in several critical domains, including human physiological and behavioural studies, biomedical support systems, radiation biology, countermeasures for maintaining health and performance in space, telemedicine protocols, and the development of crew medical kits for space missions.

The programme will also create opportunities for cutting-edge research and experiments in space medicine, with potential benefits extending beyond space missions to health-

care on Earth.

Dr V. Narayanan, Chairman, ISRO, Secretary, DoS and Chairman, Space Commission, said the Gaganyaan mission aims to build national capacity in human research under space conditions. He emphasised the importance of maintaining astronaut health and performance in the extreme environment of outer space for the success of long-duration missions.

He noted that a national platform like the Bharatiya Antariksh Station would further enable advanced human research and technology development

aligned with India’s priorities.

Dr Kris Gopalakrishnan expressed hope that the initiative would foster strong collaboration between academia and industry in the development of innovative medical devices.

Dr Sunil Kumar, Additional Secretary and Head, AI Division, DST, said that research in space medicine will enhance understanding of human physiology and adaptation, and lead to the development of new medical technologies and diagnostic procedures.

Dr Sanjay Behari, Director, SCTIMST, thanked the ISRO leadership and said the institute looks forward to a productive partnership. He noted plans for setting up clean rooms and microgravity labs, joint development of biomedical devices, and translating space-grade technologies for terrestrial healthcare.

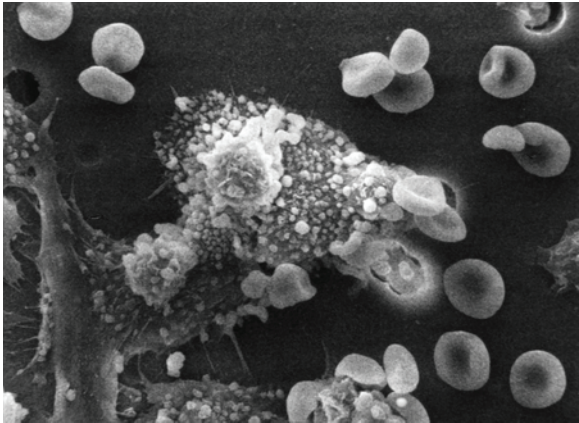
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NEW DELHI

US researchers have uncovered the role of *Plasmodium falciparum* -- a parasitic protozoan that causes malaria -- in the development of Burkitt lymphoma (BL), the most common childhood cancer.

BL is a cancer that affects B cells -- an important cell of the immune system that produces antibodies. It has been associated with *P. falciparum* malaria since 1958, but the underlying mechanism of how this leads to cancer has remained a mystery.

While BL is a rare cancer globally, (found more in equatorial Africa and New Guinea) its prevalence is 10 times higher in areas with a consistent presence of *P. falciparum* malaria.

Five different species of *Plasmodium* can cause malaria in humans, but only *P. falciparum* is asso-



ciated with BL.

“Knowing that malaria has a direct role in increasing childhood cancer risk means that measures to reduce the burden of *P. falciparum* malaria could also reduce the incidence of Burkitt lymphoma,” said Dr. Rosemary Rochford, Professor of Immunology and Microbiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine.

The study, published in *The Journal of Immunology*, found significant

elevated expression of an enzyme called AID (activation-induced cytidine deaminase) in B cells during *P. falciparum* malarial infection in children.

Further, they found that a hallmark of BL is the translocation of a gene called MYC -- a genetic mutation where DNA breaks off one chromosome and attaches to another.

The enzyme AID is essential for MYC translocation, which is why

its presence in malaria patients indicates *P. falciparum* malaria’s role in BL, said the team.

For the study, they assessed blood from children with uncomplicated malaria for AID levels and compared them to children without malaria.

Uncomplicated malaria is when a patient’s symptoms are non-specific, including fever, chills, sweating, headache, nausea, and/or vomiting, without signs of severe organ dysfunction.

AID was significantly elevated in B cells of children with uncomplicated malaria and found to be fully functional. The functionality of the excess AID also supports the role of *P. falciparum* in causing BL.

“This study adds to the body of literature pointing to a critical role of the enzyme, AID, in the aetiology of Burkitt lymphoma and potentially in other non-Hodgkin’s lymphomas,” Rochford said.



One of the weirdest matches I've ever played: Iga Swiatek

AGENCIES

MADRID, MAY 1 (UNI)

Defending champion Iga Swiatek recovered from losing the first set without winning a game to beat Madison Keys 0-6 6-3 6-2 in their Madrid Open quarter-final match.

American Keys, who won the Australian Open for her first Grand Slam victory earlier this year, took the first set in 24 minutes before four-time French Open champion Swiatek recovered to secure a semi-final spot on Wednesday.

"Honestly, it was one of the weirdest matches I've ever played," said Poland's Swiatek.

Jannik Sinner considered quitting during doping case

AGENCIES

ROME, MAY 1 (UNI)

World number one Jannik Sinner considered walking away from tennis during his doping case, stating he "didn't feel comfortable" as players looked at him "differently" during the Australian Open.

The 23-year-old Italian returned two positive tests for banned substance clostebol in March 2024 and accepted a three-month ban from the World Anti-Doping Agency in February, just weeks after successfully defending his crown in Melbourne.

Rei Tachikawa strike takes Jamshedpur FC into maiden Kalinga Super Cup final

AGENCIES

BHUBANESWAR, MAY 1 (UNI)

Jamshedpur FC made it to the final of the Kalinga Super Cup for the first time, after defeating Mumbai City FC 1-0 at the Kalinga Stadium here.

Japanese midfielder Rei Tachikawa scored the all-important goal in the 87th minute to win it for the Red Miners on Wednesday night.

Jamshedpur FC will take on FC Goa at 7.30 PM IST at the Kalinga Stadium here in the final on Saturday.

Jamshedpur had more say in attacks from the beginning and breached the rival defence twice early in the match. While the Mumbai averted danger at the expense of a corner at the start, goalkeeper Rehenesh Thumbi-rumbu was quick to thwart the set-piece a couple of minutes later.

SRH walk into do-or-die battle against GT

AGENCIES

AHMEDABAD, MAY 1 (UNI)

Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) will walk into a do-or-die battle when they face Gujarat Titans (GT) in the 51st match of IPL 2025 at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Friday, with their playoff hopes hanging by a thread.

SRH have endured an inconsistent campaign so far, winning only three of their nine matches. Ninth on the points table, the Hyderabad-based franchise must win all their remaining fixtures to stay in contention for a playoff berth. A loss against Gujarat could virtually seal their exit from the tournament.

In stark contrast, Gujarat have enjoyed a strong season, notching up six victories in nine games to sit comfortably in third place. Led by Shubman Gill, GT have displayed allround consistency and are coming into this clash with the confidence of having beaten SRH by seven wickets earlier in the season at Uppal. Gujarat have, in fact, won each of their last four encounters against Hyderabad.

SRH's season has seen bright sparks from Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head at the top, but



the lack of consistency in the middle order has cost them dearly. Heinrich Klaasen, Ishan Kishan and Nitish Kumar Reddy have failed to string together substantial scores, although signs of a late revival were evident in the recent match against Chennai Super Kings. All-rounder Aniket Verma has emerged as a key finisher, striking at 161.

Harshal Patel has been SRH's standout performer with the ball, claiming four wickets for 28 runs in the last game, and now stands as their leading wicket-taker. However, Pat Cummins and Mohammed Shami have struggled to make regular breakthroughs, exposing SRH's bowling fragility.

Gujarat, meanwhile, have built their success on a strong top order and a potent bowling lineup.

Sai Sudharsan (456 runs at 50.66) and captain Gill (389 runs at 156.22) have led from the front, with Jos Buttler providing explosive starts. In the middle overs, Gujarat have been anchored by Sherfane Rutherford and Rahul Tewatia, who continue to deliver under pressure.

On the bowling front, the pace duo of Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna has been highly effective, having taken a combined 29 wickets. Left-arm spinner Sai Kishore has kept things tight with 12 scalps and an economy of 8.53, while Rashid Khan has gradually rediscovered his rhythm, picking 1/25 and 2/24 in his last two outings.

The match will be played under clear skies with temperatures expected to hover in the

high 30s. The pitch at the Narendra Modi Stadium is expected to favour batsmen early on, with some assistance for pacers and slower bowlers later in the innings. Three of the four matches played here this season have been won by teams batting first. The average first innings score at this venue in IPL 2025 is 173, with Punjab Kings holding the season's highest total of 243/5 against GT.

Both sides are likely to opt to bat first, keeping recent trends in mind.

With Gujarat unbeaten against Hyderabad in their last four meetings, and SRH under mounting pressure, the hosts will start firm favourites. However, SRH's explosive top order and improved death bowling suggest they may still have a twist or two left in their season.

We've said naive things, but we do care : Wood

AGENCIES

LONDON, MAY 1 (UNI)

Pace bowler Mark Wood is irritated by an external "golf, golf, golf" narrative around the England team, but admits they do not help themselves by saying "dumb" things in the media.

A number of England's players have made no secret of their love of golf, leading to accusations they do not train enough, particularly from former captain Kevin Pietersen during the white-ball tour of India earlier this year.

The perception has not been helped by comments made to the press by some members of the squad, leading to managing director Rob Key saying in March they need to "stop talking rubbish", the BBC reported.

Speaking on the Sky Sports Cricket Podcast, Wood said: "Sometimes we've been so, how can I say this? Naive, a bit dumb in the things we say in the press.

"We'll say things in the dressing room and that is in the dressing room. It should stay there. Then we come out in the press and we'll say an off-the-cuff one-liner that maybe a group of lads have been talking about, then it's in the press, then it looks like we're Billy Big Boots, above our station. I don't



particularly like that. We've got to be respectful."

Wood, 35, did not give specific examples and said: "I'm not kicking off at the other players."

Pietersen's comments on training came during a tour of India when England lost a T20 series 4-1 and the one-day internationals 3-0 and, speaking to The Telegraph earlier this month, he said: "I stand by every word."

Without referring to Pietersen specifically, Wood said: "One thing that does bother me is this narrative of 'golf, golf, golf'."

"I don't play golf. I don't like it. It's not a game for me. I know the lads enjoy it and that's their time off. At times it's as if the golf is more important, and that is not true at all.

"I cannot stress enough that when we're at training, especially under Ben Stokes and Brendon

McCullum, we train hard.

"The lads don't take it for granted that we play for England. This narrative of "oh, well, we'll play golf, this is the best gig in the world", I can understand people's frustration with it, but I'm telling you, people genuinely care and work hard.

"I'm there to win for England. That's what makes me feel uncomfortable, this narrative that we don't care. It hurts when we get beat. The quotes that come from the team sometimes, we can definitely improve that, because it doesn't then come across about how people are truly feeling."

Wood will miss the early part of the summer after having knee surgery in March. Initially ruled out four months, the Durham man said he is still hopeful of playing some part in the Test series against India, which concludes at the end of July.

Raghu Sharma replaces injured Puthur in MI

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Mumbai Indians on Thursday announced that leg spinner Raghu Sharma will replace Vignesh Puthur for the remainder of the season.

Puthur, who was ruled out due to bone stress reactions in both shins, will continue his recovery with the Mumbai Indians Medical and Strength &



Conditioning (S&C) team.

Raghu, 32, comes in after being a part of the

Mumbai Indians' support bowlers' roster. Having played 11 First-Class matches, nine List A games, and three T20s for Punjab and Puducherry, he has demonstrated remarkable skills, including five five-wicket hauls and three 10-wicket hauls in First-Class cricket.

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