



## Sprit of Patriotism from J&K has Strengthened the Resolve of the People of Entire Nation : HM Amit Shah

### Distributes appointment letters to NOKs of slain victims

■ HT News Network/UNI

JAMMU, MAY 30 (UNI) Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on Friday distributed appointment letters for government jobs to the families of people affected by the cross-border attack in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, along with several distinguished individuals, was present.

In his address, Union Home Minister expressed his condolences to the families affected by the cowardly attacks by Pakistan on residential areas, temples, gurudwaras, and madrasas in Poonch.

He said that a program to provide government jobs to the families of those killed in the condem-



nable attack by Pakistan was organized here and the compensation and government jobs cannot

fully compensate for the loss of life, but they are a symbol of the sentiments of the Jammu and Kashmir government, the Government of India, and people of the entire nation.

He emphasized that the whole country stands with them like a rock at this time, adding, "the spirit of patriotism that emerged among the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir, from the valley to Poonch and Kathua, following the Pahalagam terrorist attack has strengthened the resolve of people the entire nation."

Shah said that a cowardly terrorist attack took place on innocent pilgrims in Pahalgam, and thereafter, under the policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to respond to terrorist attacks with promptness and severity, we destroyed terrorist bases in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir

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## Operation Sindoor Not Over yet: PM Modi

### Fight against terror won't end until threat is neutralised fully; , meets family of Pahalgam terror victim

■ HT News Network/UNI

KANPUR, MAY 30 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday praised the valour of the Indian Armed forces during Operation Sindoor and said it was because of this that Pakistan had to beg to stop the war.

Addressing a public meeting after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of various development projects here, the PM reiterated that India now treats terrorists and the government that supports them alike. He said that Uttar Pradesh is moving at a fast pace towards becoming an Uttam Pradesh today.

While referring to Operation Sindoor, he said it has only been postponed and it is not over yet. "The enemy who was pleading during Operation Sindoor



should not be under any illusion. This operation is not over yet," he said

Earlier in the day, during his visit to Uttar Pradesh, the Prime Minister met the family of Shubham Dwivedi, a victim of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. The meeting took place at Chakeri Airport in Kanpur.

Shubham Dwivedi, a 31-year-old businessman from Kanpur, was among the 26 people killed when terrorists

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## CIK of J&K Police conducts searches at multiple locations across Kashmir

■ HT News Network

Srinagar, May 30 (UNI) The Counter-Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) team on Friday conducted searches at multiple locations across Kashmir after obtaining a search warrant from the Court of Special Judge, Designated under NIA Act, Srinagar in a terror-linked case.

An official communique said that during the investigation of the instant case, suspicious technical signatures were traced at different locations of Districts Budgam, Pulwama, Kupwara, Shopian, and Srinagar.

The suspects were found using suspected encrypted messaging applications, read the handout.

During further analysis, it read that various individual suspects were found using a 'specific encrypted messaging application' which is widely used by terrorists and handlers from across for coordinating and executing a variety of terrorist related activities, including recruitment into terrorist ranks.

"These individuals or users are suspected to be in touch with suspicious entities across the border.

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## Army Chief Visits Sunderbani, Reviews Operational Readiness

Felicitates female BSF Assistant Commandant for operational leadership near LoC

■ HT News Network/KNO

JAMMU, MAY 30: Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday visited forward areas and posts in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri District to assess the operational readiness of the units and formations stationed there.

Officials told the news agency—during the visit, General Dwivedi was briefed by Formation Commanders on the current security situation and operational developments along the Line of Control. The briefing covered the strategic environment in the region and provided an update on the preparedness

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## Hand over Hafiz Syed, Masood Azhar to uproot Terror From your Soil: Rajnath to Pakistan

### ‘End dangerous game of terror or face consequences’

■ HT News Network/KNO

NEW DELHI, MAY 30: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said that Pakistan must uproot terrorism from its soil by handing over terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar to India and take responsibility for terror nurseries



on its soil if it truly wants meaningful talks between the two countries.

Speaking aboard the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant off the coast of Goa, Singh, according to the news agency—conveyed a stern warning to Pakistan. "India will not hesitate to use methods against terrorism that Pakistan cannot even think of," he said.

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## In JK, 65 Govt schools have zero student enrolment: MoE

### ‘Over 5,000 schools have less than 30 student enrolment each, over 1500 schools with less than 15 enrolment’

■ HT News Network/KNO

SRINAGAR, MAY 30: In Jammu and Kashmir at least 65 government schools are having zero student enrolment and more than five thousand primary schools are with less than 30 enrolment and over 1500 schools are reeling under enrolment with only 15 students each.

According to the news agency— the Ministry of Education (MoE) for Govern-

ment of India (GoI) in a recent report has said, "Out of the total 18,785 government schools in the UT, there are 65 schools including 62 primary and three upper primary schools are with zero enrolment."

"5073 primary schools are with less than 30 enrolment and 1597 schools are with less than 15 enrolment," MoE said.

The ministry has further mentioned that in addition, the number of schools with an adverse Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) at the primary level is 16 percent.

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## Govt Notifies Jammu As New Rail Division Under Northern Railway From June 1

■ HT News Network

NEW DELHI, MAY 30: The Railway Ministry has through a gazette notification dated May 29, 2025 declared Jammu as a new rail division under the Northern Railway zone from June 1. Jammu dining guide

Carved out from the existing Firozpur Division, the Jammu division was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually earlier on January 6 this year.

"It is hereby notified for general information that the Central government hereby constitutes a new

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## J&K sees slight improvement in weather conditions

### No chances of wave for next two days, more rains expected: MeT

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, MAY 30: While a slight improvement has been recorded in the weather conditions, the Meteorological department on Friday said there are no chances of a heatwave for the next two days. According to the news agency—the MeT officials said most parts of Jammu and Kashmir have received rainfall in the last 24 hours, leading to a dip in the mercury.

"There is a forecast of more rain, hail-storms and gusty winds for the next two days. Therefore, there are no chances of a heat wave in Jammu and Kashmir till June 01," an official said, adding that major activity is expected between Friday and Saturday. "The intensity will start decreasing from June 01," he added.

The MeT advised the Shikara riders to avoid rides during the gusty winds.

Pertinently, Director Meteorological

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## Modi prioritised border areas, termed last village as 'first village': Jitendra Singh

■ HT News Network/UNI

JAMMU, MAY 30 (UNI) Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday said that over the last 11 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi prioritised border areas and sought to do away with the terminology "Last Village" to replace it with "First Village" vision, placing border development at the heart of the nation's



growth. Addressing a gathering of farmers, youth, and entrepreneurs during "Viksit

Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan" in the border area of R.S. Pura sector near here, the Minister emphasised that there has been a paradigm shift in the mindset and approach towards the aspirations of citizens in remote and border regions. Highlighting India's leap from the world's fifth to the fourth largest economy, Jitendra Singh rebuked false narratives of economic downfall due to assertive

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## Srinagar Eidgah Animal Market Comes Alive Ahead of Eid-ul-Azha

■ HT News Network/KNO

Srinagar, May 30: While the holy festival—Eid-ul-Azha is all set to be celebrated on July 07, Srinagar's historic Eidgah has once again turned into a bustling mandi, as dozens of traders have set up temporary stalls offering goats and sheep for sacrifice, signalling the beginning of the festive season in the Valley.

The once-empty field was filled with the herd of goats and the calls of bargain-seeking customers again in Srinagar.

"Eidgah is the heart of the animal trade in Srinagar. Every year, we bring in our livestock hoping for good business. This time, we have also come here and hopes are high for a good business this year too,"



said Abdul Majeed, a trader who was among dozens of traders from different parts of the valley, who have set up temporary sheds for selling animals.

Speaking with the news agency—, the traders say the animals have been sourced from various parts, including from South and North Kashmir and also from other parts of the valley.

The prices, however, remain different, ranging from Rs 350 to 400 per kilogram depending on the breed, weight, and size.

A local from Habba Kadal, Srinagar, who came to buy sacrificial animals, told KNO the animals look healthy but rates are steep and different. "I am just surveying the prices today. I will come back tomorrow or maybe a day after and buy the animal of

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## Congress Playing Into ISI's Hands to Undermine PM Modi's Global Mission Against Terror: Tarun Chugh

■ HT News Network/KNS

DELHI CHANDIGARH, MAY 30, (KNS): BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh today launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, questioning whether it stands with India or with the ISI-backed terror network of Pakistan.

Chugh said, "It is high time the Congress clarifies whether it is supporting India's fight against terrorism or echoing the propaganda of Pakistan's ISI. A committed lobby within Congress, especially those close to the Gandhi family, has repeatedly tried to sabotage India's diplomatic efforts on global platforms."

He expressed strong displeasure over senior Congress leaders attempting to discredit the bold and measured response given by the Modi Government to the Pahalgam massacre. "While the all-party delegations envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi are touring world capitals, exposing Pakistan's role as the hub of terrorism, Congress leaders are shamelessly trying to dilute that narrative," he added.

Chugh said it was unfortunate that even in moments of national crisis, the Congress chooses to play petty politics instead of standing with the country.

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# SC directs NEET-PG 2025 to be held in single shift, slams NBE over arbitrariness

## HT News Network

New Delhi, May 30 (UNI) In a significant ruling to uphold fairness and transparency in competitive medical examinations, the Supreme Court on Friday directed the National Board of Examinations (NBE) to conduct NEET-PG 2025 in a single shift instead of the previously planned two-shift format. A Bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sanjay Kumar, and NV Anjaria said the two-shift model was arbitrary and inherently unfair, as question papers in separate shifts can never be of exactly the same difficulty level, despite claims of "normalisation".

"Holding examinations in two shifts creates arbitrariness and does not place all candidates on the same level. No two question papers can be identical in difficulty or ease," the Court stated firmly.

The Court rejected the NBE's argument that logistical limitations, such as the lack of enough centres with online exam infrastructure, necessitated two

shifts.

"This is a national exam, not a local one. Given India's technological advancement, we are not ready to accept that sufficient centres cannot be identified across the country," the Bench asserted.

When the NBE claimed that only a few students had challenged the two-shift format, Justice Sanjay Kumar countered, "Even if one student has a legitimate grievance, the Court will intervene."

The Court was hearing a batch of petitions challenging the two-shift NEET-PG 2025 model, with petitioners arguing it violated Article 14 (Right to Equality) and Article 21 (Right to Fair Procedure) of the Constitution.

Senior Advocate Maninder Acharya, appearing for the NBE, claimed that the two-shift exam format was necessary due to infrastructure constraints and online exam requirements. She added that several national-level exams like CAT, INI-CET, JEE, and CUET are also held in multiple shifts with normalisation.

However, the Bench dis-



missed these comparisons, asserting:

"You cannot compare NEET-PG with other exams. This is a post-graduate medical entrance exam. There has to be zero arbitrariness."

Addressing NBE's defence of using "normalisation" to balance shift difficulties, the Court clarified:

"Normalisation may be applied in exceptional cases, but it cannot become the default every year."

The Court emphasised that the principle of "merit over luck" must govern competitive exams, and normalisation cannot be used as a blanket justification.

"Why should there be normalisation? Two-shift candidates face different levels of difficulty. That's unfair," Justice Vikram Nath remarked.

NEET-PG 2025 is scheduled for June 15, and the Court noted that over two weeks remain to arrange for single-shift logistics.

However, it gave the NBE the option to seek an extension if more time is required.

"If the respondents find that they are not able to identify the centres and conduct the examination on 15th June, it will be open to them to apply for extension of time," the Court clarified.

The petitions filed by students and advocates, including Senior Advocate Shikhil Suri and lawyers Vidhisha Swarup, Dr. Charu Mathur, Avani Bansal, among others argued that the

two-shift format leads to inconsistencies in question paper difficulty, giving some candidates an unfair edge.

They cited issues with NEET-PG 2024, which was conducted in two shifts and faced criticism and litigation for uneven question distributions. An analysis by a coaching platform showed variation in subject-wise questions, further raising concerns about fairness and transparency.

The petitioners called the practice a violation of Articles 14 and 21, stressing that conducting the exam in a single shift would ensure a "just, fair, reasonable, and equitable" competition. The Court was hearing a batch of petitions challenging the two-shift NEET-PG 2025 model, with petitioners arguing it violated Article 14 (Right to Equality) and Article 21 (Right to Fair Procedure) of the Constitution.

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### HM

(PoK) and Pakistan.

He stated that for the first time, Indian forces demolished the headquarters of terrorist organizations located within Pakistan's borders.

He added that due to the resolute determination of Prime Minister Modi, the precise intelligence provided by our agencies, and the remarkable courage and pinpoint accuracy of the military, hundreds of terrorists were eliminated. Shah remarked that India had attacked the terrorists, but Pakistan perceived it as an attack on itself, revealing to the entire world the truth that Pakistan is providing shelter to terrorists.

Union Home Minister stated that India did not attack any military or civilian institution in Pakistan and, with utmost precision and restraint, Indian forces completely destroyed Pakistan-sponsored terrorist bases.

He said that following India's attacks on terrorist bases in Pakistan, a rattled Pakistan resorted to firing in residential areas of Jammu and Kashmir, with Poonch suffering the most damage.

He said Pakistan fired on all residential areas, temples, gurdwaras and madrasas in Poonch as well, adding he said that the entire world is strongly condemning Pakistan's attacks on civilians.

He added that when Pakistan attacked our residential areas and unarmed civilians, the Indian Army responded robustly by damaging nine of their airbases and military capabilities, forcing Pakistan to come forward for a ceasefire agreement.

Shah said that under Modi's leadership, India's security policy is clear, our army will not tolerate any kind of interference on our civilians and borders.

He said that many homes and commercial establishments in Poonch have been damaged, and the Government of India will introduce a relief package for this in the coming days.

The Union Home Minister stated that the development of Jammu and Kashmir will neither stop nor slow down, and the pace of development that began in 2014 will continue.

He said that our armed forces and security personnel are fully capable of responding to every attack, he said and noted that during this period, the entire Jammu and Kashmir administration stood with the people at every moment. He added that the administration promptly worked to evacuate thousands of people to safe locations, which significantly reduced our losses.

Shah said that after becoming Prime Minister, Narendra Modi immediately decided to construct bunkers, and over 9,500 bunkers were built in our border areas, which greatly helped in saving the lives of our citizens during recent attacks.

Home Minister stated that the Government of India will build more bunkers to protect our citizens during disasters.

He emphasized that the Government of India stands like a rock with the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah said that Prime Minister Modi has made it very clear that terror and talks, or terror and trade, cannot coexist, and blood and water cannot flow together. He expressed confidence that the journey of development in Jammu and Kashmir, which began in 2014, will continue in the coming days.

### PM

opened fire on tourists in the Baisaran meadow near Pahalgam.

He had recently married and was travelling with his wife and family when he was shot dead

Modi said, "Our army showed such valour that the Pakistani army was forced to beg and demand to stop the war."

The PM said that he salutes this valour of the Indian armed forces again and again from Kanpur, the land of the freedom struggle.

He said India has clearly laid down three principles in its fight against terror. "India will give a befitting reply to every terrorist attack, its time, method and conditions will be decided by our forces themselves. India will no longer be afraid of the threat of the nuclear bomb nor will it take any decision based on that. India will look at the master of terror and the government that patronises terrorism with the same eye."

He said, "Pakistan's game of state (government) and non-state (outside the government) actors is not going to work anymore. If I say straight in Kanpuriya that the enemy will be killed wherever he is."

The PM said, "Our Indian weapons and Brahmos missile have wreaked havoc by entering the enemy's house. We have got this strength from the resolve of self-reliant India. There was a time when India was dependent on other countries for military needs, for its defence. We have started changing those conditions." UNI XC AB SSP

### RAJNATH

Singh added that the Navy's quiet strength prevented escalation during recent operations, but made it clear that India's military capabilities remain fully prepared.

"This time Pakistan did not have to face the firepower of the Indian Navy, but the world knows that if Pakistan makes any unholy move, the opening may be at the hands of our Navy," he said.

The Defence Minister warned that Pakistan's ongoing support for terrorism will no longer be tolerated. "The dangerous game of terrorism that Pakistan has been playing since its independence against India is over," he said, referring to Operation Sindoor as not just a military action but a direct attack on terrorism.

Singh added that India is prepared to use every available method to combat terrorism, including those beyond Pakistan's imagination. "We will use every method against terrorism that Pakistan can think of, but we will not hesitate to use those methods also which Pakistan cannot even think of," he said.

He said Operation Sindoor sent a clear message not only to terrorists but also to their patrons who nurture them.

Reflecting on the Navy's historical role, Singh reminded that had the Indian Navy acted in Operation Sindoor, Pakistan might have been divided even further. "1971 is a witness to this, that when the Indian Navy came into action, Pakistan was divided from one to two. If the Indian Navy had come into action in Operation Sindoor, then Pakistan would not only have been divided into two parts, but I think it would have been divided into four parts," he said.

Singh also said that Pakistan must control its terror activities or face serious consequences. "Now, if Pakistan instigates any terrorist act against India, it will have to bear the consequences and face defeat," he said—(KNO)

### ARMY

of the deployed forces.

Interacting with the troops, the Army

Chief as per KNO lauded their performance in "Operation Sindoor" and commended all ranks for their conduct and readiness.

He underlined the need for continued vigilance and preparedness, noting the importance of maintaining agility and responsiveness amid evolving security conditions.

Interacting with the troops, the Army Chief applauded their exemplary performance in "Operation Sindoor," and appreciated all ranks for their professionalism, dedication, and steadfastness.

He emphasised the critical importance of remaining agile and responsive to the constantly evolving security landscape, reiterating the need for continuous vigilance, operational preparedness, and institutional resilience.

Meanwhile, the Army Chief also felicitated Assistant Commandant Neha Bhandari of the Border Security Force (BSF), Jammu, with the Commendation Disc for her role in "Operation Sindoor."

She led a forward-deployed BSF company during the operation under difficult conditions—(KNO)

### SCHOOLS

education in 1621 schools only," it reads.

The MoE further said that the current school coverage stands at only 72.19 percent with implementation across 15 sectors including, Agriculture, Automotive, Beauty and Wellness, Electronics and Hardware, Healthcare, Retail, Information Technology and Tourism, Media and Entertainment, Plumbing, Power, Private Security, Sports and Physical education, Telecom and Tourism and Hospitality.

The UT was advised to extend the coverage of skill education to the uncovered schools and students by introducing appropriate sectors and job roles—(KNO)

### JAMMU

Division with headquarter at Jammu Tawi under Northern Railway with effect from 01.06.2025," the notification said.

According to the notification, the areas of jurisdiction under the new divisions are Pathankot – Jammu – Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan – Srinagar – Baramulla sections (423 km); Bhogpur Sirwal – Pathankot (87 km); Batala (excl.) – Pathankot (68 km) and Pathankot – Joginder Nagar (164 km).

"Consequent upon formation of new Jammu Division, the Firozpur Division shall exercise control over revised jurisdictions, which will constitute the existing jurisdiction of Firozpur division, except the above sections," the notification said.

"The divisional boundaries between the new Jammu division and Firozpur division will be at KM 27.750 on Jalandhar – Pathankot Section and at KM 39.150 on Amritsar – Pathankot section," it added.

### CIK

As such, maintaining the element of surprise, the searches were meticulously planned and conducted," the release said.

It also said that during raids, incriminating material in the form of SIM cards, mobile phones, tablets, and other digital devices bearing on the investigation of the case have been recovered and seized in the instant case.

"Analysis of the data would follow, and leads that would emerge would become the basis for further investigation," it read.

It is pertinent to mention here that the

operation is aimed at to uncover crucial evidence, curb illicit activities, prevent the misuse of communication devices, such as mobile phones, and dismantling the terror ecosystem in the UT by identifying terrorist associates and Over Ground Workers (OGWs) supporting and abetting terrorism and also ensuring legal action against them as envisaged by the law of the land.

### WEATHER

department, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad had said that there is a possibility of a spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower at most places with heavy rain accompanied by intense showers and gusty winds at a few places till May 31.

However, he had said that a brief spell of light rain and thundershower is expected at isolated places from June 01 to June 03, adding that generally dry weather is expected with a brief spell of rain and showers towards late afternoon at isolated places from June 04 to 06.

In its advisory, the MeT has stated that there is a possibility of moderate to heavy rain, thunder and gusty winds at scattered places during 30-31 May, adding that there is also a possibility of landslides and mudslides at a few vulnerable places.

Intense showers may generate flash floods at isolated places, the Advisory reads, appealing to people to stay away from loose structures, electric poles, cables and trees, etc.

Moreover, an independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng said that Jammu and Kashmir is expected to witness unstable weather conditions until Saturday.

Thundershowers are expected to affect most parts of the UT, with a stronger system expected to move in from Friday night into Saturday. Periods of intense showers, gusty winds, and isolated hailstorms may occur during this time," he said.

Keng added that persistent cloud cover will likely keep daytime temperatures below seasonal averages.

Meanwhile, Keng said that intense showers may trigger landslides, shooting stones on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

"Cloudbursts and cloud-to-ground lightning strikes are possible," he said, adding that the timings and intensity of showers will vary from area to area.

"Intense showers may trigger flash floods in a few spots," he added—

### BJP

"When our brave armed forces sent a clear and restrained message to Pakistan after the heinous Pahalgam attack, Congress spokespersons were more interested in scoring political points than supporting India's global mission," he remarked.

"It's not just about political differences anymore," Chugh said. "It is about national allegiance. Congress must answer a simple question — are they on India's side of the border or Pakistan's?" (KNS)

### EID

my choice," he said.

Notably, some buyers also pointed out the lack of clear rate regulation, saying every seller quotes a different price. "There is no standard. Authorities should at least put rate lists," said Irfan Shah, another visitor.

Moreover, with the rush remaining thin in the initial days, sellers are hopeful the rush is all set to increase and peak in the last two to three days.

"The real crowd shows up in the last three days," said Ghulam Nabi, a regular trader, adding they are just setting the scene now. The coming week will decide everything."—(KNO)

## Allow Chopans to take sheep to highland pastures

### Chopan Association, RTI

## Movement appeal LG, CM & GOC Chinar Corps

## HT News Network

Srinagar, May 30 (KNS) : Chopan Welfare Association and Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement have appealed to authorities especially Lt Governor, Chief Minister and GOC Chinar Corps Srinagar to allow seasonal migration of their community members to highland pastures of Kashmir.

In a statement issued to press through Publicity Secretary of J&K Chopan Welfare Association Ghulam Mohiudin Chopan, the association has appealed that seasonal migration to pasturelands of Kashmir especially in Pir Panjal mountain range is not being allowed by authorities which is impacting the livelihood of local Chopans as farming activity has already taken place in plain areas and warm weather conditions is not at all feasible for the livestock especially sheep.

We are very much concerned about the security conditions and have always cooperated with authorities, especially the Army even during the peak time of insurgency. Chopan community is a landless community whose livelihood is dependent on sheep rearing which are owned by farmers.

We seek intervention of LG Manoj Singa, CM Omar Abdullah and GOC Chinar Corps Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava on this issue. If Chopans don't undertake seasonal migration they won't be paid wages as well especially those moving to Toshamaidan , Danidar, Pehjan, Chaskaninar, Ashtar, Liddermud, Bargah and other meadows " reads the statement of Chopan Welfare Association

Meanwhile Chairman Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat has also appealed authorities to take serious notice of this issue and allow movement of Chopans in upper reaches of Kashmir especially Pir Panjal mountains of Shopian , Pulwama, Budgam and Baramulla districts

"This is a matter of livelihood for thousands of Chopan families. I would request security agencies to make proper screening of these shepherds and allow them to move towards highland pastures as grasslands in lower reaches and villages have already shrunk due to urbanization and sheep can't tolerate the hot weather conditions as well especially when the agriculture fields are not open due to sowing of paddy seedlings .

For every sheep farmers pay Rs 300 to 400 and that is the source of income for this nomadic community who are not even recognized as a scheduled tribe-ST community. If chopans are not allowed to move up to pasturelands, farmers won't pay them the wages which will destroy the livelihood of this disadvantaged community.

I am sure GOC Chinar Corps Lt Gen Srivastava who is very humble and decorated officer will give this issue a sympathetic look as had been done in case of Bakerwals" said Dr Raja Muzaffar. (KNS)





# Food Safety administration's top priority: DC Srinagar

## Urges all stakeholders to cooperate in implementing best practices to safeguard public health

**HT News Network**

SRINAGAR, MAY 30: Following the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, a team of the Food Safety Department conducted intensive market checking to inspect different food outlets in different parts of the City. Food safety team led by Assistant Commissioner, Yameen ul Nabi, accompanied by Food Safety Officers along with team of Mobile Food Testing Van inspected Food Business establishments at Sanat Nagar, Baghi-Mehtab, Lal Nagar Chanapora, Housing Colony Chanapora and other markets to assess adherence to food storage guidelines. During the drive, Food Business Operators (FBOs) were sensitized on the importance of proper storage practices, particularly for high-risk food items such as packaged drinking water, carbonated water, milk, and milk products. Officials emphasized that exposing such items to direct sunlight can compromise their quality and safety of the products. All FBOs were



directed to strictly follow food safety regulations, ensuring that high-risk food items are stored in appropriate conditions to prevent contamination and degradation. Non-compliance will attract action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, reinforcing the department's commitment to consumer welfare and public health. Food Safety Department urged businesses to uphold safe storage practices and assured continued vigilance through routine inspections to prevent violations. Pertinent to mention that Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ul-Din Bhat convened a meeting with key stakeholders from various food industry associations, including the Bakery and Confectionery Association, Hotel and Restaurant Association, Fruit and Vegetable Street Vendors' Association (Batamaloo), and the Butcher Association. During the meeting, DC emphasized the importance of maintaining the highest food safety and hygiene standards across all sectors. He directed all associations to ensure that food production, particularly bakery items, adheres to strict quality control measures. Highlighting the significance of freshness in food consumption, he urged bakery producers to refrain from preparing items too far in advance and instead focus on producing fresh quantities daily, in alignment with consumer needs. DC reiterated that food safety remains a top priority and urged all stakeholders to cooperate in implementing best practices to safeguard.

# Secretary School Education, visits Srinagar Schools; emphasises student-centric reforms

**HT News Network**

SRINAGAR, MAY 30: Secretary School Education, Ram Nivas Sharma, today conducted extensive visit to various educational institutions functioning in Srinagar, holding exclusive interaction with the students and the teachers. Accompanied by Director School Education Kashmir Dr. G.N. Itoo, the Secretary visited S.P. Higher Secondary School Srinagar, Girls Higher Secondary School Kothibagh and Middle School Kothibagh. He sought feedback from the students and the teachers regarding the facilities available in their respective institutions. At the Kindergarten section of Middle School Kothibagh, the Secretary shared moments of joy with little kids, emphasiz-



ing the importance of early childhood education and joyful learning environments. Addressing the students during the visit, the Secretary urged upon them to not only focus on academic excellence but also engage actively in co-curricular activities. He emphasized the need for students to embrace the opportunities of modern Artificial Intelligence era.

The Secretary also underscored the need to preserve Jammu & Kashmir's rich cultural heritage through education and stressed the urgent importance of improving female literacy rate. He assured that infrastructure development in schools will remain a core priority. Later in the day, a review meeting was convened at the Directorate of School Education Kashmir, where Sharma held detailed discussions with the officers of the department including Chief Education Officers from across the Kashmir Division and other senior officials. Dr. G.N. Itoo gave a comprehensive PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the ongoing academic and non-academic initiatives, along with key developmental projects underway in the region.

# Distt admin Kulgam organizes Capacity Building Workshop on Women Entrepreneurship

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KULGAM, MAY 30: District Administration Kulgam on Friday conducted a day-long capacity building workshop on Women Entrepreneurship. The event was inaugurated and presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan. In his address, DC highlighted the immense business opportunities emerging from India's status as the world's 4th largest economy, along with the transformative potential of having over 80 crore internet users, which opens up vast markets and digital avenues for entrepreneurs, especially women. The workshop featured a series of technical sessions focusing on key areas such as enterprise development, startup ecosystems, sectoral potential within the district, and government schemes for financial and institutional support. Discussions also covered access to finance, market linkages, and sector-specific opportunities across agriculture and primary sectors, manufacturing and secondary sectors, as well as services.

# DC Baramulla inaugurates modern Veterinary facilities at Chijhama



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BARAMULLA, MAY 30: In a major boost to veterinary healthcare in the region, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today inaugurated state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical facilities at the Small Ruminant Veterinary Hospital (SRVH) in Chijhama. Developed at a cost of 49 lakh under the Aspirational District Programme (2024-25, 5th Award Money), the initiative aims to significantly upgrade livestock health services in Baramulla and the wider North Kashmir region. The upgraded hospital now houses a modern X-Ray unit, ultrasonography (USG) setup, and a fully equipped operation theatre. These advanced facilities are set to greatly enhance the hospital's ability to diagnose and treat a range of conditions in small ruminants. The X-Ray unit will support a wide spectrum of radiographic studies essential for identifying fractures, internal injuries, and structural abnormalities. The USG unit, using B-mode and Doppler imaging, will assist in obstetric, gynecological, and abdominal examinations, particularly aiding in reproductive health monitoring. Similarly, the new Operation Theatre is equipped to handle both routine and emergency procedures, including caesarean sections, hernia repairs, rumenotomies, and orthopaedic surgeries. Speaking at the inauguration, DC lauded the efforts of the Department of Sheep Husbandry, Baramulla, calling the facility a 'game changer' for veterinary care in the region. "This hospital will not only benefit Baramulla but also serve as a key resource for livestock farmers across North Kashmir," he said. He also announced plans to further upgrade the hospital to expand its reach and service offerings.

# Training on health monitoring of Wild Animals conducted at SKUAST

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SRINAGAR, MAY 30: To enhance the capacity of frontline personnel in identifying, reporting and managing health-related issues in wild animals, a training program on health monitoring of wild animals for frontline forest and wildlife staff was held today at SKUAST-Shalimar, Kashmir. The event was organized by the Department of Wildlife, SKUAST-Kashmir. Dr. Haroon Naik, Director of Research at SKUAST, graced the event as chief guest. In his address, he emphasized the vital role of wildlife health monitoring, particularly in the context of human-wildlife conflict. The guest of honour, Irfan Rasool Wani, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir, delivered an inspiring and insightful speech highlighting the significance of wildlife health in ensuring ecological balance and public safety. Tawheed Ahmed Deva, Regional Wildlife Warden, presented a comprehensive report on wildlife health and the importance of disease surveillance, encouraging frontline staff to remain proactive and vigilant. Earlier, the program began with a welcome address by Dr. Khursheed,



Head of the Wildlife Department at SKUAST, followed by Dr. Parag Nigam, who highlighted the importance of early detection and disease surveillance in wildlife to prevent outbreaks and maintain ecosystem health. Dr. Mohsin Gazi, Wildlife Veterinarian, delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation focusing on the importance of wildlife diseases, especially at the human-wildlife interface, further emphasizing the need for integrated health monitoring approaches. The training program concluded successfully, with active participation from the forest and wildlife frontline staff. The initiative not only enhanced awareness about wildlife health and disease surveillance but also reinforced the critical role of field personnel in safeguarding both animal and human health.

# DLSA B'pora holds meeting/ orientation, training session for SAATHI unit members

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Bandipora, May 30: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora today held a meeting-cum-orientation and training session for the SAATHI unit members of District Bandipora at ADR Centre (District Court Complex) Bandipora. The meeting aimed to discuss and finalize the implementation strategy for the SAATHI campaign, which focuses on identifying and rehabilitating destitute children in the district. Sheikh Babar Hussain, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, (Chairperson SAATHI unit) Bandipora chaired the meeting which was attended by members of district SAATHI Committee Bandipora. The session focused on orienting committee members on their roles and responsibilities, training them on conducting surveys and identification processes for destitute children, and outlining next steps for the campaign's successful execution. Through this initiative, the DLSA

Bandipora aims to identify and rehabilitate destitute children, ensuring their access to education, healthcare, and social welfare schemes. SAATHI campaign is a significant step towards creating a protective and nurturing environment for vulnerable children in District Bandipora. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to work together in ensuring the success of the SAATHI campaign and making a meaningful difference in the lives of destitute children. It emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination and community participation in ensuring the success of the SAATHI campaign. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to work together in ensuring the success of the SAATHI campaign and making a meaningful difference in the lives of destitute children. It emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination and community participation in ensuring the success of the SAATHI campaign.

# World Environment Day Campaign-2025

## 'End Plastic Pollution-campaign' begins at Srinagar to promote eco-friendly alternatives to SUP

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SRINAGAR, MAY 29: As part of nationwide mass mobilization campaign aimed at raising awareness about the urgent need to end plastic pollution, in the run up to World Environment Day 2025, 'End Plastic Pollution,' campaign begins in Srinagar district to promote eco-friendly alternatives to Single-Use Plastic (SUP). The Environment awareness programmes were held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat in Harwan area of the district to highlight the severe consequences of plastic waste on the environment and human health, and to encourage sustainable practices among students and staff to combat this grow-



ing menace. In this regard, the team of block Shalimar of the Social Forestry Range Srinagar, organized a comprehensive cleanliness drive around the Dachigam Nallah in Harwan.

The team also organized a Green March, Cleanliness Drives, and Pledge taking ceremony at Government Boys High School Harwan and at Abhay Mission High School Dachigam under this year's global theme: 'Ending Plastic Pollution.' The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, staff and the officials of the Social Forestry department to reinforce the commitment to safeguard natural resources and promote a clean and green environment. The events were aimed to spread awareness about keeping our surroundings clean and reducing plastic use. Everyone took a pledge to protect the environment and support the theme 'One Nation, One Mission-End Plastic Pollution.'



## EDITORIAL

## Need to re-introduce moral education as subject in educational institutions

Not long ago moral science was part of the curriculum in the private schools and the children were given moral education so that the moral values are inculcated among them. With the passage of time the subject was removed from the curriculum. The policy makers in the field of education thought it is not necessary to carry forward with the subject of moral science and as such the subject was done away with.

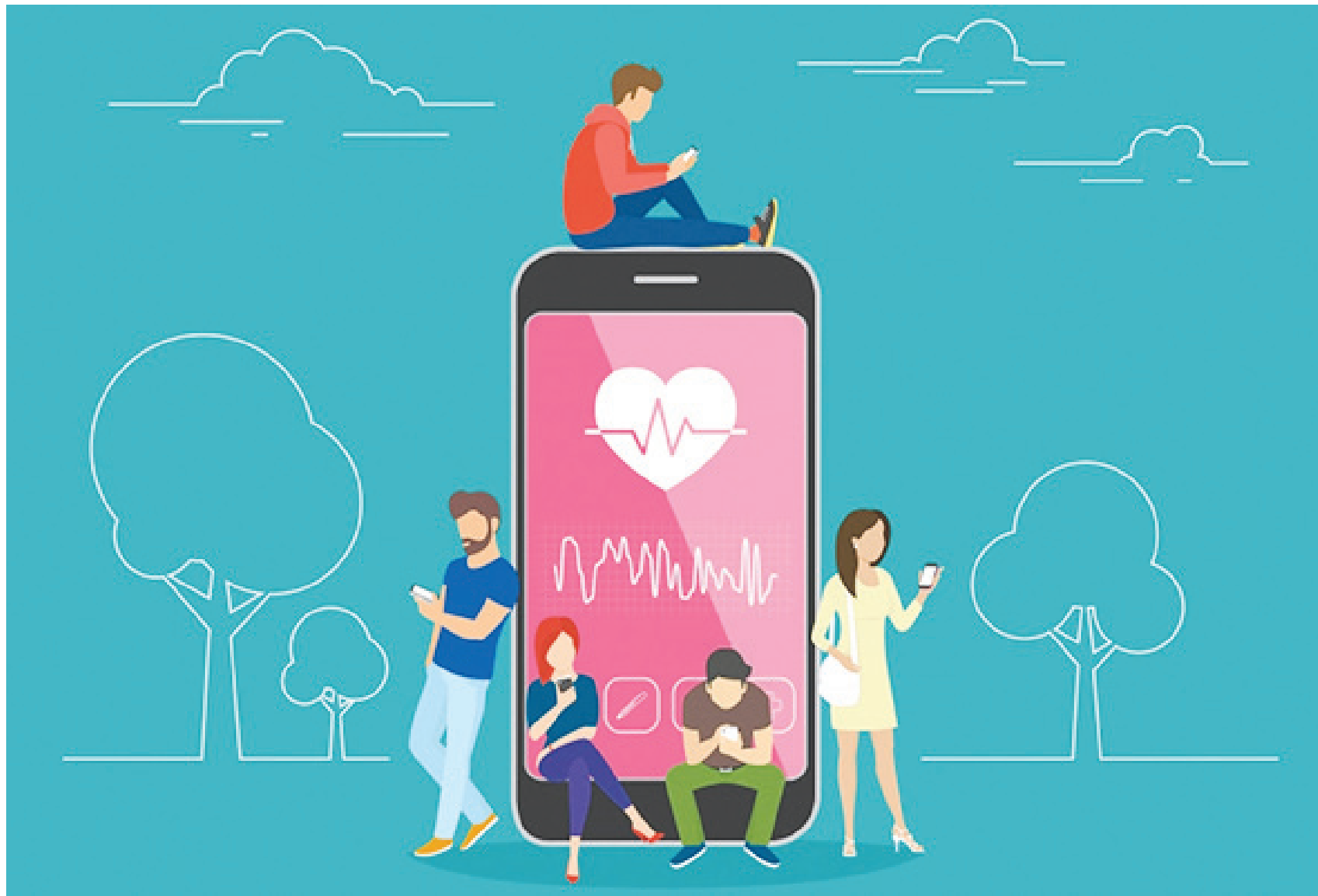
With no moral values being imparted to the children at the school level the values of life were not taught to them at the basic level. As a result of this there was moral degradation in the society and its impact was felt all around. There is no respect for the elders of the society and there are many cases where school going children could be seen puffing cigarettes in the school in the presence of their teachers.

Few days back an unfortunate took place at a private school in the outskirts of the Srinagar city when a minor student ended his life by committing suicide. The student had tattoos on his arm and he was shamed by the teachers and management of the school like anything. His friends and the other classmates also took pot shots at him forcing him to take extreme step. The parents and relatives of the child accused the school management of harassing their dear one thus leading to his unfortunate death.

Had the moral education taught to the children of this school there are chances that this incident would not have happened? The child would not have first thought of getting tattoos on his arm or any other part of body. Once tattoos would not have been made by the child he would not have been shamed by the teachers, management, colleagues and friends. This would have resulted in the saving of a life of the minor child and there would not have been any controversy whatsoever.

It is imperative that the policy makers rethink about their decision of removing the subject of moral education from the syllabus of the schools. The subject needs to be taught to the children both in the government and private schools. Once this is done the Kashmiri society will become an ideal society where the children would give all the respect to the elders and in turn they would get the love from the senior citizens.

# Scroll and Suffer: The hidden toll of social media on health and education



BY TYIMA BILAL

In today's fast-paced digital world, social media has become an inseparable part of our daily lives. It connects us, informs us, and entertains us. Yet beneath its glossy surface lies a silent erosion that often goes unnoticed. As students endlessly scroll through reels and stories, and others are swept away in a sea of updates, a quiet crisis is unfolding. The constant scrolling, relentless notifications, and addiction to online validation are subtly but surely damaging our health, focus, and education.

### The Health Mirage:

The effects of excessive social media use on mental and physical health are becoming increasingly visible around me. Teenagers and young adults, in particular, are spending

countless hours glued to their screens often late into the night. What begins as a quick scroll before bed or a glance at notifications between study sessions gradually adds up to hours of screen time. This leads to sleep deprivation, which soon becomes a daily routine. The blue light emitted by screens disrupts melatonin production, interfering with the body's natural sleep cycle. Over time, this lack of rest affects not only physical health but also impairs memory, concentration, and emotional stability.

Social media platforms often present a filtered version of life, highlighting only moments of beauty, success, and happiness. As users compare their real lives to these curated snapshots, feelings of inadequacy, low self-esteem, anxiety, and even depression can arise. The constant comparison becomes mentally exhausting and emotionally damaging. Likes, comments and shares become measures of self worth and fear of missing out (FOMO) leads to compulsive checking and scrolling further trapping individuals in a cycle of stress.

### The Education Erosion:

In classrooms and libraries, smartphones are becoming silent

saboteurs. It's now common to see students distracted in class, scrolling through their phones under desks or sacrificing study time for screen time. The illusion of multitasking severely harms academic focus. Research shows that switching between tasks reduces comprehension and memory retention. As a result, students struggle to concentrate on textbooks that require sustained attention. The addiction to instant gratification erodes patience and weakens the ability to engage in deep thinking or problem-solving. Academic performance suffers not only from lost time but also from a reduced capacity to focus and learn effectively.

### Time for Awareness and Action:

This isn't a call to abandon social media, it's a call for awareness and responsibility. When used mindfully, social media can be a powerful tool for learning, creativity, and connection. The real problem arises when its use becomes excessive and uncontrolled. To overcome this hidden crisis, awareness is the first step.

Setting digital boundaries such as screen time limits, tech-free zones, and regular digital detoxes can help restore balance. Educational insti-

tutions should also play a role by incorporating digital wellness into their curriculum and promoting mindful usage. Schools and parents must encourage digital discipline and emphasize the importance of real-life interactions, reading, and physical activity.

Students must be guided to use social media wisely, to control the scroll rather than be controlled by it. Encouraging face-to-face communication, hobbies, and reading can gradually reshape habits, leading to a healthier, more balanced digital life.

### Final Reflection:

The hidden toll of social media on health and education is real but not irreversible. We must ask ourselves: Is it wiser to keep scrolling and suffering, or to pause, reflect, and reclaim the focus and well-being that digital life has quietly stolen? Our minds, our studies, and our overall health deserve more than the fleeting satisfaction of a like or share.

Let's choose to be present, to grow, and to protect ourselves from the silent suffering hidden behind our screens. It's time to take control before we scroll any further down a path of destruction and damage.

## World No Tobacco Day



highly addictive, it enhances heart rate and causes hypertension. It's story doesn't end here, the Tar in tobacco smoke is responsible for causing Lung cancer and smokers are ten times more likely to die from lung cancer than those not smoking. During pregnancy, smoking can increase the risk of low birth weight and even premature babies. Passive smoker are also at high risks of developing many diseases and it is here the need to check the smoking at public places arises. It is a silent

killer which needs an immediate check. Besides making stringent laws to curb the menace of smoking, through strong campaigning all the world, people are made aware about the dangerous effects of smoking in the long run. Alongside our elderly people, youngsters are becoming increasingly addictive to smoking, wasting the hard earned money of their parents in buying costly cigarette packs, completely neglecting the warning lines "Cigarette smoking is injurious to health" "Smoking causes Cancer"

written in bold letters on each pack. Smokers apart from injuring themselves, are an imminent threat to whole public, when smoking is freely allowed at public places. Reports of altercations between smokers and non-smokers have appeared both in electronic and social media in the past, but non seriousness of the law enforcing agencies to ensure full enforcement of these laws have given them a free hand to put the human health at stake. Drivers and conductors are seen smoking in public transport while ferrying dozens of passengers, people dining in hotels and restaurants are enjoying cigarette puffs while dozens of non-smokers around them and also a big chunk on shop fronts relishing hookah without thinking about it's chilling effects and disastrous consequences. To put a blanket ban on sale and consumption of tobacco and other related products, it is crucial to get the laws implemented at grassroot levels, giving awareness to reduce ignorance among the people and prohibiting children to have an easy access to such things both at home and school. Religious clerics, teachers and social activists can

play a big role in forbidding local people as well as non-locals from consuming tobacco, Gutkha, Nevla and Paan the smokeless tobacco products. It isn't out of place to mention here that, seminars, debates and awareness camps are conducted each year on No Tobacco Day, in educational institutions, health institutions and other places but to make all our strides effective and result oriented, collective efforts at individual and community level needs to be initiated at an earliest. In educational institutions, at morning assembly, awareness regarding ill-effects of smoking and tobacco products can help in disseminating a powerful message to curb this ill-practice. So to safeguard human health, instead of hating smokers, we must teach them how smoking is injurious and bad for the health besides imploring and insisting them to quit it. Lastly, we all must inculcate a civic sense to discourage smoking at all public places and restrict sale of tobacco and cigarette products near places where big gatherings are witnessed on daily basis.

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## Championing Justice and Nation-Building: Advocate Sheikh Mudasir’s Vision for Kashmir’s Future



### Personality Analysis

BY: S.R TANTRAY.

Advocate Sheikh Mudasir, President of the Kashmir Lawyers Federation, is a name synonymous with dedication, expertise, and vision in the legal fraternity of Kashmir. With a remarkable track record of advocating for justice and empowerment, he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the community.

#### Visionary Leadership

As the President of the Kashmir Lawyers Federation, Advocate Mudasir has been instrumental in shaping the organization's agenda and initiatives. His vision for the legal community in Kashmir is centered around promoting justice, protecting human rights, and empowering lawyers to play a more active role in society. Under his leadership, the federation has been working tirelessly to address the challenges faced by lawyers and the community, and to promote a culture of justice and accountability.

#### Kashmir Advocates Federation:

##### Working for the Welfare of Advocates

The Kashmir Advocates Federation, of which Advocate Mudasir is its president has been working tirelessly for the welfare of the advocates' fraternity. For last five year's, the fraternity has faced numerous challenges due to various policies and approaches. However, the federation has remained committed to its soul and aim - to work for the advocates' fraternity and promote nation-building. The federation's objective is to ensure that the advocates' community is empowered, supported, and able to play a constructive role in society.

#### Nation-Building and Mainstreaming

The Kashmir Advocates Federation is working towards mainstreaming and nation-building, promoting nationalism, and fostering a sense of unity and integration among the people of Kashmir. The federation believes that by working together, it can build a stron-

ger, more prosperous, and more harmonious society. Through its efforts, the work of the federation aims to promote a culture of peace, tolerance, and understanding, and to contribute to the development of a more just and equitable society.

#### Commitment to Justice

Advocate Mudasir's commitment to justice is evident in his tireless efforts to promote the rule of law and protect the rights of the marginalized. He has been a vocal advocate for the rights of the people of Kashmir, and has worked closely with various stakeholders to promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the region. His expertise in human rights law has been invaluable in promoting justice and accountability in Kashmir.

#### Empowering Lawyers

Advocate Mudasir is also passionate about empowering lawyers to play a more active role in society. He believes that lawyers have a critical role to play in promoting justice and protecting human rights, and has been working to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to do so. Through various training programs, workshops, and seminars, he has helped to build the capacity of lawyers in Kashmir, enabling them to provide better services to their clients and contribute to the development of the legal system.

#### Wisdom and Expertise

Advocate Mudasir's wisdom and expertise in the field of law are widely recognized. He has a deep understanding of the legal system and has been able to navigate complex legal issues with ease. His ability to analyze complex problems and develop effective solutions has earned him the respect of his peers and the community.

In conclusion, Advocate Sheikh Mudasir is a visionary leader who has dedicated his life to promoting justice and empowerment in Kashmir. His commitment to the rule of law, human rights, and the empowerment of lawyers is an inspiration to all. As the President of the Kashmir Lawyers Federation and a always a responsible member of the Advocates Fraternity he continues to work tirelessly to promote a culture of justice, accountability, and nation-building in Kashmir.

## Operation Sindoor, launched to dismantle Pakistan-sponsored terrorist infrastructure’s

BY MS NAZKI

Operation Sindoor: Training camps in Pakistan are many and we struck nine of them! The dangerous trio of Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed though lying low now are still active!.....Part-I

Through 'Operation Sindoor,' launched to dismantle Pakistan-sponsored terrorist infrastructure targeting India, several terrorist outfits backed by Pakistan have been exposed.

Details have emerged regarding numerous training camps and operational bases functioning under the direct support of the Pakistan Army and its intelligence wing, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), both within Pakistan's territory and in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

Reliable sources have revealed that the Pakistan Army and ISI secretly support various anti-India terrorist groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and Hizbul Mujahideen (HM). These groups receive systematic financial, logistical, ideological, and military support from the Pakistan Army, including direct combat training.

In response to Financial Action Task Force (FATF) restrictions, the Pakistan Army attempted to rebrand terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Banned groups like LeT and JeM were given new identities such as The Resistance Front (TRF), People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF), and Kashmir Tigers.

These rebranding efforts aimed to evade global counter-terror scrutiny and depict terrorism as local resistance. Pakistani military officials frequently visit these training camps to oversee operations.

Pakistan and PoJK-based terrorist groups are secretly provided infrastructure within government facilities to conduct operations.

Several camps, detachments, and launch pads are now operating near military installations and primary healthcare centers. For instance, the Jaish-e-Mohammed detachment at Sarjal-Tehra Kalan and the Hizbul Mujahideen unit at Mehmunah Joya in Sialkot operate from within government healthcare premises, offer-

ing a facade for terrorist activities.

To evade technical surveillance, these groups are equipped with long-range/ultra-set military-grade communication devices and digital mobile radios.

The Pakistan Army strengthens the Pakistan-TSP signal along the Line of Control (LoC), assisting infiltrating terrorists. The Jaish-e-Mohammed detachment in Sarjal-Tehra Kalan maintains a high-frequency communication setup for coordination with infiltrators.

While detachments and launch pads are used for weapons training and religious indoctrination, logistical and financial operations are conducted from major facilities in safer locations such as Markaz Taiba (LeT) in Muridke and Markaz Subhan Allah (JeM) in Bahawalpur. These function as residential quarters for top commanders and as centers for radical indoctrination, surveillance, and weapons training.

Similarly, facilities such as Markaz Abbas Kotli (JeM) and Markaz Ahle Hadith Barnala (LeT) serve as religious indoctrination centers and operational bases for recruitment and cross-border incursions.

The Pakistan Army not only facilitates transportation, finances, and bases for these groups but also strategically simplifies their training and deployment.

Markaz Subhan Allah, Bahawalpur: Operational since 2015, this JeM facility serves as its headquarters for training and religious instruction. It has been linked to terror plots, including the 2019 Pulwama attack. It houses JeM chief Maulana Masood Azhar, its de facto head Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar, Maulana Ammar, and other family members.

Masood Azhar is reported to have repeatedly delivered anti-India speeches from here, calling youth to join Islamic Jihad.

Markaz Taiba, Muridke: Established in 2000 in Punjab Province's Sheikhpura district, this is LeT's most critical training facility. It hosts weapons and physical training sessions, and indoctrinates militants from both Pakistan and abroad.

Approximately 1,000 recruits undergo various courses annually. The complex reportedly received

1 crore from Osama bin Laden for constructing a mosque and guest-

house.

It is alleged that Ajmal Kasab and other 26/11 attackers received "Daur-e-Ribbath" (surveillance training) here. Planners of the Mumbai attacks – David Coleman Headley, Tahawwur Rana, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, and others – also reportedly visited this facility.

-Sarjal-Tehra Kalan: Located in Shakargarh tehsil, Narowal district of Punjab, this JeM base functions as a major launch pad for infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir. The facility is covertly housed within a primary healthcare center in Tehra Kalan, about six kilometers from the international border near Samba sector. It also serves as a base for digging tunnels and launching drones to smuggle arms, ammunition, and narcotics into India.

Mehmunah Joya Facility, Sialkot: Another example of a government building repurposed for terrorism, this Hizbul Mujahideen base is situated within the Bhutta Kotli primary healthcare center in Head Marala area of Sialkot district. It is used to deploy cadres into the Jammu region.

Markaz Ahle Hadith Barnala, Bhimber (PoJK): Situated outside Barnala town on Kote Jameel Road, this LeT base is used to push militants and arms into Poonch and Rajouri-Reasi sectors. It can house around 100-150 cadres.

Markaz Abbas, Kotli (PoJK): A key JeM facility, this center is overseen by Hafiz Abdul Shakoor Qari Jarar, a close aide of JeM Council (Shura) member and top commander Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar. It is used for planning and executing JeM operations across Poonch-Rajouri sectors.

Maskar Raheel Shaheed, Kotli (PoJK): One of the oldest HM facilities, capable of sheltering 150-200 terrorists. It offers weapons and specialized physical training, including for BAT/sniping and mountain warfare.

Shawai Nalla Camp, Muzaffarabad (PoJK): Also known as Bait-ul-Mujahideen, this LeT camp trained the 26/11 Mumbai attackers. It is used for recruitment, registration, and training of LeT cadres. Pakistan's ISI provides Pakistan Army instructors for weapons training.

Markaz Sayyedna Bilal (PoJK):

Located opposite the Red Fort in Muzaffarabad, this is JeM's main facility in PoJK. It serves as a transit camp for JeM militants before infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir. Special Service Group (SSG) commandos from the Pakistan Army also provide training here.

These revelations underscore the deep-rooted presence of terrorism in Pakistan and the state-sponsored support extended to it. Analysts state that targeting such terror infrastructures through operations like 'Operation Sindoor' is crucial for ensuring peace and security in the region.

The Indian government and the armed forces shared a list of 21 "well-known training camps" located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in a press briefing on Wednesday.

"Over the last three decades, Pakistan has systematically built terror infrastructure. It is a complex web of recruitment and indoctrination centres, training areas for initial and refresher courses and launchpads for handlers," the Indian armed forces said.

The Ministry of Defence earlier confirmed that nine terror camps were targeted in a mission that has been code-named "Operation Sindoor". Later, the officials shared 21 "well-known training camps" distributed from Sawai Nala in the North to Bahawalpur in the South.

The terror camps: The list goes as follows, Sawai Nala, Syed Na Bilal, Maskar-E-Aqsa, Chelabandi, Abdullah Bin Masood, Dulai, Garhi Habibullah, Batrasi, Balakot, Oghi, Boi, Sensa, Gulpur, Kotli, Barali, Dungi, Barnala, Mehmoona Joya, Sarjal, Muridke and Bahawalpur

Col Sofiya Qureshi said the nine targets hit during Operation Sindoor were chosen based on intelligence inputs. She said "no military installations were targeted in the Indian strikes against terror. Wing Commander Vyomika Singh said the locations were chosen to avoid civilian infrastructure and damage to civilians. Responding to the misinformation circulated by Pakistan on the deaths of civilians, Col Sofiya Qureshi clarified that , "there are no reports of civilian casualties in Pakistan" following Operation Sindoor. (The story continues)!

## Is home work really a burden?



VIJAY GARG

Homework or homework assignment refers to tasks assigned to students by their teachers to be completed mostly outside of class. It is called homework generally because it is supposed to be done at home. Homework assignments may include reading, writing, problems to be solved, a school project or other skills to be practised. The debate over Homework's effectiveness, between Parents and Educators, has been going on for over 100 years. The burden of studies can be gauged from the size of school bags which students today carry on their fragile shoulders. In a race to get the name of their respective institution at the top, the schools have forgotten the plight of students. The burdening nature of homework has become a cause of concern for parents as they find homework to be overwhelming, as they themselves struggle to help their kids in completing homework. The basic objectives of assigning homework to students in general are: to increase the knowledge and improve the abilities and skills of the students. However, it is more often a far cry from what's expected. Homework has become such a big issue that a growing number of schools are putting a limit on the number of homework teachers can give students and many have abolished homework altogether. Though Homework has it's fair share of negativities but it has a constructive role if it's format is more engaging and if given in moderation. Buy bestselling books onlineBest online courses

Advantages of Homework

Homework is extremely important. Homework involves practice. While doing maths or science students know that they need to practice constantly to be able to master the subjects.

Homework is beneficial because it stimulates the brain. Also, while busy with doing homework they don't tend to indulge in harmful activities.

Homework is also an intellectual discipline and it serves to instil a sense of responsibility. Kids find a sense of responsibility when they know that even though the school is over, they have an assignment and it needs to be done.

Homework offers tangible benefits. Homework reinforces what students have already learned, prepare them for upcoming (or complex or difficult) lessons, extend what they know by having them apply it to new situations, or to integrate their abilities by applying many different skills to a single task.

Homework also provides an opportunity for parents to participate in their children's education which boosts the student's confidence. Homework is also a measure to encourage productive and healthy communication between parents and children. Many children spend the majority of their time in front of the television, homework in such a scenario has become the school's way of encouraging a more solid parent to child relationship.

Homework is a powerful way to extend learning.homework as it results in improved student achievement. Homework also helps instil in students a sense of accountability and motivation.

Another benefit of homework is that students develop time management. They start allotting their time to study and play thus learning to complete their scheduled tasks in the time they have. Moreover, they learn to do things on their own. They manage their time and complete their work independently.

Homework encourages self-discipline in students.

Upon completion of homework, students acquire a sense of achievement which is an essential part of personality development among students.

Homework builds a confidence in students minds. When Teachers give positive remarks to students it boosts the children to learn. Students learn to follow instructions and complete their assignments successfully. They have to explore topics, refer to research material, and read about related topics in order to do their home assignments.

Homework gives students a chance to amend their mistakes and improve on their weaknesses. Home assignments provide children with a platform to express and exhibit their skills.

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Disadvantages of Homework

Students especially young students have limited attention spans. Homework and it's increase burden them as they've already been working extensively in school and are fatigued, exhausted and confusion sets in.

Homework at times tends to discriminate against poor children. Lack of access to computers or internet at home due to financial problems makes their job even more especially when they are given specific projects.

A belief that students also learn from activities in life other than textbooks and workbooks found in classrooms makes Homework unfavourable. A whole day in class and most of the night reading school books leaves a student out of touch, without free time, without exercise and inability to pursue extra-curricular activities. Talents and interest of the student often cannot be nurtured in a classroom setting with teachers focused only on specific subjects.

According to a certain research, homework is of little educational value and for

young children, especially those who are under 14 it actually has a negative effect on learning.

A fairly common practice for teachers is to give assignments which are far beyond what students can do independently. It also becomes a problem for parents as they have a plethora of homework to make corrections

Too much homework can also prove to be extremely counter-productive as it causes the students to Burn Out.

Over the years Homework has gained a negative publicity because it has been traditionally viewed as a menace. A popular notion being that the teachers give homework to punish their students or to keep children busy.

In this fast-paced life where even adults at times, find hard to organize themselves and cope with the hectic schedules, children are expected to find enough time for school work, sport, recreation and relaxation.

Homework also brings in confusion as parents can confuse students by using teaching methods which are different from those of their teachers.

Another feature of the homework is that it encourages cheating instead of doing the homework themselves kids indulge in copying these from their classmates with or without their permission.

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What needs to be Done?

Homework should not necessarily mean work that is supposed to be done at home. It's too much, to be asking them to go home after they've had their full afternoon of activities and all sort of things write an essay, to do a project etc. after they have had their meal. It's not the optimal time. The important work, the real important work can be done in school.

The value of homework in primary schooling isn't so much intellectual as it is motiva-

tional. The awareness of having a piece of homework to do is introduced throughout the elementary school years. Homework, therefore, ignores the intellectual education which is a setback for homework

Student learning improves when homework serves a clear purpose and is matched to both the skills of each individual student and to the current topics being taught in class.

Feedback improves the effectiveness of homework, especially when given in a timely manner i.e. within 24 hours. Effective feedback improves student learning by correcting the misunderstanding, validating the process, and highlighting errors in thinking.

Homework can be effective if it is alerted to parents by teachers. It gives parents a chance to become familiar with the material and their child's progress. This also encourages parents to become involved in the homework process. Direct communication is much more effective and prevents miscommunication and frustration all around. Methods for such communication include the phone, email, and student community web pages.

Homework needs to be streamlined. In the United Kingdom homework ranges from 10 minutes of daily reading for 5-year-olds to up to 2.5 hours per day for the pupils in Year 11 aged 15 or 16. It is not the quantity of the work that is important, but rather, the quality of lessons that matters

To ease the burden, parents need to take a greater interest in what their children are doing. Communication is very important between the three parties involved: parents, children and teachers. If parents share the same concerns as their children regarding the amount of homework given, it will help the young ones to realize that there is a sense of justice.

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## ADDC Shopian reviews progress of RDD, MGNREGA works

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SHOPIAN, MAY 30: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone today conducted a comprehensive review of the Rural Development Department (RDD) with a detailed assessment carried out block-wise and panchayat-wise. Assistant Commissioner Development Shopian, Manzoor Ahmad Mir and Executive Engineer REW Shopian, Qaisar Ahmad attended the meeting. The meeting witnessed active participation from field functionaries including VLWs, GRSS, TAs and JEs, who were thoroughly briefed and held accountable for ongoing works under MGNREGA and various other schemes. Besides, Block Development Officers, Assistant Engineers, Accounts Assistants Panchayats and MIS Operators from across the district also attended the session. Key areas such as



NMMS attendance, physical attendance sheets and project estimations were reviewed in detail, progress under the District Capex Plan was also scrutinized, with instructions issued for the prompt submission of work plans and simultaneous initiation of estimation processes. ADDC emphasized the importance of transparency, accountability, and ensuring that all developmental efforts are directed towards public benefit.

## MLA Vijaypur chairs mega Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan event at Panchayat Palli

HT News Network

SAMBA, MAY 30: Member Legislative Assembly Vijaypur Chander Prakash Ganga today chaired a mega event held under Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Panchayat Palli. On his arrival, he was warmly welcomed by district heads of line departments and Scientists from SKUAST Jammu. The programme was attended by more than 450 farmers including women farmers, besides officers and officials from the line departments. The MLA inspected exhibition stalls displayed by the Government Departments/KVK Samba, Self Help Groups and some entrepreneurs. In his address, the MLA reiterated that the government is committed to support the farmers through numerous Central and UT schemes designed to increase farm income and make agriculture a viable livelihood for the younger generation. He commended the



team Samba led by Prof Sanjay Khajuria, District Nodal Officer VKSA 2025 for organizing the grand programme for the benefit of the farming community of Panchayat Palli and adjoining villages. The MLA urged the farming community to remain in touch with the officers to take the benefits of the government schemes for

increasing their income. He also laid thrust on adoption of organic as well as natural farming so that everyone should get healthy food for the good health. Earlier, Prof Sanjay Khajuria District Nodal Officer VKSA 2025, in his address encouraged the farmers to engage directly with the agricultural scientists, assuring them of dedicated support to address their queries and challenges. He highlighted the vast potential of agriculture and allied sectors which can be unlocked through technology-driven practices. He further briefed that the 15-day Abhiyan aims to educate the farmers about modern, region-specific technologies for major Kharif crops, raise awareness about key government schemes and policies, promote use of Soil Health Cards for crop selection and balanced fertiliser application and collect grassroots feedback to guide farmer-centric innovations and agricultural research.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the R/C of my Vehicle Scooty Having Registration No :- JK 01AF -3694 From Barzullah To Iqbal park Srinagar. Now I have applied for its Duplicate. If any body having objection he/she may contact RTO office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objections will be accepted.

Name :- Tanveer Ahmad  
S/O :- Late Gulzar Ahmad Mir  
R/o Barzullah

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My daughter's name wrongly mentioned In Date of Birth certificate as RIDA WASEEM D/O WASEEM AHMAD WANI R/O SHRAKWARA JAHINGEERPIRA bearing id No 101002640108 while her correct name is RIDA WASIM D/O WASIM AHMAD WANI R/O SHRAKWARA JAHANGEERPORA .which needs to be corrected ...if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his / her objection in the office of SDH kreeri / BMO office kreeri within seven days from publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name ... WASIM AHMAD WANI  
F/O RIDA WASIM  
R/O SHRAKWARA JAHANGEERPORA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have change my name from Fahmida Banoo to FAHMEEDA In future i will be known as FAHMEEDA If any body is having any objection, he/ she my contract Passport office Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be excepted.

FAHMEEDA  
W/O Gh. Rasool Bhat  
R/o Mandoora Tral  
Distt. Pulwama  
7006244165

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My son's name , parentage name & residence has been wrongly written as SEHRAN UMAR S/O UMAR RASHID SHEIKH R/O TARZUA SOPORE while his correct name , parentage & residence is SEHRAN UMAR BHAT S/O UMAR RASHID BHAT R/O KREERI which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he /she may file his/her objection in the office of HANFIA MODEL HR. SEC SCHOOL KREERI within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name....UMAR RASHID BHAT  
S/O SEHRAN UMAR BHAT R/O ...KREERI

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is being informed that By mistake My DOB in my aadhar card having aadhar card number 482637460010 is wrongly mentioned as 20/09/2004 The actual DOB as per school records. Is 02/01/2005 NOW I want apply for its correction if any body having any objection in this regard he/she may contact Rubena Bashir c/o Bashir Ahmad Mir R/O Iaripora Khalam Pahalgam Ph 962292863 within 7 days .

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Its being informs that my name in my bank ac no 0122040150000654 jk bank pahalgam is wrongly mentioned as meema Akhter but the actual name as per Aadhar is Meema jan C/O GH jan dedard R/O pahlagam I m going to update it in mu bank account .if anyone gave queries they may contact jk bank pahlgam within 7 days

### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI

(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)  
Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer WAGOORA) / chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of MOHAMMAD LATEF DEADER S/O MOHAMMAD ISMIL DEADER R/O BANDI BALA Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 02/02/1988 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  
KREERI

## GCOE Jammu observes World No Tobacco Day amid awareness activities

HT News Network

JAMMU, MAY 30: The Government College of Education (GCOE), Jammu observed 'World No Tobacco Day' with a series of impactful awareness activities aimed at educating students, faculty and the community about the dangers of tobacco use. The event was held under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Parihar and coordinated by the convener of the NCORD Committee, Prof. Sunanda Rani. Centered on this year's theme, "Bright Products, Dark Intentions – Unmasking the Appeal," the program commenced with an Anti-Tobacco Rally involving 50 students.

## اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ بل زیر نمبر 0209020006019 جوگی محمد بٹ کے نام پر درج کی گئی تبدیلی کے لیے جاوید احمد بٹ ولد مرحوم علی محمد بٹ کے نام پر درج کی گئی مطلوب ہے کسی کو کوئی عذر ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر اندر pdd سب ڈویژن عسکریہ کے دفتر میں پیش کرے

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جاوید احمد بٹ ولد مرحوم علی محمد بٹ  
ساکن لاری پورا رنگواڈ پھلگام

## اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ بل زیر نمبر 0209020006034 جو غلام حسن راتھر کے نام پر درج کی گئی تبدیلی کے لیے ساجہ بیگم زوجہ غلام حسن راتھر ساکن لاری پورا رنگواڈ پھلگام کے نام پر درج کی گئی مطلوب ہے کسی کو کوئی عذر ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر اندر pdd سب ڈویژن عسکریہ کے دفتر میں پیش کرے

المستھر

ساجہ بیگم زوجہ غلام حسن راتھر ساکن لاری پورا رنگواڈ پھلگام

## اطلاع عام

نمبر id ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے جو بجلی کنکشن زیر 0209020006029 جو کہ میرے والد محمد بٹ کے نام پر درج کی گئی تبدیلی کے لیے جاوید احمد بٹ ولد محمد بٹ ساکن لاری پورا رنگواڈ پھلگام کے نام پر درج کی گئی مطلوب ہے کسی کو کوئی عذر ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر اندر سب ڈویژن عسکریہ کے دفتر میں پیش کرے بعد از معاد کو کوئی عذر قبول نہیں ہوگا

المستھر

جاوید احمد بٹ

ولد مرحوم علی محمد بٹ

ساکن لاری پورا رنگواڈ پھلگام

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to be informed that the dob of my daughter jasmeen ashraf have been wrongly in her school records as 25/09/2021 but her correct dob is 30/09/2011 now I want update it her school record if anyone has queries plz inform to office of government middle school manal pahelgam. Mohd ashraf lawe R/o mamal pahelgam

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on my husband name MUKHTA BANDAY S/O MOHD AKBAR BANDAY R/O KREERI .Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 02120400000210 wants to be registered on my name SYEEDA BEGUM W/O LATE MUKHTA BANDAY R/O KREERI .If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name....SYEEDA BEGUM  
S/O ...MUKHTA BANDAY R/O KREERI  
DISTT..... BARAMULLA

## Tourism Stakeholders meet new CEO Bhaderwah Development Authority; Suggests measures for boosting local Tourism

HT News Network

BHADERWAH, MAY 30: In a significant step towards revitalizing tourism in the region, the Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA) held a meeting at Tilligarth Resort, Bhaderwah. The meeting brought together tourism stakeholders including hoteliers, guest house owners, homestay operators, travel agents and other service providers to interact with the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of BDA, Sunil K. Bhutyal, who also serves as Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah. The primary agenda of the



meeting was to formally introduce the new CEO and engage in an open discussion on the current challenges faced by the tourism industry in Bhaderwah. Participants shared their concerns and suggestions, focusing on the need for better infrastructure, promotion and tourist-friendly

facilities. The CEO emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to promote Bhaderwah as a prime tourist destination. He assured the attendees that the administration is committed to address their issues and formulate strategies for the smooth management of

tourist flow, especially during the peak season. Key issues discussed included enhancing security at tourist accommodations and destinations, maintaining hygiene standards and ensuring that all service providers adhere to a professional code of conduct. Suggestions for improving road connectivity and launching promotional campaigns were also put forward. The meeting concluded with a call for unity among tourism stakeholders and taking proactive steps to make Bhaderwah a cleaner, safer and more attractive destination for visitors.

## GDC Paloura Organises Pranayam Session under International Yoga Day Celebrations: Part 2

HT News Network

Jammu, May 30: In the run-up to International Yoga Day, Government Degree College (GDC) Paloura organized a Pranayam session on campus as part of a month-long series of activities aimed at promoting health and wellness through traditional yogic practices. The event was organized as part of the initiative of the NCC's 8J&K Girls Battalion. The session featured Prof. Chinmei Sharma, Head of

the Music Department, as the lead resource person. She delivered an engaging and informative session on the importance of Pranayam, elaborating on various techniques such as Brahmari, Chandrabhedhi, and Anulom Vilom. Emphasizing the holistic benefits of controlled breathing, Prof. Sharma explained how these practices enhance mental clarity, reduce stress, and support overall physical well-being. Prof. Sharma also offered insights into the seven

chakras energy centers located at different points in the human body explaining their role in achieving emotional balance and spiritual awareness. A live demonstration of Tratak , a yogic technique to improve concentration, was a key highlight of the session. In her address, Principal GDC Paloura, Mishriwala, encouraged students to adopt yogic practices like Pranayam daily, underlining their value in achieving academic and personal

success. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members including Prof. Joginder Kumar, Prof. Rabia Meer, Prof. Shivani Sharma, Prof. Vijay Kumari, Prof. Neha Bhagat, Prof. Usha Rani, PTI Vikram Singh Jamwal, Dr Sikander S. Khan, Prof. Tanu, and Prof. Shagun. The entire program was organized and coordinated by Prof. Kusha Sharma, Associate NCC Officer (ANO), 8 J&K Girls Battalion.

## اطلاع عام

میں سبھی پر دیا احمد میر ولد مرحوم عبد الجبار میر ساکن راجپورہ ہر خاص عام کو بذریعہ اشتہار کے آگاہ کرتا ہوں کہ مجھے بجلی بل باپ کے نام پر آتی تھی بنام عبد الجبار میر ولد مرحوم محمد بیجان میر کے نام پر اب مجھے اپنے نام پر درج کرنی مطلوب ہے بنام پر دیا احمد میر ولد مرحوم عبد الجبار میر کے نام پر درج کرنی اس بارے میں اگر 0214010004325 مطلوب ہے کمز یوم آئی ڈی نمبر کسی بھی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی نذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر گورنمنٹ بجلی ڈپارٹمنٹ آفس چھٹی پورہ جندواڑہ میں پیش کریں میعاد ختم ہونے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

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پرویز احمد میر

ولد مرحوم عبد الجبار میر ساکن راجپورہ  
تحصیل زلڈاڑہ

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Jameela Begum, mother of Tazveena Bano, resident of Satkojan, Tehsil Zachaldara, District Kupwara, hereby declare that the correct name of my daughter is Tazveena Bano D/o Jameela Begum, and her correct Date of Birth is 12.09.2012. However, it has been incorrectly recorded as 04.03.2014 in the school records. I hereby authorize the concerned authorities to make the necessary correction in the school records accordingly.

Any person having any objection in this regard may contact the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections will be entertained thereafter.

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جاوید احمد وانی والد ریحان احمد

ساکن پھلگام

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# World Environment Day-2025

## DYSS Kishtwar flags off district wide Plog Run to launch "Ending Plastic Pollution" campaign

**HT News Network**

KISHTWAR, MAY 30: In a significant initiative marking World Environment Day 2025, the Department of Youth Services & Sports Kishtwar today flagged off a massive Plog Run across Zone Kishtwar and Zone Nagseni to kick-off district-wide campaign themed "Ending Plastic Pollution". The impactful event is being conducted under the direction of Director General Youth Services & Sports J&K

Rajinder Singh Tara and in close coordination with the District Administration Kishtwar led by Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan and under the supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Jaffer Haider Sheikh. The Plog Run, aimed at raising awareness about hazards of plastic pollution and promoting responsible waste management, saw enthusiastic participation from 600 students, including 350 boys



and 250 girls, drawn from Middle Schools, High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools of the twin zones. The students actively joined hands to clean their surroundings while running symbolizing a strong commitment to environmental

stewardship. The participants were holding placards amid chanting slogans against plastic pollution. They cleaned roadsides, school vicinities and public spaces, collecting and properly disposing of plastic waste. The initiative not only highlighted the need for sustainable living and plastic waste reduction but also served as a platform to inculcate environmental values among the youth. This Plog Run is a part of a broader campaign that the YSS Department Kishtwar plans to continue throughout the month, involving schools in awareness and action-oriented activities. The Department of Youth Services & Sports Kishtwar reaffirms its commitment to supporting the Government of India's larger vision of a Plastic-Free India and extended gratitude to all stakeholders who contributed to the success of today's event.

### Bhaderwah gears up for Lavender Festival- 2025

**HT News Network**

BHADERWAH, MAY 30: In the run-up to the much-anticipated Lavender Festival 2025, a team of local administration led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Bhutyal today conducted a detailed inspection of venue readiness at the Sports Stadium, Government Degree College Bhaderwah. During the inspection, the ADC took stock of ongoing preparations and issued on the spot instructions to stakeholder departments to expedite the remaining works. The stress was laid on ensuring proper sanitation, electricity supply, drinking water availability, stage setup, decoration, parking facilities and other public convenience measures. The aim is to transform the venue into a vibrant and welcoming space for tourists, guests and local residents who are expected to attend in large numbers.

### Lion Cubs, Kutki and Bhunki displayed on 2nd Anniversary of Jambu Zoo

**HT News Network**

JAMMU, MAY 30: The Wildlife Department celebrated the completion of two years of Jambu Zoo with a series of activities held here the other day. The occasion marked a significant milestone in the zoo's journey, with over five lakh footfalls since its opening to the public on May 29, 2023. Lion Cubs, Kutki and Bhunki, born on 5 March 2025 to their parents brought from Gujarat two years back, were the main attraction of the event. The other attractions included a live snake show and display of live Brandt's Hedgehog, a new discovery for India. A cultural programme, organized in collaboration with the Culture Department, witnessed a large participation of school students, NGOs, and local artists performing Dogri songs, dance, skits and yoga, on the theme of wildlife conservation.

### DC reviews progress under HADP, establishment & functioning of KKGs in Kishtwar District

**HT News Network**

KISHTWAR, MAY 30: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today assessed the achievement under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) besides the establishment and functioning of Kissan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) here at a meeting. Chief Agriculture Officer Kushal Chandel, who also serves as Nodal Officer HADP, provided a detailed update, highlighting that 29 projects under HADP are being implemented across various sectors in the district. Regarding Kissan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs),



it was informed that out of total 65 sanctioned KKGs, 31 have been established, including 6 in the first phase and 25 in this month, while the remaining are at various stages of completion. To address the issue of low joining among selected KKG Krishi Udyams, the DC instructed the CAO to invite fresh applications. The meeting also reviewed the implementation of schemes in Horticulture, Fisheries, Sheep Husbandry and Animal Husbandry sectors. The meeting was attended by CPO Shahnawaz Bali; Tehsildar HQ Sunali Rani besides officers and officials of Agriculture and allied sectors.

### Reasi records remarkable improvement in DGGI 4.0, jumps 15 ranks to secure 5th position in J&K

**HT News Network**

REASI, MAY 30: Reasi district has demonstrated exceptional progress in governance by securing the 5th rank in the District Good Governance Index (DGGI) 4.0 among Jammu & Kashmir districts - a dramatic leap from its 20th position in DGGI 3.0. This leap of 15 positions is the highest improvement recorded among all districts, highlighting Reasi's dedicated efforts towards administrative excellence and effective services delivery. Adding to this achievement, Reasi has secured Rank 1 in Citizen-Centric Governance, emerging as the top-performing district in this critical

category. This reflects the administration's strong focus on delivering quality public services, ensuring transparency, and fostering trust between the government and citizens. The district has also shown improvement in 8 out of 10 key sectors assessed under DGGI 4.0. These sectors include Human Resource Development, Financial Inclusion, Legal & Public Safety, Social Welfare and Industries & Commerce, among others. The steady progress across these areas underscores the district's comprehensive and balanced development approach. The Reasi administration credits this success to the collaborative efforts of government officials, frontline workers, and citizens who have actively

contributed to the transformation. This recognition serves as a powerful motivation to sustain the momentum and continue advancing toward higher standards of governance and public satisfaction. Adding to this achievement, Reasi has secured Rank 1 in Citizen-Centric Governance, emerging as the top-performing district in this critical category. This reflects the administration's strong focus on delivering quality public services, ensuring transparency, and fostering trust between the government and citizens. The district has also shown improvement in 8 out of 10 key sectors assessed under DGGI 4.0. These sectors include Human Resource Development, Financial Inclusion, Legal & Public Safety, Social Welfare and Industries.

### DC flags off 100-Day "TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" at Doda



**HT News Network**

DODA, MAY 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh today flagged off a 100-day "TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" here from DC Office Complex. The campaign aims to intensify efforts to eliminate tuberculosis through sustained awareness, screening and treatment drives across the district. The launch event witnessed the presence of Chief Medical Officer Dr Om Kumar; Deputy CMO Dr S L Manhas; Block Medical Officer Ghat Dr Abdul Gafoor and other officials and staff from the Health Department. The DC emphasized the importance of active community participation and inter-departmental coordination to achieve the goal of TB-free India. He urged frontline workers to reach out to the vulnerable population, especially in remote and underserved areas. The "TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" is part of the national strategy aligned with the Prime Minister's vision to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global target. During the campaign, medical teams will conduct door-to-door screening, sputum collection drives and organize TB awareness sessions. The initiative also includes engaging local influencers, PRI members, ASHAs, and NGOs to spread awareness and remove the stigma associated with TB.

### Agriculture Department Jammu celebrates International Day of Potato

**HT News Network**

JAMMU, MAY 30: The Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu celebrated the International Day of Potato here today, acknowledging the immense value of this versatile crop that sustains over one billion people globally. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed May 30 as the International Day of Potato in December 2023, recognizing its significance as a staple food and its critical role in achieving global food security. The 2025 theme, "Shaping History, Nourishing the Future," highlights the potato's contribution to the livelihood of both producers and consumers worldwide. In his address, Director Agriculture Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen underscored the potato's pivotal role in the region's agrarian economy. He commended the tireless efforts of farmers who contributed to the cultivation and innovation in potato farming, particularly in the diverse terrains of Jammu. Explaining the potato sowing pattern in the region, Director A. S. Reen said it is cultivated from April to May in hilly areas, covering approximately 900 hectares, and from September to October in the plains, with nearly 2050 hectares under cultivation. He also highlighted the popular potato varieties cultivated in the region.

## Mission YUVA implementation reviewed in District Kishtwar

**HT News Network**

KISHTWAR, MAY 30: A review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of Mission YUVA in the district was convened today under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pawan Kotwal. The meeting was attended by General Manager District Industries Centre, Dr. Rishi Sharma; ACR, Idrees Lone; SDMs of Paddar, Marwah, and Chatroo, besides all other members of Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) and Business Help Desks (BHDs). At the outset, the ADC reviewed the functioning of the SBDUs and BHDs, emphasizing the need



to expedite the implementation process. He directed concerned officers to activate YUVA Doots and set clear targets for them to ensure timely results. Yuva Doots are

responsible for identifying potential entrepreneurs, raising awareness about self-employment schemes and assisting them in accessing benefits under Mission YUVA. Highlighting the importance of grassroots outreach, the ADC instructed departments to conduct awareness programs at the Panchayat level to inform youth about opportunities under Mission YUVA. Stressing on adopting a proactive and coordinated approach, the ADC urged stakeholders to work collectively to maximize youth participation and promote sustainable employment through entrepreneurship under the Mission YUVA initiative.

## World Environment Day-2025 JKPCC hosts Awareness Programme at GGMHSS Samba

**HT News Network**

SAMBA, MAY 30: As part of the ongoing 10-day campaign initiated by the J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) Samba to mark celebration of World Environment Day (WED) 2025, a special Awareness cum Sensitization Programme was organized today at Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School (GGMHSS), Samba. This year's World Environment Day theme, "Ending Plastic Pollution Globally," was central to the discussions and activities. The programme, held in collaboration with Berger Paints India Ltd., aimed at educating and engaging students on the urgent issue of plastic pollution, encouraging sustainable practices and eco-conscious behavior. The event was graced by Ghan Sham



Singh, Member Secretary, JKPCC; Dr. Bhawna Abrol, Principal of GGMHSS School, Samba; Vinay Sharma, General Manager, Berger Paints India Ltd., Samba; along with teachers, staff members, and over 100 students. The programme was coordinated by Dimple Sharma and Er. Vasu Nargotra, Field Inspectors, under the supervision of H. S. Galoach, Divisional Officer, JKPCC, Samba South.

In her welcome address, Dr. Bhawna Abrol emphasized the importance of environmental consciousness among youth. Ghan Sham Singh, while appreciating the students' participation, urged them to set examples in their communities and assured full support from JKPCC in their environmental endeavors. Vinay Sharma highlighted Berger Paints' initiatives under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), including the distribution of cloth carry bags as part of reducing plastic use. The programme culminated with the administration of the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) pledge by Er Vasu Nargotra, reaffirming the commitment of all participants towards promoting sustainable lifestyles. Earlier, 300 cloth bags were distributed among the students, symbolizing a small yet significant step towards plastic-free living.

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# Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly concludes: historic outcomes, consequential highlights

The Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly (WHA78), the annual meeting of World Health Organization's (WHO) Member States, came to a close Tuesday, as health leaders lauded vast accomplishments and global solidarity.

The Assembly, WHO's highest decision-making body, convened from 19 May to 27 May, under the theme "One World for Health". Member States considered approximately 75 items and sub-items across all areas of health, engaging in lively debate and adopting consequential resolutions to improve health for all.

"The words 'historic' and 'landmark' are overused, but they are perfectly apt to describe this year's World Health Assembly," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "The adoption of the Pandemic Agreement and the approval of the next increase in assessed contributions, along with the numerous other resolutions that Member States adopted are a sign to the world that we can achieve cooperation in the face of conflict, and unity amid division."

World's first pandemic agreement: equity for all

On 20 May, Member States adopted the historic WHO Pandemic Agreement. The moment was met with heartfelt applause, celebrating over three years of intense negotiations by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, comprising WHO's Member States.

The adoption of the Agreement is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to safeguard the world from a repeat of the suffering caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Agreement aims to enhance global coordination and cooperation, equity and access for future pandemics, all while respecting national sovereignty.

Over the next year, Member States will build on the Resolution, by holding consultations on the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing system (PABS), an annex to the Agreement which would enhance equitable access to medical advancements.

Sustainable financing: protecting the future of global health

In a changing financial landscape, Member States united to protect WHO's critical work by approving the second 20% increase in assessed contributions (ACs).



By 2030-2031, ACs will make up 50% of WHO's core budget, providing more predictable, resilient, and flexible funding.

The Assembly's commitment to sustainable financing did not stop there; at a high-level pledging event during WHA78, health leaders pledged at least US\$ 210 million for WHO's Investment Round, the fundraising campaign for the Organization's global health strategy for the next four years (the Fourteenth General Programme of Work). In addition to the US\$ 1.7 billion already raised for the Investment Round, these pledges mark a significant step toward sustainable financing of WHO. Since launching in May 2024, the Investment Round has attracted 35 new contributors - moving WHO closer to the broader donor base envisioned in the Director-General's ongoing transformation agenda.

Action for health: major decisions and resolutions

WHA 78 was steadfast in addressing ongoing health issues and adaptable in targeting threats and conflicts. The accomplishments of the Assembly spanned many areas of health as Member States

- adopted a new resolution highlighting the global health financing emergency;
- endorsed first-ever resolutions on lung and kidney health, highlighting the upcoming UN General Assembly focus on noncommunicable diseases;
- adopted a new resolution on science-driven norms and standards for health policy and implementation;

- adopted a new target to halve the health impacts of air pollution by 2040;
- adopted an innovative resolution to promote social connection with growing evidence linking it to improved health outcomes and reduced risk of early death;
- adopted a resolution for a lead-free future;
- adopted a resolution to address rare diseases, protecting the over 300 million people globally who live with one of more than 7000 rare diseases;
- agreed to expand the provisions of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes to tackle

- the digital marketing of formula milk and baby foods;
- adopted a resolution to accelerate the eradication of Guinea worm disease.

The Assembly adopted other resolutions on digital health, the health and care workforce, medical imaging, nursing and midwifery, sensory impairment, and skin diseases, among others. Two new official WHO health campaigns were established: World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day and World Prematurity Day.

## Strengthening health emergency preparedness and response

The World Health Assembly also discussed WHO's work in health emergencies. Over the last year, WHO responded internationally to 51 graded emergencies across 89 countries and territories, including global outbreaks of cholera and mpox - a public health emergency of international concern - as well as multiple humanitarian crises. Working with over 900 partners across 28 health clusters, WHO helped provide health assistance for 72 million people in humanitarian settings. Nearly 60% of new emergencies were climate-related, highlighting the growing health impacts of climate change.

## During the Assembly, Member States

- considered matters pertaining to WHO's work in health emergencies and commended the Organization's leadership in this space;
- noted the Director-General's report on implementation of the health emergency prevention, preparedness, response and resilience (HEPR) framework and expressed their support for the strengthening of the global architecture;
- considered the health needs of people in Ukraine and the occupied Palestinian territory;
- noted the Director-General's report on progress made in implementing the International Health Regulations (2005); and
- approved a resolution to strengthen the research base on public health and social measures to control outbreaks.

SOURCE: WHO

## A new Covid variant could drive up summer cases: Here's what you should know

A new Covid variant that's gaining momentum globally has landed in the U.S.

The World Health Organization announced last week that it was monitoring the variant, NB.1.8.1, following a rise in cases in several parts of the world, including Europe, South-east Asia and North and South America.

The variant appears to be more transmissible than the dominant strain worldwide, LP.8.1, meaning it has the potential to drive up cases this summer.

But it does not seem to be much better than LP.8.1 at evading protection from vaccines or a prior infection. And the WHO has found no evidence that it leads to more severe illness, so the agency has determined that it doesn't pose an added health risk.

"It's an important one to track, but it doesn't show any signs so far of being able to drive a large surge in Covid-19 cases - at least in the U.S.," said Andrew Pekosz, a virologist at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Federal and state health officials regularly monitor Covid strains to identify potential changes in how the virus behaves and help inform vaccine updates. The strains that have been dominant in the U.S. since late 2021 are versions of the omicron variant and generally produce similar symptoms. NB.1.8.1 is part of that lineage.

Covid vaccines are



updated each fall to better match the circulating strains, but eligibility will likely be limited this year to older adults and young people with medical conditions.

Infectious disease doctors said NB.1.8.1 could potentially lead to a small surge of infections for two reasons: The U.S. hasn't seen a Covid wave in awhile and less than a quarter of adults have received the latest booster, meaning population immunity has likely waned.

"It may unfortunately come back with a little bit of vengeance on us. Let's hope that doesn't happen, but I am concerned that we may be setting ourselves up for that with this combination of factors," said Dr. Thomas Russo, chief of infectious diseases at the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Covid cases typically rise twice a year - in the summer and winter -

regardless of what variant is circulating, said Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director of infection prevention at the Yale School of Medicine.

"I'm going to go ahead and guess that it's going to lead to an uptick in the summer - probably a mild to moderate one," he said of NB.1.8.1.

A spokesperson for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said there have been fewer than 20 sequences of NB.1.8.1 reported in the U.S. to date. That means the variant is not prevalent enough to appear on the CDC's dashboard, which lists variants that make up more than 1% of national Covid cases over a two-week period.

The Arizona Department of Health Services said it identified three samples of the variant in late April and early May through routine surveillance. NB.1.8.1 has also been detected in Rhode Island, according to the

state's health department. The Cleveland Clinic said it had detected a few cases in Ohio.

"Whether it gets a foothold in this country and it becomes our new dominant variant or not remains to be seen," Russo said. The variant is now dominant in China, where it has spread rapidly since the start of the year. By late April, it made up nearly 11% of genetic sequences submitted to a global virus database called GISAID, up from 2.5% earlier that month.

Meanwhile, LP.8.1 has become less prevalent since mid-April, according to the WHO.

A preprint study, which has not been peer-reviewed, found that NB.1.8.1 had the "potential for future dominance" over other circulating variants due to additional mutations that could make it more transmissible.

People who haven't been vaccinated or had Covid in awhile should get

a booster now if they're eligible, Roberts said. NB.1.8.1 is a cousin of JN.1 (the variant targeted by the current booster), so the vaccine should protect against it to some degree.

The Food and Drug Administration has asked drugmakers to update Covid vaccines to target the LP.8.1 variant this fall. Data from Pfizer and Moderna suggest the updated vaccines would offer protection against NB.1.8.1 as well. But the FDA has said it will limit its approval of updated Covid shots to older adults and younger people with a medical condition that puts them at risk of severe illness. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday stopped recommending Covid vaccines for healthy children and pregnant women.

"I haven't seen any substantial new data to guide these decisions," Roberts said.

Doctors said they worry that, because of those changes, pregnant people and children under 5 may be vulnerable to severe outcomes from Covid this winter. And even healthy adults who've been vaccinated before might not have optimal protection, Russo said.

"Even for people that have received one shot, two shots, even three shots - yes, that's better than no shot," he said. "But we know that immunity wanes and we know the virus evolves."

SOURCE: NBC NEWS

## Can fiber help you lose weight? Dietitian answers 5 key questions

Nowadays, the internet is awash with articles, charts, and recipes centered around eating more protein - anything from a 30-gram-protein breakfast to high-protein drinks and more - to naturally lose weight. And although the key to achieving good weight loss results is indeed a higher protein intake, there is a nutrient that is often overlooked: fiber.

Fiber is crucial not only for digestive functioning but overall health. Studies have shown it can lower LDL cholesterol, reduce blood pressure, and protect against heart disease. Newer research also shows that fiber may promote weight loss and enhance sensitivity to insulin.

However, statistics show that less than 5% of Americans realistically meet their recommended daily fiber intake, which is on average up to 34 grams (g) Trusted Source for adult men and about 28 g for adult women. So, how can we eat more fiber?

In this episode of In Conversation, we'll be tackling burning questions such as: What is fiber, and why is it important for our bodies? How can we tell whether we are eating

enough fiber? Is it right to call fiber nature's Ozempic?

We'll differentiate between soluble and insoluble fiber while discussing the ideal daily intake for different people. We'll also touch on how fiber supplements like psyllium husk compare with whole foods, weighing their benefits for our well-being. We will also look at how fiber plays a crucial role in fighting insulin resistance and its potential role in supporting weight management goals.

To discuss this and more, we're joined by registered dietitian Lisa Valente, MS, RD. Lisa holds a Master of Science in nutrition communications from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, and she completed her dietetic internship at Massachusetts General Hospital.

## What are the best high-fiber foods?

After the podcast recording, for the readers of MNT, we also asked Lisa what her top favorite high fiber foods were.

"I will say frozen berries, fresh too, but frozen berries tend to be a little bit higher in fiber

for a fruit. And when you buy them frozen, they're just more affordable and easier to have on hand. [T]hey don't go bad on you in a day - so, you can add those to smoothies or mix them into oatmeal or yogurt," she said.

Lisa said her second choice would be whole wheat pasta and shared a fun fact about fiber.

"Brown rice only has one gram more of fiber than white rice, but whole wheat pasta has significantly more than white pasta. [It creates] like this nice fiber-rich carbohydrate base to your dinner to add some vegetables or protein to," she said.

Her third choice was chia seeds.

"I sprinkle them on oatmeal, but you can also make chia seed pudding where you soak them with some milk or non-dairy milk and add a little bit of fruit. They're very filling and they not only have fiber, but they also have omega-3 and a little bit of protein. So I feel like they're sort of this tiny but mighty little seed where you can check off a lot of nutrition boxes at once. So if I had to pick three, that's a good starting place for me," she told us.

SOURCE: MEDICALNEWSTODAY





# Hand over Hafiz Syed, Masood Azhar to India if you want talks, Rajnath tells Pakistan

UNI

PANAJI, MAY 30

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday asked Pakistan to hand over terrorists Hafiz Syed and Masood Azhar to India if Islamabad is serious about talks with New Delhi.

"If Pakistan is serious about talks, it should hand over terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar to India so that justice is served," the Defence Minister said addressing officers and sailors onboard INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, off Goa coast.

"Both of them are not only in India's list of Most Wanted Terrorists, they are also UN Designated Terrorists. Tahawwur Rana, an accused in the Mumbai attacks, has been brought to India recently. Hafiz Saeed is also guilty of the Mumbai attacks, and justice must be done for



his crime," he said.

On Pakistan's repeated offer of talks, the Defence Minister reaffirmed India's stand saying the talks could be only on Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) and terrorism.

"If there are talks, it will only be on terrorism and PoK," he said.

He said Pakistan needs to understand that time is up for the dangerous game of terrorism it has been playing since Independence.

"Now, if Pakistan instigates any terrorist act against India, it will have

to bear the consequences and face defeat. India will not hesitate. It will use every method to root out the menace of terrorism," he warned.

He said "anti-India activities" were being carried out openly from Pakistani soil and India is completely free to carry out every kind of operation against terrorists on both sides of the border and the sea.

"Today, the whole world is acknowledging India's right to protect its citizens against terrorism," he said, emphasising that Pakistan must uproot the nursery

of terrorism operating on its soil with its own hands.

Praising the Indian Navy's role in the Operation Sindoor, he said when Indian Air Force destroyed the terror bases on Pakistani soil, the Navy's aggressive deployment in the Arabian Sea, its unmatched maritime domain awareness and supremacy confined the Pakistani Navy to its own shores.

"Our Western Fleet ships deployed at sea within 96 hours of the Pahalgam terrorist attack, carried out successful firings of surface-to-surface

and surface-to-air missiles and torpedoes on the western and eastern coast. It demonstrated the combat readiness of our platforms, systems and crew and our intent and readiness, forcing the enemy to come into a defensive posture," he said.

# Abhisek Banerjee urges Indonesians to fight the menace of terrorism

UNI

JAKARTA, MAY 30

Trinamool Congress Leader Abhisek Banerjee, a member of India's all-party Parliamentary delegation, has called upon the people of Indonesia to combat terrorism in all forms, as the menace is not restricted to a particular region but has spread globally.

He said the Indian Parliamentary party delegation was in Indonesia to share the message of how to combat terrorism and highlighted Pakistan's role in the ghastly attack in Pahalgam on April 22.

"Pakistan has been nurturing, training, sheltering, and harbouring terrorists. Terrorism has become a global menace, and killing people in the name of religion is completely unacceptable," the TMC general secretary said.

"We were attacked on 22nd April. We waited patiently for 14 days for Pakistan to bring the perpetrators to justice. When they failed, India carried out precise, non-escalatory airstrikes, targeting



only terrorist infrastructure. No civilian life was endangered," Banerjee pointed out in the context of Operation Sindoor against the terror dens.

He said terrorist Ajmal Kasab, who was caught red-handed by Indian law enforcement agencies during the 26/11 attack, had admitted to being trained and nurtured in Pakistan.

But this time India successfully neutralised the very place where such terrorists are trained. Banerjee said and called upon the assembled people to unite and fight the menace of terrorism.

"We visited Japan, South Korea, and Singapore, meeting various key

stakeholders and everyone shared the opinion that they must combat terrorism jointly as this is not just India's issue – it has become a global imperative," Banerjee said.

In Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, gunmen shot dead 25 tourists and a local pony owner after they picked them up based on faith, and killed all males in front of their wives and relatives.

"Despite attempts by external forces to divide us, our country stands united, and this is the first time in a very, very long time that our country has decided to send multiple delegations to different parts of the world

to spread the message to fight terrorism unitedly," Banerjee said.

He said India's stance was clear, and despite attempts by the external forces to cause division, Indians remain united.

"I belong to the second-largest opposition party in India, which has 42 Members taking into account both the houses of Parliament. We are very clear in our approach. While we may have our differences with the ruling government, when it comes to protecting national interests and the sovereignty of the nation, we will always act in the best interest of the country," Banerjee reiterated.

He said India is the land of Mahatma Gandhi, Gautam Buddha, Rabindranath Tagore, and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, and it is a peace-loving nation. "We are always the last to talk about war or violence," Banerjee said while interacting with the Indonesian leaders and Indian diaspora.

He said Indonesia too, has been a victim of terrorism in the past.

# 5 killed, 29 injured in blast in firecracker factory in Punjab's Muktsar

UNI

MUKTSAR (PUNJAB), MAY 30

Five migrant workers were killed and 29 others injured in an explosion at a firecracker manufacturing unit at Singhwala village in Muktsar district on early on Friday. Many migrant workers engaged in the production and packaging of firecrackers worked in this factory located near the Haryana border.

SSP Akhil Chaudhary said that preliminary information has revealed that the explosion took place



in the firecracker manufacturing area. The reasons

are yet to be ascertained. He said that the explosion

caused the building to collapse, causing casualties.

Lambai DSP Jaspal Singh said that five bodies have been recovered from the debris. The injured have been admitted to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda and Muktsar hospitals for treatment. There were about 40 employees in the factory.

Rescue teams of fire department and police reached the spot. Some employees are still feared trapped under the debris. Rescue operations are underway.

# Three held guilty in Ankita murder case

UNI

KOTDWAR, MAY 30

A local court in Uttarakhand on Friday convicted Pulkit Arya, the owner of Vanantra Resort, and his two associates in connection with the high-profile Ankita murder case.

The court will decide on the quantum of sentence later. The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Reena Negi held Pulkit Arya, Saurabh Bhaskar, and Ankit Gupta guilty under sections 302, 201, and 354 of the Indian



Penal Code. Pulkit Arya is the son of former BJP

leader Vinod Arya. Ankita's lawyers, Avnish

Negi and Ashutosh Negi, confirmed the verdict, stating that the court has found the three accused guilty and will pronounce the sentence later.

Ankita was working as a receptionist at Vanantra Resort near Rishikesh when she went missing on September 18, 2022. Her body was recovered from the Chilla barrage two days later. The case sparked widespread outrage, and the state government handed over the case to a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

# 5 killed, 14 injured as bus overturns in Jaunpur

UNI

JAUNPUR (UP), MAY 30

Five persons, including three women, were killed and 14 others injured when a private bus overturned after hitting the divider in the Baksha area in Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh, police sources said here.

Police sources said that the incident took place on Thursday night at around 1:45 AM when the driver of the private vehicle, going from Ramnagar Ghanshyampur to Jaunpur lost control, climbed a divider, and overturned at the underpass located at Chakpatela village near Shambhuganj Bazar. "While two women and two men died on the



spot, a woman died in the district hospital. 14 people were injured in the accident," they said.

Police sources said that upon getting information about the incident, District Magistrate Dr Dinesh Chand and Superinten-

dent of Police Dr Kaustubh immediately reached the spot. SP Dr Kaustubh said the bus carrying about 40 passengers climbed the divider, reached the opposite track, and overturned in the middle of the road after the driver lost control

of the vehicle. "The police immediately reached the spot, took out the people badly trapped in the bus, sent four dead people to the mortuary, and sent 10 injured to Naulperwa CHC Hospital for treatment," he said.

The SP said that a total of five people, including three women, died in the accident. He said while four deceased have been identified as Nemi Devi (60), Sandhya Sharma (26), bus conductor Kalicharan Yadav (40), and Sushila Yadav (65), one of the deceased could not be identified.

# IndiGo to add 10 new global routes, says CEO

UNI

NEW DELHI, MAY 30

As part of IndiGo's internationalisation strategy, the airline plans to add 10 new international destinations across all directions from India in the year to come, bringing the total to over 50.

Talking to media on Friday, airline's CEO Pieter Elbers, said, "Starting July, there will be non-stop, direct flights connecting Mumbai with Manchester and Amsterdam. As IndiGo's fleet of damp leased B787s expands later this year, the airline is planning to expand its long-haul network to London



and Copenhagen".

The airline is further planning to build its European network with direct connectivity to markets where Athens is planned to be introduced.

Moreover, the airline is planning to add four more Central Asian destinations

and also re-activate services to Almaty and Tashkent with new non-stop services from Mumbai. Tbilisi will also see additional capacity with non-stop connectivity from Mumbai.

Meanwhile, in the domestic market, IndiGo plans to add four more

stations to its network, increasing it from 91 to 95 destinations. Besides, the airline will launch flights to and from Adampur airport in Jalandhar on July 1.

Talking about the expansion of IndiGo, Elbers said that seeing one new aircraft joining the fleet every week, he was hopeful that the fleet size of 600 aircraft by 2030.

He said that the airline has signed an agreement with Norse Atlantic Airways for the damp lease of six Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft, deliveries of which will be completed by early 2026, anticipating the arrival of the A 350s in 2027.

# Nitish slams opposition for doing nothing when they were in power in Bihar

UNI

PATNA, MAY 30

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday alleged that nothing was done for anyone when opposition parties were in power in the state.

Kumar while addressing a public meeting at Bikramganj in Rohtas district of Bihar, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the dais, said that nothing was done when opposition parties were in power in the state. After his government was voted to power in Bihar in 2005, many steps were taken to improve the condition of every section of the society, including the poor and women, he added.

"Bihar was the first state in the country to



provide 50 percent reservation to women in panchayati raj institutions and local bodies", the Chief Minister said, adding that women were given 35 percent reservation in government services. Conditions for women had improved a lot due to the sustained efforts of his government, he noted.

Kumar appreciated the

support extended by the Centre under the regime of the Narendra Modi government for the accelerated pace of development of Bihar. Several projects for which the foundation stones would be laid and others which would be launched would help in the accelerated development of Bihar, he added.

Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi, who laid foundation stones of projects and also launched some other projects worth Rs 48,500 crores, through a remote button during the public meeting, said it was a day of ushering in a new era of development and prosperity for the people of Bihar. He appreciated Chief Minister Kumar for the good works being done by his government for the people of the state, which changed the scenario in the last two years since 2005 when the NDA was voted to power in the state.

Projects launched and for which foundation stones were laid by PM Modi, are related to roads, power, railways, education, and other sectors, having a total cost of Rs 48,500 crores.

# 3 injured in orphanage fire in S. Afghanistan

UNI

KABUL, MAY 30

Three people, all members of the firefighter brigade, sustained injuries as an orphan-

age caught fire in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on Thursday, head of the fire department Sayed Ahmad Agha said Friday.

The fire broke out in

the four-storey building Mohammadi Orphanage in Police District 12 of Kandahar city, capital of Kandahar province, on Thursday, the official said, adding the

firefighters reached the site and extinguished the fire within hours.

Some 200 orphaned children receive education at the orphanage, according to the official.



# Bumrah positive India can counter ultra-aggressive England

UNI  
MUMBAI, MAY 30

India and England will lock horns in a five-Test match series, marking the beginning of the upcoming ICC World Test Championship cycle .

Bumrah, currently part of the Mumbai Indians squad for the Indian Premier League, is among the experienced campaigners who feature in India's Test squad against England, especially after the retirements of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

The 31-year-old, who was phenomenal with the ball during India's previous Test assignment in Australia, is eager to take on the challenge of playing in English conditions.

"Playing in England is always a different chal-



lenge, I always love bowling with the Dukes ball," Bumrah said in a conversation with Michael Clarke on the Beyond23 Cricket Podcast.

"The weather, the swinging conditions sometimes, and then when the ball becomes soft, there's always a challenge. So I

always look forward to playing in England," he said.

The seasoned pacer added that in Ben Stokes' England side, a unique challenge awaits India.

"They're playing an interesting style of cricket which is interesting because I don't really

understand it too much," Bumrah said.

"But as a bowling unit, we always feel confident that when the batters are being ultra-aggressive, on a given day, anybody could run through and get wickets," he said.

India and England will kickstart the five-match series on June 20 with the first Test in Headingley.

With cricket set to make a big return at the Summer Olympics, Bumrah also has his sights set on making an appearance at Los Angeles 2028.

"Obviously, it is tough for any individual to keep playing everything for so long," he said. "I've been doing it for a while, but eventually you have to understand where your body is going, what is the important tournament."

# Ponting picks Australia XI for World Test Championship Final

UNI  
SYDNEY, MAY 30

ICC Hall of Famer Ricky Ponting has revealed the playing XI he thinks Australia will use in the one-off ICC World Test Championship Final against South Africa.

Earlier this month, Australia named a strong 15-player squad for the Ultimate Test at Lord's starting June 11 and coach Andrew McDonald has already indicated he will wait until the side convenes in London prior to the contest before he settles on the make-up of the final XI.

While the majority of Australia's XI looks well settled, there are still some question marks surrounding who will partner Usman Khawaja at the top



of Australia's batting order, the lack of runs for former No.1 ranked batter Marnus Labuschagne, just where star all-rounder Cameron Green slots into the side and which pacer is preferred out of Josh Hazlewood and Scott Boland.

Ponting discussed all of these issues on the latest episode of The ICC Review, with the former

Australian captain going out on a limb and predicting exactly how he thinks the Aussies will line up.

"I have just got a bit of a feeling that Marnus Labuschagne might be pushed up the order to open the batting with Khawaja," Ponting declared.

"I think Green will bat at three and Steve Smith will be at four," he said.

"Then it's Travis Head five, Beau Webster six, Carey at seven, Cummins eight, Starc nine and Lyon 10," Ponting said.

"And the one that everyone talks about the last couple of years is the whole Hazlewood (versus) Boland one. It's a really tough selection every time because every time Boland plays, he just does

## Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team loses to Chile in shootout after 2-2 draw

UNI  
ROSARIO (ARGENTINA), MAY 30

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team suffered a 1-3 defeat in a shootout against Chile after a 2-2 draw over four quarters in their fourth match of the friendly Four Nations Tournament here on Friday.

Sukhveer Kaur (35') and Kanika Siwach (47') were the goalscorers for India, while Jacinta Solari (27') and Captain Laura Muller (42') scored for Chile.

Chile opened the

scoring in the second quarter, with Jacinta Solari converting a penalty corner in the 27th minute. India equalised five minutes into the third quarter, as Sukhveer Kaur also converted a penalty corner.

Chile regained the lead in the 42nd minute through a field goal from Captain Laura Muller. However, India started the fourth quarter strongly, with Kanika Siwach continuing her goalscoring streak by netting the equaliser in the 47th minute.

## Indian men's national Football team reaches Thailand for friendly match

UNI  
PATHUM THANI (THAILAND), MAY 30

The Indian men's national team will play a friendly match against Thailand on June 4 ahead of the crucial AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers Final Round match versus Hong Kong on June 10.

After completing the Kolkata leg of their training camp, the Indian team landed in Thailand on Thursday.

This is the third time the Indian senior men's team have visited the Land of Smiles in the past



six years. India previously participated in the 2019 and 2023 King's Cup, winning the bronze medal in the former after beating Thailand 1-0, which was the last meeting between these two sides.

While the King's Cups were held in Buriram and Chiang Mai, respectively, the upcoming friendly will take place at the Thammasat Stadium in Pathum Thani, a venue the Blue Tigers have never played

in before. However, the Blue Colts have – as recently as 2023 in the AFC U17 Asian Cup. India drew 1-1 with Vietnam and lost 0-1 against Uzbekistan at the Thammasat Stadium.

Midfielder Brandon Fernandes, who made his India debut at the 2019 King's Cup in Buriram against Curaçao, is up for the challenge in Pathum Thani. He also spent the last pre-season with his club Mumbai City FC in Thailand, so it's safe to say, he is quite familiar with the country, its weather, and playing conditions.

## Djokovic outclasses Moutet in straight sets



UNI  
PARIS, MAY 30

Serbian tennis icon Novak Djokovic advanced to the third round of the French Open with a commanding straight-sets victory over local favourite Corentin Moutet 6-3, 6-2, 7-6(1) in a night session encounter at Court Suzanne Lenglen

on Thursday.

The Serbian ace, seeking his fourth Roland Garros crown and a record-extending 25th Grand Slam title, was in clinical touch throughout the contest, silencing a partisan French spectators with his trademark baseline precision and superior shot selection.

## Second seed Coco Gauff through to Paris third round

UNI  
PARIS, MAY 30

Coco Gauff continued her bid for a second Grand Slam singles title with victory over Tereza Valentova to reach the French Open third round.

The 21-year-old beat 18-year-old Czech Valentova 6-2 6-4 to advance on Thursday.

American second seed Gauff reached the singles final at Roland Garros in 2022 but fell in straight sets to 'Queen of Clay' Iga Swiatek.

Gauff has now won 12 of her past 14 matches, including reaching finals on the clay in Madrid and Rome, the BBC reported.

However, she was made to work in the final set, with the pair exchanging nine breaks of serve before Gauff held for a 5-4 lead.

She then broke Valentova to 15 to secure victory and set up a third-round meeting with Marie Bouzkova.

Gauff won her first major singles title at the US Open in 2023 and also claimed the Roland Garros women's doubles title alongside Katerina Siniaikova last year.

American third seed Jessica Pegula progressed with a 6-3 7-6 (7-3) victory over compatriot Ann Li.

Pegula documented her subway trips to the US Open last year and has done the same in Paris, taking the Metro to Roland Garros during the week.

## England begin Brook era by hammering West Indies

UNI  
EDGBASTON, MAY 30

England racked up 400 to begin Harry Brook's reign as captain with a comprehensive 238-run defeat of West Indies in the first one-day international at Edgbaston.

Brook, Ben Duckett and Joe Root all posted half-centuries, but the most impressive contribution came from Jacob Bethell, who struck 82 from 53 balls on Thursday.

England's 400-8 after being asked to bat was the sixth time they have



reached 400 in an ODI, their highest total in three years and best against a Test-playing nation since they won the World Cup in 2019.

West Indies were ordinary with the ball and would have conceded plenty more had they not taken three superb catches.

## Ponting urges India to start left-arm quick Arshdeep in England Tests

UNI  
SYDNEY, MAY 30

ICC Hall of Famer Ricky Ponting believes uncapped quick Arshdeep Singh can thrive as a front-line pacer during India's upcoming Test series in England.

On the latest episode of The ICC Review, Ponting backed the 26-year-old's character, work ethic, and technical strengths that he felt will make Arshdeep a valuable asset for India on the crucial tour starting next month.

"I've had a good chance to get to know him really



well. He's a great character to have around the team," Ponting said of Arshdeep, who he coaches in the Indian Premier League at the Punjab Kings.

"He's a fun-loving guy. He's very laid-back around

the group, which is great. Which is what we all like," Ponting said.

"As soon as the squad was announced the other day, the Test squad, the first thing I did in our team meeting was to make sure

that I acknowledged that Arshdeep had been picked in front of everybody and just congratulated him in front of everybody," he said.

"I think it's well deserved. I think he'll bowl well in England as well," Ponting said.

Having been a mainstay in India's T20I setup with 99 wickets across just 63 games, the left-arm seamer's maiden Test call-up also comes on the back of his exploits in red-ball domestic cricket

as well, with 66 wickets coming across 21 first-class matches.

## T20 Blast begins with wins for Lancs & Sussex

UNI  
LONDON, MAY 30

This year's T20 Blast got under way with opening-night victories for troubled Lancashire Lightning and last season's semi-finalists Sussex Sharks.

A day after the departure of head coach Dale Benkenstein following a bad start to the season, Lancashire secured a tense seven-run victory over Worcestershire Rapids at Emirates Old Trafford on Thursday.

Captain Keaton Jennings led from the front in their North Group encounter as his side posted 176-8 with no Worcestershire batter

going past 39 as they only made 169-7.

In the South Group, Sussex began with a 16-run win at Lord's over Middlesex aided by a fine 77 not out from James Coles in their 202-4.

Despite 51 from Ben Geddes and some lusty hitting from Ryan Higgins, the home side never looked in contention as they ended on 186-7.

It has been a dreadful start to the season in the County Championship for Lancashire, who named former T20-winning captain Steven Croft as interim head coach, with no wins from their seven games, the BBC reported.



Jennings had already resigned as red-ball captain and the club apologised to its members before Benkenstein's exit.

Back in charge for the T20 Blast, Jennings brought up his 50 off 30 balls and put on 79 for the first wicket with Luke

Wells.

But a brilliant catch in the deep from Ethan Brookes removed Jennings and halted Lancashire's progress, and the hosts lost five wickets for 22 runs to keep the target to under nine runs an over.

When Kashif Ali smashed 39 off 21 balls, the Rapids were well over the required rate and on course for an away win.

But the loss of captain Brett D'Oliveira (30) and Adam Hose (13) to reduce Worcestershire to 93-4 after 10.1 overs changed the complexion of the game.

From there, Lancashire turned the screw and with

the visitors needing 15 runs off the last over, Tom Aspinwall conceded just seven to deliver a morale-boosting first win of the season in any competition.

Middlesex have been perennial strugglers in the South Group, unable to reach the quarter-finals for six years and without a Finals Day appearance since they won the competition in 2008.

After winning the toss, they chipped away at Sussex's top order, helped by Tom Helm running out Daniel Hughes at the non-striker's end when the Australian was well set on 38.

But Coles' best T20 score from 44 balls held

the innings together as he put on an unbroken 88 with Tom Clark (26 not out) to take the score past 200. New Zealand star Kane Williamson, on his Middlesex debut, was spectacularly caught for 14 at deep point by a diving Harrison Ward, who almost lost his trousers in the process. However, they were soon behind the required rate and at 136-5 early in the 17th over, the game looked over. Higgins hit 44 off just 16 balls to give them a glimmer of hope until he was bowled by Ollie Robinson in the last over as the England bowler finished with an impressive 3-27.





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## DC Ganderbal visits Tulmulla, reviews arrangements for Kheer Bhawani Mela

### All arrangements in place for celebration of mela

■ HT News Network

GANDERBAL, MAY 30: In view of the upcoming annual Mela Kheer Bhawani-2025, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today conducted an on-the-spot inspection of the arrangements being put in place at the Kheer Bhawani Temple, Tulmulla, to ensure smooth and hassle-free conduct of the religious festival. Mela is scheduled to be held on June 3, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, and is expected to witness the participation of a large number of devotees from across the country.

During his visit, DC inspected various arrangements related to accommodation, sanitation, logistics, security, and other basic amenities for the yatri. He took a round of the temple complex and issued on-spot directions to ensure that all necessary facilities are in place for the devotees paying obeisance at the holy shrine.

Emphasizing the importance of seamless coordination, DC directed all concerned departments to ensure the availability of essential services, and to establish a foolproof mechanism for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the festival.



Earlier, DC also visited the Central University Kashmir campus at Tulmulla, which has been designated as an accommodation site for devotees during the festival. He reviewed the arrangements made for night stay, including bedding, sanitation, sufficient toilet facilities, security, parking spaces and langar sites.

DC directed the officials to ensure that devotees are provided a safe, clean, and comfortable environment throughout their stay, with round-the-clock services in place.

With all arrangements being final-

ized, district administration reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring a peaceful, organized and spiritually enriching celebration of the Kheer Bhawani Mela 2025.

DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihaqi; ACR Ganderbal, SE R&B, ACP, Executive Officer MC Ganderbal, and other senior officers. DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihaqi; ACR Ganderbal, SE R&B, ACP, Executive Officer MC Ganderbal, and other senior officers.

## Life Lost, Reputation Damaged: Paras Hospital Apologises After Naming Ex-Doctor in Death Case

■ HT News Network/KNT

Srinagar, May 30, KNT: A senior oncologist has raised serious concerns over Paras Hospital Srinagar's handling of a fatal surgical mishap and what he describes as a "system error" that wrongly implicated him in the case, intensifying scrutiny on the hospital's internal protocols and ethical standards.

Dr. Shah Naveed, a well-known surgical oncologist now working with Ujala Cygnus Superspeciality Hospital, Srinagar, publicly denounced the hospital for including his name in the operative note related to the death of a young patient, Wasim Ahmad Pathan, who died during surgery on May 23. Dr. Naveed had resigned from Paras Hospital nearly eight months earlier, on October 1, 2024.

"I was not present. I was not involved. I had no role whatsoever in that surgery or incident," Dr. Naveed clarified in a detailed public statement.

"The order issued by the Chief Medical Officer wrongly listed me among those whose practice was to be halted pending inquiry. This has caused me emotional, reputational, and financial harm," he added.

According to Dr. Naveed, the incorrect inclusion of his name led to official action that damaged his

professional standing. The hospital has since issued a formal apology, admitting the error stemmed from an autofill feature in its operation theatre (OT) documentation system, which reused template data from previous surgeries.

The apology, addressed to the Chief Medical Officer, termed the error "clerical" and "deeply regrettable," claiming that the system automatically inserted Dr. Naveed's name due to his past association with the hospital and previous collaboration with the lead surgeon, Dr. Sheikh Zahoor.

While Paras Hospital has acknowledged the mistake, its explanation has drawn sharp criticism for downplaying a matter of serious professional and ethical consequence. Calling it a mere "template error" in the case of a patient death reflects, at best, poor systems management, and at worst, a glaring disregard for accountability.

That the hospital's official medical documentation can autofill the name of a doctor who no longer works there, without cross-verification, points to systemic negligence. Even more concerning is how such a fundamental error escaped the review process in a high-stakes surgery setting.

Moreover, the hospital's apology letter, while apologetic in tone, lacks the depth, urgency, and corrective

clarity expected in such circumstances. Despite claiming "measures have been taken," it offers no specific steps, disciplinary actions, or audit trail to prevent future incidents.

This episode has sparked public outrage and calls for a thorough investigation into Paras Hospital's administrative and medical protocols. "A patient died. A doctor was falsely implicated. And the hospital is treating it like a clerical hiccup," said a senior health official to the news agency Kashmir News Trust on condition of anonymity.

Medical ethics experts have warned that this is not just a case of human error but an institutional failure. Misidentifying a surgeon in a fatal case has serious legal and professional implications, not only for the doctor involved but also for the credibility of medical records used in inquiries and litigation.

As Paras Hospital attempts to contain the fallout, many in the medical fraternity on social media are standing in solidarity with Dr. Naveed and urging authorities to ensure that hospitals are held accountable not just for surgical errors, but also for the integrity of their record-keeping and professional transparency. [KNT]

## Girls Mark Enthusiastic Participation In Inter-Zonal & Zonal Level Sports Competitions in Baramulla

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BARAMULLA, MAY 30: Youth Services and Sports, Baramulla, continued its inter-zonal district level Badminton and Table Tennis competitions alongside inter-school zonal level tournaments today, witnessing enthusiastic participation from young girls across the district. The third day of the inter-zonal event featured Under-14 and Under-17 girls' Table Tennis matches at Indoor Stadium Khawaja Bagh, where 35 students participated in U-14 and 40 in U-17 categories. Simultaneously, the Badminton competition



reached its third day at the Bipin Rawat Indoor Stadium, also recording 35 U-14 and 40 U-17 girl participants, showcasing growing

interest and talent in indoor sports among girls.

Adding to the momentum, YSS zone Pattan organized an inter-school

zonal level Kho-Kho competition for U-14 and U-17 girls at BMS Tapper, with an impressive 223 participants from various government and private schools. Likewise, YSS zone Uri hosted Volleyball and Kho-Kho competitions for U-14 girls, drawing 96 participants in Kho-Kho and 60 in Volleyball, underlining the expanding reach of grassroots sports programs in remote zones. These competitions are part of the department's continuous efforts to empower girls through sports and promote a culture of participation, fitness and discipline in educational institutions.

## Tourist Helpline service successfully assists Tourist in securing refund

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, MAY 30: The toll free service of Directorate of Tourism Jammu has provided at hand support to a tourist from Gujarat state, reflecting its reliability. The Directorate of Tourism Jammu operates a 24x7 toll free multilingual helpline to assist tourists visiting Jammu division to make their journey memorable and hassle free as it provides assistance during the time of distress and can alert concerned authorities, if required.

A tourist from Morbi, Gujarat- Sh. Ashok approached the helpline in the morning and was having issues in securing a refund with a cancelled local service due to the prevailing situation.

The tourist reached out to the Directorate's Helpline No.18008908457 and the complaint was forwarded to the Tourist Officer, Udhampur- Dr. Rajesh Raina. The officer promptly addressed the complaint on the directions of Director Tourism, Jammu-Dr. Vikas Gupta and secured the refund of the full amount for the Tourist.

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