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HISTORY IN MAKING ; World's Highest Railway Bridge, First Train to Kashmir to be Inaugurated by PM Modi on June 6 : Dr Jitendra Singh

■ HT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, JUN 03: Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Katra visit to inaugurate the Chenab Bridge— world's highest railway bridge—and train to Kashmir on Friday (June 6), security has been beefed up across Jammu and Kashmir.

It would be PM Modi's first visit to the region since "Operation Sindoor."

Union Minister Jitendra Singh made the announcement about the inauguration of the bridge by the Prime Minister on the social media platform X on Tuesday morning. "History in the making... Just 3 days to go! The mighty Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, stands tall in Jammu and Kashmir. Part of the Udhampur-



Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL). Built to withstand nature's toughest tests. PM Sh @narendramodi to inaugurate the Chenab Bridge on 6th June, 2025. A proud symbol of New India's strength and vision!"

Dr Singh wrote on X.

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The official said that a formal communication in this regard has been received. The Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent

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LG chairs preparatory meeting ahead of Modi's Jammu visit

SRINAGAR, JUNE 3 Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on June 6 to inaugurate the Chenab Bridge — the world's highest railway bridge — and flag off the Vande Bharat train service connecting Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level preparatory meeting with senior administrative and police officials at the Raj Bhawan in Srinagar.

An official spokesman said the Lieutenant Governor discussed various aspects of preparations and appealed to the people to participate in

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President of India promulgates reservation, domicile regulations for Ladakh

85 percent jobs reserved in UT

■ HT News Network/KNO

SRINAGAR, JUN 03 In a significant move, the President of India has promulgated the Union Territory of Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025, to reserve 85 percent jobs in the region.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has amended the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 in its application to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Under the new provisions, as per news agency—the total percentage

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Current Normalcy Will Pave the Way for Return of Kashmiri Pandits: Sunil Sharma

■ HT News Network/KNS

GANDERBAL, JUNE 3 (KNS): Leader of the Opposition, Sunil Sharma, on Tuesday said that the ongoing stability and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir will pave the way for the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley.

According to Kashmir News Service (KNS) Cor-



respondent, Sunil Sharma said Jammu and Kashmir had long suffered from separatism, terrorism,

stone-pelting, and chaos. "But today, there are no separatist-sponsored shutdowns, he said.

The glorification of terrorist funerals has stopped, and common people are living without fear. This marks a major shift towards peace and will pave the way for the return of Kashmiri Pandits," he said.

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Large number of devotees attending Kheer Bhawani Mela 'encouraging sign': LG Sinha Says all security arrangements in place for Amarnath Yatra, urges pilgrims to come and seek Baba's blessings

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 03: On the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha paid obeisance to Mata Kheer Bhawani and prayed for peace and prosperity of J&KUT and well-being of one and all.

During his visit to the holy shrine of Mata Kheer Bhawani at Tulmulla, Ganderbal, the Lieutenant Gov

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Lieutenant Governor visits Lal Chowk and interacts with traders

■ HT News Network/KNO

SRINAGAR, JUNE 03: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today visited the Lal Chowk market area and interacted with the shopkeepers, traders and discussed their issues and concerns.

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Urs of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA) observed with religious fervour Thousands throng Khanqah-e-Moula in Sgr, Tral; night-long prayers held

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUN 03: The annual Urs of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA), was observed with religious fervour across the Kashmir Valley on Tuesday, with a large gathering of devotees witnessed at the revered shrine of Khanqah-e-Moula in Srinagar and Khanqah Faiz Panah in Tral alike.

Devotees from different parts of the Valley thronged the shrine of Hazrat Ameer Kabir Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA) since morning to offer special prayers and seek blessings in Srinagar and Tral.

Emotional scenes were witnessed as people recited verses and prayed in unison. Special arrangements were made by the administration

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J&K Police attache property of PoK-settled terrorist in Ramban

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

JAMMU, JUNE 3 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday attached the property of one terrorist settled in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir in the Ramban district under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. Police spokesman here said that the Police attached property under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in Dharamkund area of District Ramban. In a significant move to combat ter

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3 government employees sacked over terror links in J&K

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

SRINAGAR, JUN 03: (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday terminated the services of three government employees "threat to the security of the state", officials said.

The total number of terminations has now crossed 80 following the latest dismissals

The dismissed employees include a police constable, Malik

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Political empowerment must for return of KPs: Karra

■ HT News Network/KNO

GANDERBAL, JUN 03: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Chief Tariq Hameed Karra on Tuesday said that the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley cannot be achieved through symbolic gestures or cosmetic measures but requires serious political empowerment and resolution of longstanding issues. Speaking to reporters after offering prayers at the annual Kheer Bhawani Mela in Tulmulla, Karra, as per the news agency—, said, "Unless the Kashmiri Pandit community is politically empowered, their issues are

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Hindi, Bhoti, Urdu, Purgi among 5 languages notified as official languages of Ladakh

English to be used for all official purposes; 33 % seats reserved for women in Hill Councils

■ HT News Network/KNO

SRINAGAR, JUN 03: The Union Government on Tuesday notified English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi as official languages of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The President of India promul-

gated the Ladakh Official Languages Regulation, 2025 to declare English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi as official languages of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

As per the notification, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—Kashmir News Observer

(KNO), English language shall continue to be used for all the official purposes of the Union territory for which it was being used before the date of commencement of this Regulation.

It also states that the Administra

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Kashmir incomplete without Pandits: Mehbooba Mufti

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA



SRINAGAR, JUNE 3 (UNI) Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said that Kashmir is incomplete without the Pandits and they have to play a role for any political process to be completed.

She said this after visiting Tulmulla in Ganderbal district to greet the Kashmiri Pandit community on the auspicious occasion of Zyesht Ashtami. She was accompanied by the party leadership.

"Jammu and Kashmir is incomplete without them (Pandits). The PDP believes that Jammu and Kashmir issue cannot be solved with guns. There is no military solution, and the gun of militants is also not a solution. There should be a political process," she told reporters in Ganderbal.

She said the political process is not possible until the Kashmiri Pandit brothers and

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Father's Journey From Survival to Deep Sorrow

Some wounds heal with time. Others stay etched in the soul forever.

Rameez Khan, a father from Kalani village in Poonch, is learning to live with both.

■ By M S Nazki

After weeks of medical treatment following grievous injuries sustained in the May 7 Pakistani shelling on Poonch town, Rameez is being discharged from the Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Jammu. But his heart remains anchored to a moment that changed his life irrevocably—the loss of his 12-year-old twins, Zain and Zoya. The brutal shelling,

which followed Operation Sindoor — India's retaliatory action to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack — turned peaceful homes into battlegrounds. Among the innocent casualties were the Khan twins. Rameez, severely wounded, was rushed to the hospital in an unconscious state. While doctors battled to save his life, Zain and Zoya were being lowered into the earth — their father unaware, their mother, Arusa, barely holding on. Days passed. Rameez, still fighting for survival, remained unaware of



the unspeakable loss. His wife, though physically stable, was emotionally shattered. The family, too stricken to speak, left it to time and God to guide them. Eventually, with immense courage, Arusa broke the news. A silent video clip from the hospital room captured the gut-wrenching moment: her voice trembling, breath short, words breaking into sobs.

"I couldn't cry in front of you... I didn't know how to tell you," she wept. "I saw our children... lying still... while you lay here. All I

could do was pray."

Rameez, too weak to move, trembled in disbelief, his grief erupting in tears as he clutched at what remained of his world.

Three weeks on, Rameez is physically stronger, but the pain is far from gone. On Wednesday, he will return to Poonch — not to resume life as before, but to stand at the graves of Zain and Zoya, and recite Fatiha in their memory. It is not closure he seeks, for there may never be any. It is con

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to accommodate the large number of people visiting the shrine.

Speaking to the news agency— Ghulam Qadir, a devotee from Srinagar said, he has been coming here every year. “It gives me peace to offer prayers at this holy place. The spiritual atmosphere cannot be described in words,” he said.

Earlier, night-long Shab Khwani (special prayers) were held on Monday at Khanqah Faiz Panah in Tral, Pulwama and Srinagar where a large number of people gathered to pay their respects.

Local cleric while addressing the gathering, spoke about the life and teachings of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA) and his significant role in spreading Islam and promoting spirituality, education, and social welfare in Kashmir.

“The message of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA) remains relevant even today, compassion, unity, and devotion to Almighty,” said a local resident in Srinagar.

Pertinently, the Urs is observed every year in memory of the revered Sufi saint, who is widely credited for laying the foundation of Islam in Kashmir through peaceful preaching and humanitarian work.

Moreover, the security and traffic arrangements were in place to ensure smooth movement of devotees—

PM

the long-awaited railway project connecting Kashmir to the rest of the country. This initiative, which began 42 years ago, is now nearing its conclusion. Railway authorities are making final preparations for the event.

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The official said that a formal communication in this regard has been received. The Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police Ramban visited Sangaldan Railway Station today to review security arrangements ahead of the section's inauguration.

The train was initially scheduled to be launched on April 19, but inclement weather led to delay. It was later postponed again following the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

The two new Vande Bharat Express trains will run in both directions—one from Katra to Srinagar and the other from Srinagar to Katra. Passengers will need to change trains at Katra for onward travel.

LG CHAIRS PREPARATORY MEETING

Officials informed that ahead of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit a preparatory meeting of Senior Administrative and Police Officials was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Srinagar, Raj Bhawan.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Anand Jain, ADGP Armed; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Vivek Gupta, IGP Railways; M. Suleman Choudhary, IGP Traffic; Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Reasi and Udhampur and senior officials of civil and police administration.

The Lieutenant Governor, according to the officials, discussed various aspects of preparations and appealed to the people to participate in large numbers and make the launch event a memorable one.

CHENAB BRIDGE CRITICAL PART OF USBRL

The Chenab bridge forms a critical part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project in Jammu and Kashmir.

Located in the challenging terrain of the Himalayas, the bridge spans 1,315 meters across the Chenab River at a staggering height of 359 meters above the riverbed.

Its construction is a significant milestone in connecting the Kashmir Valley to India's broader railway network, enhancing both economic prospects and strategic connectivity in the region.

The project, which was approved in 2002, began construction in 2004 amid formidable challenges including seismic activity in Zone V, extreme weather conditions, and logistical difficulties inherent in the mountainous landscape. Designed by WSP, the bridge's steel-concrete arch structure incorporates 25,000 tons of steel and supports double railway tracks.

It is engineered to endure earthquakes up to magnitude 8, winds reaching speeds of 266 km/h, and even blasts, ensuring long-term durability with an expected lifespan of 120 years.

Completed in August 2022 at a cost of 14.86 billion, the bridge features a main arch that stretches 467 meters. Trial runs were successfully conducted in June 2024, and full commercial operations are anticipated to begin in April 2025.

Once operational, the bridge will enable train travel between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district and act as a vital link connecting Katra with Banihal. This connection will eventually allow direct rail services from Katra to Srinagar, with trains able to cross the bridge at speeds up to 100 km/h.

The inauguration had originally been scheduled for April 19, but adverse weather conditions led to a postponement.

ADMINISTRATION MAKING EXTENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, the administration in Katra is making extensive arrangements, including heightened security across Jammu and Kashmir.

Security has been significantly intensified in Jammu city, with increased vigilance at markets, entry, and exit points. Additional security measures have also been implemented along the Jammu-Srinagar railway line to ensure smooth conduct of the event.

Another senior security official added that extensive security measures are being put in place ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, marking his first trip to Jammu and Kashmir since the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

The USBRL project itself is a massive engineering feat, comprising 927 bridges and 38 tunnels along the Kashmir Valley route.

RAIL CORRIDOR COMPLETE

Local trains are already operational on the 184-km USBRL stretch between Sangaldan (Ramban) and Baramulla, and on the 25-km section between Udhampur and Katra. The only portion left to be commissioned is the 63-km Katra to Sangaldan section, which will complete the entire rail corridor.

A successful electric train trial was conducted on the Katra-Banihal section on January 4. Over recent months, the Railways have carried out multiple trials along the route, including on the key Anji Khad and Chenab bridges.

Of the total 272-kilometre USBRL project, 209 kilometres have already been commissioned in phases. The first phase, the 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section, opened in October 2009, followed by the 18-km Banihal-Qazigund section in June 2013, the 25-km Udhampur-Katra section in July 2014, and the 48.1-km Banihal-Sangaldan section in February last year.

The 46-km Sangaldan-Reasi section was completed in June last year. This left only a 17-km stretch between Reasi and Katra, which was completed about three months ago. Since then, various trial runs, including for the Vande Bharat train, have been conducted.

The entire project cost approximately Rs 41,000 crore. In 1983, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi laid the foundation stone for the Jammu-Udhampur section of the railway line. By 2002, little progress had been made. It was only after the Vajpayee government declared the railway line a national project, fully funded by the central government, that significant work on the project began—

LG

ing with senior administrative and police officials at the Raj Bhawan in Srinagar.

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Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link, a 272-km mega project is India's most ambitious project connecting Kashmir valley with Kanyakumari. The Rail Link will ensure Year-round connectivity to the Valley.

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The Prime Minister will dedicate the Chenab bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, to the nation. This engineering marvel is the highest railway arch bridge in the world at 359 meters. It is a symbol of resurgent India on the path to becoming a developed country by 2047.

KHEER

ernor interacted with the devotees and extended his heartiest greetings on the auspicious occasion.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the District Administration, and all stakeholders for their coordinated efforts to ensure the smooth conduct of the Mela.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed the commitment of the J&K Administration to make the pilgrimage of the devotees of Mata Kheer Bhawani convenient, safe and hassle-free.

“Devotees in large numbers visited Mata Kheer Bhawani temple today and it's a good sign. I think after the heinous terror attack on April 22, it is for the first time that people in such large numbers have assembled at one particular place in Kashmir. May Mata Kheer Bhawani keep showering her blessings on the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The preparation is in full swing for the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The construction work at Yatri Niwas is also going on. We have made all necessary arrangements. For the security of yatri, the authorities are on alert. I request pilgrims from across the country to come for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also interacted with the devotees and members of Kashmiri Pandit Community and assured them of due consideration and appropriate redressal of the issues highlighted by them. He also reviewed the progress of Yatri Bhawan at Mata Kheer Bhawani temple.

Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shri Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Shri VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Shri Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal; senior officials of the Civil and Police Administration and pilgrims in large numbers were present on the occasion.

LAL CHOWK

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation Dr Owais Ahmed to take immediate measures to address the issues of the traders, shopkeepers and business community. He also gave specific instructions for improving the civic amenities at Lal Chowk.

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He also said that over the period of time efforts have been made especially under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to facilitate the dignified resettlement of the Kashmiri Pandit community in the valley.

“I believe that very soon, we will witness the return of the Kashmiri Pandit community in their homeland,” Sharma stated.

Reacting to Mehbooba Mufti's recent statements about the release of youth imprisoned, Sharma said, “If Mehbooba Mufti truly wants those prisoners released, then she should take their place in jail. They are in prison because of her instigating speeches. She should accept this and take responsibility.”

The Mata Kheer Bhawani is deeply revered by the Kashmiri community as a divine protector of the valley as it is being worshipped for bringing peace and happiness to the people here, he added. (KNS)

POLICE

rorism, the Police have attached a property, i.e., agricultural land measuring 1 Kanal 11 marla, under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967.

The land, registered in the name of one PoK settled terrorist, Ali Mohd alias Ibrahim Sheikh, resident of Sumbar, Tehsil and District Ramban has been attached, he said, adding, “property has been duly recorded in revenue records, and notices prohibiting their sale or transfer have been served under the UAPA.”

The attachment is linked to cases under relevant sections in Dharamkund and was executed in the presence of the Police team and an Executive Magistrate, ensuring full compliance with legal procedures.

This action marks a significant milestone in the ongoing investigation into unlawful and subversive activities in the region, he said.

Ramban Police, in collaboration with other agencies, remain resolute in their mission to take stringent measures against individuals and entities involved in activities threatening the sovereignty and integrity of the Nation, he added.

EMPLOYEES

Officials said the trio were allegedly actively working for the terror outfits and helping terrorists to execute terror attacks on security forces and civilians.

MEHBOOBA

sisters return to the Kashmir valley.

“That political process cannot happen until our Kashmiri brothers and sisters come to Kashmir with due respect, settle here and play their role,” she said

On Monday Mehbooba held her first interaction in five years with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, with the Pandits' return and a safe Amarnath Yatra on top of her agenda. In her meeting with LG, she demanded that two Assembly seats should be reserved for Pandits, and every Pandit family should get half a kanal of free government land.

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tor of UT may take such necessary steps as may be provided by rules to be made by him to strengthen the institutional mechanisms for the promotion and development of other languages in the Union territory and the establishment of the Academy of Art, Culture and languages.

According to the Regulations, the institutional mechanisms shall make special efforts for the promotion and development of other native languages of Ladakh: Shina (Dardic), Brokskat (Dardic), Balti and Ladakhi.

The President of India has also promulgated Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Amendment) Regulation, 2025 to reserve 1/3rd seats in Hill Councils of both Leh and Kargil for women.

As per amendments carried out in Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997, not less than one-third of the total

number of seats in the Council shall be reserved for women and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different territorial constituencies.

The rotation of constituencies reserved for women shall be made on the basis of serial number allotted to each constituency by notification in the official gazette, the notification states—

KARRA

not addressed, and unless their confidence is genuinely restored, you cannot bring them back by just showcasing films or events.”

In a veiled reference to attempts to link the community's return to cultural and cinematic initiatives, Karra said, “By making Bollywood films, you will not bring back the Pandits. The solution has to come from within, within Kashmir, within Jammu and Kashmir, and through the collective will of all communities.”

He added that the majority Muslim community must also play an active role in facilitating the return, along with a sincere commitment from all political parties. “This cannot happen unless the political leadership across the spectrum shows the will to make it happen,” he said.

In a pointed rebuttal to ‘fear and pressure narratives’, Karra hailed the overwhelming participation of devotees at the mela is a living proof of communal harmony and public will. “I will not say anything about the rush, but after the Pahalgam episode, if there was any fear or pressure, what you are seeing here today would not have been possible,” he said.

He said this should be an answer to those who tried hard to break the coordination between Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs. “You tried, but it is our Kashmir where Gandhi Ji saw the light of brotherhood in 1947, and that still stands and will always stand.”—

SHELLS

nection — a chance to mourn, to whisper to the wind the names of those who once filled his home with joy.

“He's still in shock,” said Adil Pathan, a close relative who has accompanied Rameez through his medical journey. “But somehow, Allah has given him the strength to bear this unbearable grief.”

Doctors at GMCH Jammu remain concerned about Rameez's left arm, which may need further surgery. “He had multiple injuries, especially to the chest,” said Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal and Dean. “We managed to stabilize him, but his left arm is not responding fully. We are monitoring it for the next 15 days.”

On Tuesday, before his discharge, Rameez attended a physiotherapy session at Super Speciality Hospital (SSH) in Jammu. Medical staff remain cautiously hopeful that further surgical intervention may be avoided.

As the family prepared for their journey home, Arusa recalled that fateful day through blurred memories. “There was a loud explosion,” she said, her voice quivering. “Then everything changed.” A family friend added, “They were trying to leave for Surankote — seeking a safer place. But a shell fell nearby. The children died on the spot. Rameez was critically injured.”

The tragedy has touched hearts far beyond their village. People from across the region — many who didn't even know the family — visited GMC Rajouri and GMC Jammu to offer condolences. Their grief became a collective mourning, echoing through the corridors of hospitals and homes.

Even in death, Zain and Zoya remained inseparable — bound not only by blood, but by fate. And now, as Rameez prepares to walk again, he walks with sorrow as his shadow, and remembrance as his guide.

MARMU

of reservations in Ladakh will now be capped at 85%, excluding quotas for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

As per understanding reached between Union Government and Leh Apex Body & Kargil Democratic Alliance, 80% percent posts would be reserved for Scheduled Tribes, four percent for residents living near ALC/LoC and one percent for scheduled castes.

The Regulation states that section 5 of Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Act shall not apply to Economically Weaker Sections and filling up of vacancies for such sections shall be in such manner as may be prescribed.”

Section 5 in J&K Reservation Act deals with filling vacancies in reserved categories during recruitment.

According to the provision applicable to J&K, if a sufficient number of candidates is not available from any reserved category during a recruitment process, the posts shall remain vacant and shall be carried forward to the next recruitment process.

It provides that the reserved vacancies remaining unfilled for a period exceeding three years shall be treated as de-reserved.

The President of India has also promulgated “The Ladakh Civil Services Decentralisation and Recruitment Regulations-2025” to define domicile eligible for jobs in the UT.

The Regulations state that it shall apply to all the gazetted and non-gazetted posts borne on the establishment of any department or service of the administration or a company under the control of administration.

As per notification issued by MHA, these Regulations shall be applicable for the purposes of appointment to any post under the Union territory or under a local or other authority (other than cantonment Board) within the Union territory.

The individuals who have resided in the region for at least 15 years or have studied there for a minimum of seven years and appeared for their Class 10 or 12 exams will qualify as domiciles, the Regulations state.

Besides, children of central government officers, officials of public sector undertakings, autonomous body of central Government, public sector banks, officials of central universities and recognized research institution of central government who have served the Union territory of Ladakh for a total period of ten years, will also be eligible for jobs.

The Regulations also state that the spouse of a domicile of Ladakh shall also be deemed a domicile.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has also notified “The Ladakh Civil Services Decentralization and Recruitment-Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) Rules, 2025”, defining five categories eligible for domicile status in the Union Territory.

Under the new rules, individuals holding a Ladakh Resident Certificate (LRC) or those eligible for it will qualify as domiciles, along with their children.

Children of Ladakh residents who live outside the region due to employment or business reasons will also be eligible.

According to the Rules, those who have lived in Ladakh for at least 15 years since October 31, 2019, will be granted domicile certificates. Their children would also be extended domicile benefits.

Those who have studied in Ladakh for seven years and appeared for their Class 10 or 12 exams from October 31, 2019, onwards will also qualify.

Besides, children of central government officials who have served in Ladakh for ten years since its formation as a Union Territory on October 31, 2019, will be eligible to apply for jobs in the region—(KNO)

District Industries Centre organizes awareness camp at Banihal

RAMBAN, JUNE 03: In line with the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, the District Industries Centre (DIC), Ramban, organized an awareness camp today at the Municipal Parking, Banihal, Ramban.

The purpose of the camp was to raise awareness about Strategic Investment Plans (SIP) for Jammu and Kashmir under Raising & Accelerating MSME Performances (RAMP) Programme and several other schemes being implemented by the Industries & Commerce Department and District Industries Centre to promote entrepreneurship among local youth.

The event began with a welcome address by Project Manager Kuldeep Singh, who welcomed the participants. In his address, he emphasized the importance of the schemes aimed at encouraging the youth to become job creators rather than job seekers. He invited the entrepreneurs to register their units on portal www.udyamregistration.gov.in to formalize the MSMEs in the District.

The Project Manager sensitized the participants about procedure and uploading of application forms for availing different schemes, besides the benefits of enrollment with DIC.

The educated unemployed youth were told about the financial assistance, subsidies they can get to start their own ventures under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in manufacturing and service sectors.

Additionally, awareness regarding the PM Vishwakarma scheme was also imparted to the participants during the programme.

DC Udhampur approves 5 CLU cases

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 03: A meeting of the District Level Committee on Change of Land Use was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai.

The Committee reviewed a total of 9 cases submitted by applicants online. After detailed deliberation and scrutiny, 5 cases were approved.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need for timely communication of deficiencies to applicants and directed the concerned officers to ensure the prompt issuance of No objection certificates after thorough verification of documents.



Sakeena Itoo visits Pampore Constituency; reviews functioning of key health, education facilities

HT News Network

PAMPORE, JUNE 03: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted an extensive tour of the Pampore Constituency to take stock of functioning of vital public utilities like PHC Kakapora, SDH Pampore and Government Degree College (GDC) Pampore and also review the progress of ongoing developmental projects in the Constituency.

MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd.) Hassan Masoodi; MLA Rajpora, Ghulam

Mohi Uddin Mir; Directors of Social Welfare, School Education, Health, Colleges, Family Welfare and Ayush, senior officers of district administration and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

During her visit to PHC Kakapora, Minister Sakeena conducted detailed inspection of the infrastructure, staffing and availability of essential medical services at the hospital. She interacted with the healthcare staff and patients.

At PHC Kakapora, the Minister also reviewed the progress on ongoing works at under-construction build-



ing of the Primary Health Centre (PHC). She directed the executing

agency to expedite the construction works and ensure timely completion of the facility within stipulated time frame. She also interacted with the general public and listened to their demands and grievances.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister reiterated the Government's commitment to strengthening the health infrastructure across the Union Territory. She highlighted several welfare initiatives rolled out in recent months, including free bus service for women, enhancement in marriage assistance schemes and provision of free electricity units to AAY families, aimed at providing

relief and support to the underprivileged sections of society.

The Minister later visited the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Pampore and inaugurated a Dialysis Unit, fulfilling a long-standing demand of the local populace. Speaking on the occasion, she emphasized that the facility will greatly benefit patients suffering from chronic kidney ailments, who previously had to travel long distances for dialysis treatment.

At Government Degree College (GDC) Pampore, Minister Sakeena took detailed inspection of the academic and infrastructural facilities of the institution.

PDF President Hakeem Yaseen extends greetings on Mela Kheer Bhawani and Urs of Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA)

Says those who failed pandit return in power now making hollow promises

HT News Network

Srinagar, June 3: People's Democratic Front (PDF) President and former Minister, Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen, on Tuesday extended warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious twin occasions of Mela Kheer Bhawani, the revered Hindu festival dedicated to Mata Ragnya Devi, and the annual Urs of Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA), also known as Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA) the legendary Sufi saint who laid the foundations of spiritual and socio-cultural transfor-

mation in Kashmir.

In his message, Hakeem Yaseen said that Mela Kheer Bhawani holds immense cultural and religious importance for Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) and symbolizes the deep-rooted pluralistic ethos of the Valley. He stressed that such festivals reinforce the inclusive and harmonious spirit of Kashmir, where communities of different faiths have coexisted with mutual respect and dignity for centuries.

On the occasion of Urs of Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA), Hakeem Yaseen paid rich tributes to the revered saint, recalling his monumental



contribution to the spiritual and cultural legacy of Kashmir. He said that Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA) not only propagated the message of peace, love, tolerance, and brotherhood, but also played a vital role

in shaping Kashmir's unique identity through the promotion of traditional crafts, education, and social reform.

"The spiritual vision and civilizational mission of Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA) continue to guide us in these turbulent times. His legacy is a timeless reminder of how faith, culture, and compassion can transform societies," Hakeem Yaseen said.

Addressing the concerns surrounding the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley, Hakeem Yaseen reiterated that the KPs are an inseparable part of the Kashmiri society, and their absence

has created a cultural void that needs to be filled.

"Kashmir is incomplete without our Pandit brothers and sisters. Their return should not be politicized or reduced to hollow rhetoric. Those who now talk about their rehabilitation must introspect their own failures when they were in power," he said.

He emphasized that the reintegration of Kashmiri Pandits can be meaningfully achieved through community-led initiatives and the support of the civil society, rather than merely relying on government-sponsored or politically motivated packages.

DC Srinagar greets people on Urs Shah-e-Hamdan (RA)

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Srinagar June 03 (KNS): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat has

felicitated people on the auspicious occasion of Urs of Hazrat Ameer-e-Kabeer, Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA).

In his message? Dr? Billal said that Hazrat Ameer-e-Kabeer, Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA) has played a great role in bringing Islam to Kashmir and enriching its cultural and spiritual ethos.

While highlighting the "unparalleled" contributions and legacy of Ameer-e-Kabeer (RA), DC said said his role in spreading Islamic education, enlightenment and peace in Kashmir has formed the basis of the society's cultural and religious identity.

DC further said that it was because of Shah-e-Hamdan's vision that Jammu and Kashmir became a hub of handicrafts of global fame and repute. DC added that "He (Shah-e-Hamdan) encouraged people to live a life of piety and discipline and there is need to imbibe from his life and teachings by present generation. (KNS)

"Build Bridges, Not Barriers": Mirwaiz Umar Farooq

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Budgam, June 3 (KNS): Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Tuesday addressed the 7th Interfaith Dialogue Conference held in Budgam on the occasion of the commemoration of Late Imam Khomeini (R.A). The conference, themed "Interfaith Dialogue: Its Role in Cultivating Peace," brought together community and faith leaders to discuss a collective way forward for peace and reconciliation in the region.

In his address, Mirwaiz condemned the recent violence and called for a unified response based on justice, dialogue, and mutual respect.

"In a world torn by conflict, war is not the answer," he said. "True change begins when faith leaders and communities rise above politics to speak for justice, dialogue, and coexistence. Together, we must build bridges, not barriers."

The conference witnessed wide participation from religious scholars, civil society members, and community representatives. Speakers unanimously emphasized that peace cannot be achieved through confrontation or violence but through sincere efforts toward understanding and cooperation.

Mirwaiz further stressed that the responsibility to uphold peace lies with all sections of society. He called on faith leaders and communities to reject divisiveness and work together to foster justice, unity, and human dignity.

The event served as a platform for reaffirming the role of interfaith dialogue in promoting harmony and addressing shared challenges through peaceful means. (KNS)

Apni Party leaders attend mela Kheer Bhawani

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Srinagar, June 3 (KNS): Apni Party leaders on Tuesday attended the Mela Kheer Bhawani in central Kashmir's Tulmulla, where Kashmiri Pandits thronged the historic temple to celebrate this centuries-old mela.

A party statement issued to KNS said, "Apni Party's Additional General Secretary Hilal Ahmad Shah led a delegation of senior party leaders to Tulmulla, where the annual Mela Kheer Bhawani was celebrated with religious and social fervour by Kashmiri Pandits who had arrived from various parts of Jammu and Kashmir and beyond."

Crop Insurance Scheme only option, say hailstorm-hit fruit growers

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Srinagar, Jun 03: Following a severe hailstorm that devastated orchards and farmlands across several areas of south Kashmir, fruit growers have condemned the meagre compensation provided, saying it amounts to "rubbing salt on their wounds" given the extent of their losses, which run into crores.

Growers from Chitragam and surrounding areas in Shopian district expressed their anger, saying the relief of only a few thousand rupees is grossly insufficient.

Bashir Ahmad, a fruit grower from Zainapora, said, "This compensation of three to four thousand rupees is like rubbing salt on our wounds. We have lost produce worth lakhs; this relief doesn't even cover the cost of a single fungicide or pesticide."

Ghulam Nabi Lone, another grower from Shopian, demanded a proper crop insurance scheme, saying, "Unless we have a comprehensive insurance scheme in place, our survival will remain uncertain every season. Climate shocks are a regular occurrence, but we get no real support."

Associations representing growers across the region have united in demanding the immediate implementation of a comprehensive crop insurance scheme, which they see as the only sustainable solution to protect their livelihoods from natural calamities.

Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Showkat Hussain Ganaie assured that he would raise the issue with the Chief Minister. "I understand the pain and losses faced by our growers," Ganaie said. "I will personally raise this demand with the CM. Implementing a crop insurance scheme is no longer optional; it's essential."

According to reports, the recent hailstorm that struck villages in Imam Sahab, Nagbal, Handew, Wadipora, Alshipora and Dasu caused extensive damage to apple orchards, which form the backbone of the local economy. The storm, which lasted over 15-20 minutes, battered hundreds of apple farms, leaving behind irreparable losses.

Similar damage was reported earlier in Handwara, Rafiabad, Baramulla, Bandipora and Ganderbal districts, where gusty winds and hailstorms destroyed large swathes of fruit crops.

Shaleen Kabra launches online services for Central Record Rooms Jammu, Srinagar

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JAMMU, JUNE 3: Financial Commissioner Revenue, Shaleen Kabra, today launched online services of Central Record Room Jammu and Kashmir aiming at improving the public access to government programs and enhancing citizen services. These services have been integrated with the JK Revenue Portal and are part of a broader initiative to streamline government processes, reduce bureaucratic hurdles and provide more convenient, efficient access to essential services. These online services included access to important revenue-related documents which are available in the Central Record Rooms of Jammu and Srinagar. The key benefits for the citizens of this initiative will be greater convenience to access services without needing to visit government offices i.e. Central Record Room Jammu and Srinagar in person. Besides, this will ensure reduced wait times, improved efficiency by



submission of applications easily, faster responses, enhanced transparency and reduced paperwork. The citizens can avail these services by visiting jkrevenue.nic.in via their computers, smart phones or tablets. The Revenue Department has affirmed its commitment to continually expand its digital offerings to meet the evolving needs of the public and further enhance government service delivery. The launch event was attended by Kanta Devi, Regional Director Survey and Land records Jammu and Dr. Tahir Firdous, Additional Commissioner with Financial Commissioner Revenue J&K.

PSAJK President G.N. Var Praises Role of Schools And Teachers In Students' Success

CPS Organizes Grand Felicitation Ceremony For Top Performing Students

HT News Network

Srinagar, 03 June 2025: Crescent Public School, Naseem Bagh, Srinagar, hosted a grand felicitation ceremony to celebrate the remarkable achievements of its students in academics. The event honoured the toppers and distinction holders of the recently declared JKBOSE results for Class 10th, 11th and 12th. Attended by prominent dignitaries, the ceremony was a vibrant tribute to student excellence, discipline and all-round development reflecting the school's unwavering commitment to nurturing future leaders.

The special occasion was graced by a host of respected dignitaries, including G.N. Var, President of Private Schools



Association J&K (PSAJK) and Chairman of Coaching Centres Association Kashmir (CCAK); Sayeed Ahmed Habib, Chairman of Jamia Zia-ul-Uloom, Poonch; Haji

Manzoor Ahmad Wangnoo, Chairman of NLCO; Er. Muhammad Shukiel Dar, Chairman of Crescent Public School; Riyaz Ahmad Siddiqui, Chief Executive

Officer; Ms. Farhat Ara Makhdoomi, Principal; Shabbar Khan, Vice Principal, Er. Nawab Ali Joo, Administrative Officer and parents. All the dignitaries praised the students and the school for their dedication and positive contribution to society.

The program was hosted by CPS Vice Principal Shabbar Khan, who kept the audience engaged with his articulate presentation. "Today, we honour not just academic success, but the all-round development of our students. Their discipline, dedication and values are what make them truly exceptional" he said while addressing the gathering.

Principal Ms. Farhat Ara Makhdoomi warmly welcomed the guests and highlighted the school's mission. "We believe in creating a nurturing environment



EDITORIAL

Hapless daily wagers wait for their regularization

The regularization of daily wagers has been a burning issue in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Over the years the successive governments have done nothing in this regard and the hapless fellows have been left at the mercy of God. Many of these daily wagers have either retired or are on the verge of superannuation. These people were exploited by the different political parties for their own means and at the end of the day the politicians did nothing for them. Over the past three decades hundreds of people were appointed as daily wagers in the various government departments and in many cases the rules were flouted. Many of the appointments of the daily wagers were quashed and these people were left in the lurch. There was a time when it was said that more than one lakh people have been appointed as daily wagers in Jammu & Kashmir and they should be regularized.

With the passage of time it was seen that the figures were exaggerated and the number of daily wagers was found to be around 60,000. It was expected that the regularization process of these daily wagers will be taken up in a gradual manner and that the whole process will be completed over a period of three or four years. However, nothing of this sort happened and the daily wagers continue to wait for their regularization.

Importantly the issue of regularization found a place in the manifesto of the different political parties in the recent assembly elections. One can expect that the National Conference government will come to the rescue of these daily wagers and regularize them without any further delay. The financial implications need to be taken with the Ministry of Finance so that there are no more glitches in this regard. Most of the daily wagers have given their youth to the departments where they are working and now it is the time to pay them back.

Regularization of their services will go a long way in satiating the emotions and aspirations of the daily wagers. These people are waiting for the sun of regularization to come up on the horizon so that there is an end to their daily problems and they will not have to face further ordeal. It is high time that further exploitation of these daily wagers is stopped and they along with their family members heave a sigh of relief.

The Real Essence of Sacrifice in Eid-ul-Azha



■ Syed Mukhtar Razi

Of the two holy days offered to Muslims by Allah (swt), one that is the day of Bakra Eid/ Eid-ul-Azha is arriving soon. On such an auspicious occasion, it is an obligation on Muslims to offer sacrifice. The sacrifice of an animal in the name and for the sake of Allah. There comes a question in my mind, but what is sacrifice? Sacrifice in its true sense is an act of worship in the way of Sunnah.

The Companions [Sahabah] [may Allah be pleased with them] once asked the Last Prophet [peace be upon him]: "O Prophet of Allah! What really is Qurbani?", the Prophet [peace be upon him] replied: "It is the Sunnah [practise] of your father, Prophet Ibrahim [peace be upon him], then the Sahabah asked "What are the rewards in it for us?", the Prophet [peace be upon him] replied: "There is a reward for every hair of the sacrificial animal", Sahabah then asked: "One reward for each animal in the whole group??", the Last Prophet [peace be upon him] replied "No, No! Rewards for each and every single hair on the body of each sacrificial animal!! Not just one reward for one animal". [Ibn-e-Majah 3127]

And if we deeply introspect our way of sacrifices, we will realize that we don't perform a sacrifice, we enact on a ritual. Thus, does this kind of sacrifice gain us any air (reward) from Allah? Verily not. What makes us a Muslim is that we don't just perform a ritual and celebrate the festival, but we worship and sacrifice. It is of no surprise to us, we already know, and we ourselves remain engaged in the market for shopping and so on, especially on the night before the Eid. While the same night is among the five significant and holy nights, of which it is said that if anyone stands in worship in front of Allah, to please Him and seek rewards, paradise becomes obligatory (wajib) on him.

It comes in the traditions that the Last Prophet [peace be upon him] said: "Whoever stands up (in worship) in the nights preceding the two Eids expecting rewards from his Lord, his heart will not die when the other hearts will die." [Ibn Majah]

Remember, the night before the Eid and also the day of Eid is the time for worship. It is also of no astonishment, we tend to spend more on clothing and shopping even on the occasions of Eid,

instead of spending on charity and sacrifice. This also comes in one of the hadith, the most desired wealth in front

the way He likes, and if in any way otherwise would not account as worship.



of Him is that which is spent on sacrifice. Admittedly, it is an indication of our low or feeble Imaan, lack of purview on the rewards that have been promised by Allah that has formed our priorities in such a way. It is compulsory for every Muslim, to gain understanding about every deed that you do or wish to do and rewards that have been promised for it by Allah (swt) on the performance of that deed, acquiring that knowledge and belief will eventually cause progress in your acts and makes you closer to Allah (swt).

Imagine, what it meant as a sacrifice in the scenario of prophet Ibrahim (as), to sacrifice his own beloved son. And what Allah has rewarded him with. That makes the spirit of sacrifice alive in front of us. And what do we do? We on a day before or just the night before the Eid go to the market, haggle with the sellers for the prices, get them home and perform the ritual of Eid-ul-Azha. Wherein the true spirit of sacrifice would be to sacrifice the heart, our love over the love of Allah. To get the sacrificial animal, way before the day of Eid, develop attachment and love between the animal and us, so that when we sacrifice it, we must feel. When we hold a feeble sort of faith in the promises of Allah, only then worship would become a burden to us. Let us sacrifice from hearts, obsequiously and with a heart.

Prophet Muhammad [peace be upon him] once said: "That whosoever is capable of performing Qurbani but he does not perform, then such a person should not come close to my Eidgah [place where the Eid Salah is offered]." [Ibn-e-Mjah 2123], [Ahmad 8273].

The true meaning of Qurbani/sacrifice would be, to perform a deed, intended to please and get nearer to Allah, in

Hazrat Umar [ra] used to say: "Without belief in the rewards that Allah has promised us on the performance of good deeds, there is no reward". And in our contemporary Muslim world, we spend lavishly on marriages, clothing and all sorts of desires. Perhaps, all of which will only further take us away from Allah. But people don't have faith in these things.

Occasions of Eid are but opportunities bestowed upon us by the mercy of Allah to do ibaadah and earn His rewards. Unfortunately, we are found in markets, instead of in a state of ibaadah. And it is commanded that people decorate their day of Eid, by proclaiming the greatness of Allah. "ZAYYINU AYYADAKUM BITTAKBIR" "Adorn your Eid's by proclaiming the greatness of Allah".

Last Prophet [peace be upon him] told Hazrath Fathima [daughter of the Prophet, May Allah be pleased with her]: "O Fathima! Stand up towards your qurbani and give your qurbani yourself because even before the blood of the sacrificial animal falls to the ground, all your past sins will be forgiven". The Sahabah [ra] asked "Is this superiority [of a reward for each and every single hair on the body of the sacrificial animal] exclusively to you, your family and us or for everyone?", The Prophet [peace be upon him] replied "No! This reward is for each and every single Muslim." "Who all? Each and every single Muslim" [Attargheeb wattarheeb 2/103]. And then the Prophet [peace be upon him] said: "O Fathima! On the day of Judgment, the meat of the sacrificial animal will be weighed on your scales and Allah will increase its weight on to 70 times its original!!" and 70 here means countless. Yes, 70 times! So if you want Allah

to increase that reward and if you want more and more of that, then here in this world, buy a weighty sacrificial animal, not a frail, weak animal which looks as if it is about to die.

Give sacrifice with happiness, fondness and with all your heart. Only if the person has some love for the sacrificial animal, it would then amount to sacrifice.

"You shall never attain righteousness unless you spend from what you love." [3:92]

It also gives us an abstruse and very profound message that no love must subdue the love of Allah in our hearts. The wisdom behind this act of worship is a brilliant design with a subtle message that our heart owes to Allah and Allah alone, none but other than Him. Whosoever or whatsoever else comes between the Creator and the created, or any desire or passion burgeon more in our heart then it is to be sacrificed for the sake of love of Allah. It was evident from the love of Prophet Ibraheem (as) for Allah, that on His command, he readily agreed upon the test of sacrificing his own beloved son Ismaeel (as). On the day of Eid-ul-Azha, we perform the sacrifice of an animal, to remark his [Ibraheem's (as)] noble and remarkable act of sacrificing our love over the love of Allah. Though the law is to perform the sacrifice of an animal, but the insightful message is to surrender our hearts, only then will it become worship, or else it's nothing more than a ritual. Our heart belongs to Allah alone, and Allah loves such sacrifices.

Its reported from Hazrath Ayesha [may Allah be pleased with her] that the Prophet Muhammad [peace be upon him] said: "The most desired deed that Allah loves is qurbani, flowing of blood through the deed of sacrifice, there is no other deed more desired deed than this for Allah" [Tirmidhi 1493]. And on the Day of Judgment, this same sacrificial animal with its horns, its hairs, etc will appear before us in the same way it was sacrificed. So, Allah has promised rewards over this.

The simple synthesis of this article: Importance and rewards of sacrifice Sacrifice – a ritual or worship?

It enlightens the abstruse and profound message behind sacrifice.

May Allah forgive us, elate us in the purview of our deeds, let our intentions set right and accept our sacrifice as a worship. Aameen.

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Moral Education For Present Generation



BY MOOL RAJ

In today's fast-paced world, the younger generation is increasingly becoming aggressive and detached from moral values. The rapid advancement in science and technology, coupled with materialistic pursuits, has overshadowed the essence of humanity and ethical living. This trend calls for an immediate intervention - an essential step that can be taken is the introduction of moral

education, counseling, and spiritual teachings in every school to shape responsible, empathetic, and ethical citizens. Undoubtedly, our children need to become scientists, doctors, engineers, administrators, and other professionals. However, their professional success should not come at the cost of their moral and ethical grounding. Along with academic excellence, they must be nurtured to become compassionate individuals who value relationships, respect their elders, support the underprivileged, and contribute positively to society. A well-rounded education should focus on both intellect and character building to create responsible future citizens who uphold justice, kindness, and integrity.

In the past, schools and homes were

the centers of moral and ethical teachings. These lessons were deeply rooted in the upbringing of children, producing simple, disciplined and God-fearing generations. Such individuals, despite having fewer academic degrees, were humble, responsible, and morally upright. They lived in harmony with nature, respected resources, and upheld communal and familial bonds.

Conversely, today's generation, though more qualified on paper, often lacks these fundamental human virtues. The growing selfishness, greed, and disregard for environmental conservation are alarming. Educated individuals are seen polluting rivers, lakes, streets, and forests by carelessly discarding garbage, diapers, and litter. The shift from a God-fearing to a

materialistic mindset has led society toward moral decay, making it difficult to differentiate between knowledge and wisdom.

If this downward trend continues, we might soon witness a world where moral decadence outweighs intelligence, leading to anarchy and destruction. A society that fails to instill human values in its children is bound to face chaos in the future. The essence of true education lies not only in acquiring knowledge but in cultivating wisdom, ethical decision-making, and respect for life.

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No one is free until all bodies are free

By Vinod Chandrashekhhar Dixit

International Sex Workers' Day is observed on June 2nd every year to acknowledge the struggles and rights of sex workers worldwide, and to raise awareness about the health and working conditions they face. It is said that on 2 June 1975, approximately 100 sex workers occupied Saint-Nizier Church in Lyon, France, to express their anger about their criminalised and exploitative living conditions. They hung a banner from the steeple which read 'Our

children do not want their mothers to go to jail', and launched a media campaign to broadcast their grievances to the world. Their action made national and international news headlines, started a strike that involved sex workers from all over France, and created a legacy of activism that is celebrated each year on International Sex Workers' Day.

On International Sex Workers' Rights Day, we celebrate resilience, resistance, and victory. Around the world, sex worker-led movements are driving real change. In 2022, UTSOP won a huge victory by decriminalising sex work in Belgium - bringing more safety, autonomy, and rights for sex workers. It marks the anniversary of a 1975 protest in Lyon, France, where sex workers occupied a church to demand an end to police harassment and other issues.

Today the sex workers around the world continue to face a wide range of barriers to accessing justice, both as victims of crime and when charged

with crimes. Since sex work is widely criminalised, most sex workers are denied access to the benefits and rights afforded to other workers under labour laws and face the risk of criminalisation, detention, deportation and legal sanction. Sex Worker Rights Organizations: Organizations such as the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) and the International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe (ICRSE) advocate for sex worker rights and provide support services. Educating oneself and others about sex worker rights, experiences, and challenges is essential for promoting understanding, empathy, and support for sex workers. Sex work is legal in some countries, regulated in others, and criminalized in many, leading to varying degrees of stigma and discrimination. Many sex workers face significant barriers to accessing healthcare, legal assistance, and social services due to stigma and criminaliza-

tion. Research shows that decriminalizing sex work can improve sex workers' safety, health, and access to justice. Sex workers often work under difficult conditions. They are exploited and are made to live with troubling health conditions. Every year, International Sex Workers' Day is observed to raise awareness about the health and working conditions faced by the sex workers of the world. Sex workers are often exposed to exploitation by various types of people. The day reinstates the importance of healthy working conditions for the sex workers and how we can come together to ensure that they are respected. For sex



workers, the police are vectors of violence, not of safety or harm reduction. Migrant sex workers, already on the margins of society, are the targets of these raids and are offered the choice of leaving the country or face prosecution and possibly

deportation. These strategies only serve to move the sex workers on and no interaction with support services or assistance is offered. They are tired of being spoken about, not spoken to. Misinformation and use of stereotypes about sex workers used in the media damage the safety and their opportunities to access rights. There is no doubt that sex workers deserve healthy living and working conditions and they are also prone to get exposed to many diseases. Let us create awareness about the challenges faced by sex workers across the world and initiate conversations on how we can come together to help them. Let us collectively work towards creating a more equitable and inclusive society, where the dignity and human rights of all individuals, including sex workers, are respected and upheld.

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The Lockdown that Cleaned the Skies, What Now?



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

This period of stagnation in global economic activities is certainly worrisome, but its unexpected positive impact on the environment is both a warning and a lesson for the world. When man stopped his activities, even if unknowingly, nature started breathing freely. In the last few months, transparency returned in the flow of rivers, an unprecedented decrease in air pollution was seen and the sky became blue again. Seeing all this, it seems as if nature is calling out – “O human! Now be careful, read my pain!”

Earth breathing in lockdown

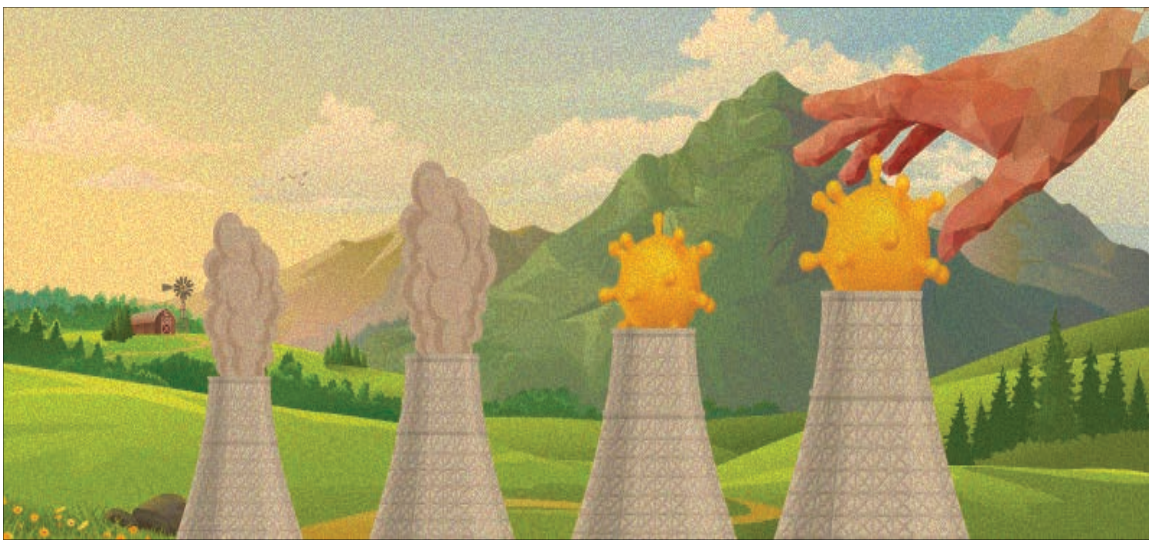
The lockdown imposed due to Covid-19 five years ago halted human activities. Industrial emissions, vehicle smoke and unnecessary travel all came to a halt. As a result, the levels of gases like carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide in the atmosphere decreased, leading to improved air quality in major cities around the world. Research shows that global carbon emissions recorded a record reduction of 5% in the year 2020. This shows that the roots of air pollution are hidden in our lifestyle. The water in rivers like Ganga and Yamuna appeared cleaner than ever before. It became possible to see the snow-clad peaks of the Himalayas from the plains of North India. All this happened because man learned to ‘pause’ for once. It was a pause in which the earth got rest and the environment got relief.

Can this be permanent?

The lockdown five years ago was an emergency, not a solution. But it did make us realise that pollution and ecological degradation are man-made and can be reduced—if there is political will and civic resolve. But alas, as the lockdown was lifted, everything went back to normal. Pollution returned, rivers turned black again, factory smoke covered the sky again.

Hawking's warning and today's reality

The great physicist Stephen Hawking had warned that if man did not change his lifestyle and behavior towards the environment, he would have to leave Earth and take refuge in some other planet. According to him, the remaining life of the Earth is only 200 to 500 years. He used to predict that either the collision of a comet, or the radiation of the sun, or an epidemic would wipe out life from the Earth. An epidemic like Covid-19 turns his statement into an even more horrifying reality.



There is still time—the path to change

We have to accept that now there is a need to change the definition of development. ‘Economic growth’ is incomplete unless it touches ecological sustainability. We have to move beyond ‘smart growth’ and think in the direction of ‘green growth’. Adopting a low carbon lifestyle is no longer an option, it has become a necessity. That is, a lifestyle that is in harmony with nature – for example, cycling, using public transport, giving preference to local products, saving energy and moderation in consumption. Changes are needed in transport and industry. It is time for India and the world to make their industry and transport systems environment-friendly. We have to move towards solar, wind and other green energy sources while reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. Increasing the use of electric technology in vehicles, making railways and public transport accessible and clean should be our priority. This change will not only reduce pollution but also reduce the pressure on health services. Air pollution causes around 7 million deaths worldwide every year. This figure shows the severity of the climate crisis.

Immediate and long-term steps needed

We need to take immediate policy decisions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants such as black carbon, methane, hydrofluorocarbons, tropospheric ozone. These gases have an immediate impact on the climate and are comparatively easy to control. India should launch a national public awareness campaign that takes issues like climate change, pollution, water and energy conservation from school-colleges to the panchayat level. Because if we do not understand the environment, crises like Covid-19 will become common. Five years ago, Covid-19 was a signal, an opportunity. The Corona crisis taught us a lot—how to live life with less resources, how to work from home, how to limit

needs. It was a ‘natural discipline’ that forced us to think about our over-consumerism. Now we need to incorporate the lessons from this crisis into our future policies and lifestyle. This is an opportunity—a ‘reset button’. Nature has warned us, now we have to respond.

The Earth's call and our responsibility

Our Earth is not just a planet, it is our home. We have called it mother, but have behaved like consumers. Now is the time that instead of just chanting ‘Dharti Mata Ki Jai’, we should stand up in defence of Mother Earth. We have to save the forests, rivers, mountains, animals and birds and the entire biodiversity system. “The earth seems empty, the sky has lost its patience! Now wake up, human, read the pain of nature!”

The way forward: partnering with nature

Climate change is not just an environmental issue, it is also a social, economic and political challenge. If we ignore the environment, sectors such as agriculture, health, employment, and food security will also be in danger. The greatest need today is that we make policies by combining science, technology and traditional knowledge that make sustainable development possible. There should be climate education in schools, green employment opportunities in villages, clean transport and clean energy arrangements in cities.

In the end – not man vs nature, man + nature

This conflict should not be “man vs nature”. This partnership should be “man + nature”. Nature is not to be conquered, but to be understood and cherished. Covid-19 has brought this truth before us. Now it is up to us whether we accept this truth or continue moving blindly towards destruction. **Author is a TV panelist. He can be mailed at writersatywansaurabh3@gmail.com**

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Is War a Solution?



By Shahid Shafi

In a world increasingly connected by trade, technology and communication, issues between countries remain same. Sometimes these issues became so difficult to resolve and demand immediate solution. But the question emerges; is war any solution? Or the only solution.

From ancient empires clashing for territory to modern nations deploying advanced weaponry, war has long been viewed as a means to resolve disputes. Yet history offers a sobering answer: While wars may end conflicts temporarily, they often sow seeds of deeper resentment, long term instability & profound human sufferings. Political analysts argue that wars are often driven more by political or economic motives than by genuine efforts to protect peace or human rights. Furthermore, diplomatic measures, peace talks & international mediation are ignored until violence becomes inevitable. Less do leaders know that there are decent and amicable ways to solve the disputes. Ultimately, the question remains: If war leaves behind broken lives, destructed cities & depressed societies, can it ever truly be called solution? In the words of former UN secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon: “The world is over armed, & peace is under funded”. Perhaps the real solution lies not in weapons, but still in a will- the will to talk, to listen & to act before war becomes the only path left. “War is only a cowardly escape from the problems of peace” So war is no solution. Modern nations must understand that present world can not afford war, especially when every country has so much destructive weapons. Let's try to find ways to keep these weapons to stores only. Let's try to explore ways to solve disputes in an amicable manner. Let's think about our future and future generations. At last I would like to thank my Political science Lecturer Qazi Syed Sajad for guiding me in writing this article.

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Indo-China Relationship at a Glance.



SANA ZEHRA

India china relations are complex and characterized by a mix of strategic competition, Economic cooperation and border tension with frequent diplomatic engagements.

History and phases of cordiality

The historical silk route shows that the relationship between china and india were close. Buddhism has spread from india to china. Chinese leader Chiang kai sheik had supported the cause of india's freedom. In 1949 india was among the foremost countries to recognise china as an independent country. In 1954 both signed the document of Panchsheel which are based on Mutual equality, Non interference, Non aggression, Mutual respect and peaceful coexistence. It was the hindi_chini_Bhai_bhai phase **ERA OF CONFLICT AND TENSIONS**

In 2017 china started constructing a road in the disputed area of Doklam which is claimed by bhutan. India troops intervened leading to tense stand off. In 2020 a violent conformation took place between indian and china in the galwan valley in the ladakh region. It was a hand to hand combat claiming many chinese soldiers. **EFFORTS OF NORMALISATION**

In 1988 Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi visited china and both the states decided to set up a joint working group to settle the border disputes. In 1996 chinese president Jiang zemin visited india and signed a document on military confidence building measures. In 2000 BRICS was formed among Brazil, Russia, India, China and south africa to address the challenges posed by global economic system. The annual summits of BRICS allows both countries to engage in diplomatic dialogues. In 2002 chinese prime minister Zhu Rongji visited india. The visit boosted economic ties between the two countries. In 2002 Indian prime Minister Atal bihari vajpai visited china and referred Tibet as a part of china. In 2014 chinese president Xi xingping visited india and signed several agreements. In 2015 indian prime minister narendra Modi signed 24 agreements with China. In 2019 chinese president Xi xingping attended a informal meeting with prime Minister Narendra Modi in chennai. This meeting improved The understanding and communication between the two countries. In october 2024 Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chinese leader Xi xingping met in Kazan (Russia) during 16 BRICS summit. Suggestions for improving the relationships Since both the countries are highly populated states and rising Economics of the world with a four thousand Kilometer (4,000 km) border line. They must understand that cooperation is the only way forward. Here are few suggestions to manage and improve their relationships.

- 1) Frequent diplomatic dialogues to settle their issues including border disputes
- 2) Strengthening Trade and economic ties
- 3) People to people exchange for promoting cultural, educational and tourism ties
- 4) Encouragement of neutral mediation. BRICS is the bridge.

(I am thankful to Lecturer Qazi Syed Sajad sir for his help and guidance for writing this article.)

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Tools and Techniques for Effective Formative and Summative Assessments



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The assessment process has never been an isolated activity of teaching and learning, but with the onset of NEP 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework 2023, the emphasis has been laid on shifting from mainstream pen paper assessment to more comprehensive, continuous and child centered assessment processes. As educators, we now need to look for and adopt alternate tools of assessment that not only reflect the outcomes of learning but also infuse joy in learning. Let me share some effective techniques and tools I have found valuable in my classroom and how these have positively influenced my students' growth.

1. Checklists Simple Yet Powerful.

Checklists can be a plain looking tool, yet in their usage with consideration, they turn out to be an effective way of formative assessment. I recall creating a plain checklist of language development abilities for my preschoolers such as “Can identify sounds,” “Can narrate short stories,” “Can name colours,” etc. This assisted me in viewing improvement over weeks without causing undue stress for the learners.

How to apply it effectively:

Create age appropriate and outcome based indicators.

Use it regularly to monitor progress.

Show it to parents at PTMs for fruitful discussions. Checklists are magic when consistently applied. They facilitate the highlighting of strong points and the identification of where children require subtle guidance, as opposed to bluntly marking them or grading them.

2. Rubrics Clear Criteria Fair Evaluation.

Rubrics give a guided assessment structure. Whether you are assessing a science project, a piece of artwork or an impromptu

storytelling session, rubrics make it clear what is expected. I frequently engage students in co constructing rubrics. This exercise makes them feel more invested and encourages them to better understand quality work.

Example: For a poem recitation activity, I employ a 4 point rubric with criteria such as voice modulation, expression, pronunciation and confidence. Every criterion is defined explicitly for levels such as “Excellent,” “Good,” “Needs Improvement,” and “Emerging.”

Rubrics are particularly effective for summative assessments when implemented at the conclusion of a unit of learning. They ensure equity and objectivity and give precise feedback instead of the general comments of “Good” or “Try harder.”

3. Learning Portfolios, The Journey Matters.

A learning portfolio is a student's own record of progress. It contains work samples, reflections, photos, creative work and teacher comments. I invite my students to decide what goes into their portfolios. This allows them to think about their learning, establish goals and celebrate achievements.

In my kindergarten class, portfolios contain.

Drawings.

Samples of letter writing.

Picture stories.

Audio recordings of storytelling.

Teacher observations.

These become precious records not just for the students, but also for parents and teachers to observe how the child has grown emotionally, intellectually and socially.

4. Anecdotal Records, Catching the Unseen Learning.

Not everything that is learned can be recorded in worksheets or performances. Occasionally, a child's offhand question, sympathetic response or resilience working through a puzzle says more than words. Anecdotal records assist teachers in recording these observations as they happen.

I keep a small diary or sticky notes to note observations such as.

“Sami assisted his peer in finishing a craft activity without being instructed.”

“Arifa made a questioning statement during the story time.”

These concise but thoughtful notes aid in recognizing a child's personality, emotional intelligence, inquisitiveness and leadership traits, which pen paper tests strictly overlook.

5. Steer Clear of Conventional Pen Paper Evaluations Here's Why.

Pen and paper tests, particularly in the early years and foundation years, tend to. Cause undue stress and anxiety. Do not reflect the learning process accurately.



Place greater emphasis on memorization than comprehension.

In one of my staff development sessions, I asked teachers to do an activity based assessment on a math concept rather than a test. The children had real objects to sort and count with, showing their abilities with great enthusiasm and accuracy. The same children who were apprehensive when tested through writing flourished with confidence when tested through play. Even in more advanced classes, project based learning, peer review and speaking reflections can offer insights greater than typical tests.

6. Peer and Self Assessment, Developing Meta Cognition.

Letting students evaluate their own work or their peers' builds self awareness, responsibility and a growth mindset. For example, after a storytelling session, I get the students

to rate themselves with emoji's or colours, describing what they think they did well and what they need to do better.

Peer assessment, also, when guided and sensitively done, helps teach constructive feedback and empathy.

7. Role of Teachers in Effective Assessment.

Dear teachers, you are the souls of the assessment process. Your reflections, your observations and your sensitivity carry the highest weight. No rubric or checklist can take the place of your intuition and knowledge of the child's path. We do not need more paperwork, but we need more authentic interaction with learners.

A few suggestions:

Observe objectively.

Emphasize progress, not perfection.

Document imaginatively, Photos, audio recordings, drawings.

Engage students in their own assessment.

8. The NEP and NCF Perspective.

Both NEP 2020 and NCF 2023 call strongly for Formative Assessments that enable learning instead of labeling children. They focus on the application of qualitative tools, performance based assessments and reflective practice.

The vision is clear to foster learners, not stress them. And these tools fit perfectly with that intention.

The hour has arrived to rethink evaluations not as a means to measure but as a means to direct, inspire and know. Let us step beyond the limited space of paper and pencil and welcome checklists, rubrics, portfolios and anecdotal records that describe genuine stories of learning. As I look back at my own classroom experience, I am proud that I have made the transition from marks to meaning, from results to relationships. And I encourage you to do the same. For in each child there is a universe of potential, waiting to be seen, heard and honored.

Let's assess to uplift, not to burden.

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BJP holds meet in Srinagar under 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' campaign marking 11 Years of PM Modi's transformative governance

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Srinagar, 03 June 2025: Continuing its nationwide campaign to mark 11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir organized a crucial meeting under the 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' programme at Church Lane, Srinagar. BJP National General Secretary and J&K Prabhari Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, General Secretary (Organization) J&K Ashok Koul, Deputy LOP Surjeet Singh Slathia addressed the meeting. Dr. Ali, Former MLC Shehnaz Ganai, Altaf Thakur, Arif Raja, and other senior leaders were also present in the meeting, which witnessed participation from senior BJP leaders, District Presidents, State and District team members, and office bearers who reaffirmed their commitment to the party's mission of good governance, development, and inclusive growth.

Tarun Chugh, while addressing the meeting, appreciated the dedication of the J&K cadre and emphasized the need for deeper grassroots outreach. He stated that under PM Modi's leadership, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed historic transformation, moving away from the legacy of dynastic politics and corruption towards an era of transparency, development, and peace. While speaking on 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' campaign, Tarun Chugh emphasized the importance of environmental awareness in party



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campaigns. He encouraged the cadre to take active part in plantation

drives, promote water conservation, and support the reduction of plastic use as part of the party's broader vision for sustainable development. Sat Sharma hailed the commitment of party workers and highlighted the success of Operation Sindoor, describing it as a reflection of India's strategic and security strength. He called on the cadre to strengthen public connect and intensify local level engagement to ensure the central welfare schemes reach every household. Ashok Koul laid out the roadmap for future party activities under the Sankalp Se Siddhi campaign, urging party units to actively organize Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabhas, Choupals, and professional meets across the Valley. He stressed

on effective public communication to counter misinformation and ensure citizens are informed about government initiatives. Surjeet Singh Slathia underscored the importance of observing International Yoga Day at the grassroots level and commemorating June 25 as Black Day, remembering the dark days of the Emergency imposed by the Congress regime. Ashok Koul laid out the roadmap for future party activities under the Sankalp Se Siddhi campaign, urging party units to actively organize Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabhas, Choupals, and professional meets across the Valley. He stressed on effective public communication to counter misinformation and ensure citizens.

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I have changed my name From old name Sha-meema Parven Dar to new Name Shameema Parven in future I will be known as new name is Shameema Parven if anybody is having any objection he/she may contact passport office Srinagar within seven days after 7 days no objection will be accepted

Name Shameema Parven
D/O Ab Khaliq Dar
C/O Mohd Maqbool Dar
R/o Khanpora po Handwara dist Kupwara

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S/O MOHAMMAD ASHRAF DAR
M/O MISRA BEGUM
R/O MAIDANI CHUGAL TEHSIL HANDWARA DIST KUPWARA
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S/O NAZIR AHMAD LONE
M/O POSHA BEGUM R/O WAHIPORA DIST KUPWARA

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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

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It is being informed that By mistake my son's (Farhan Ahmad Mir D.OB has been wrongly mentioned in his school records. As 02/05/2012 But actual Dob is 02/06/2009 NOW I want apply for its correction if any body having any objection in this regard he/ fshe may contact Govt Middle school mandlana Pahalgam within 7 days .Mohammad Yaseen Mir F/O Farhan Ahmad Mir

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI

Subject: Application ALTAH HUSSAIN GANIE S/O MOHD IBRAHAM GANIE R/O RESHIPORA Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of Income dependent certificate

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Regarding the subject cited above , in this connection a detailed report was sought from the patwari halqa concerned which reveals that the applicants family consists of 07 member and the Annual income of the applicants family from all sources consists of Rs 90000 Moreover family structure of the applicant is as under

1...SAFEENA BEGUM Wife 46 years house wife
2...SHAKIR ALI SON 24 years student
3... FAIZAN ALTAH 22 years //
4.FATIMA ALTAH daughter 20 years //
5.... MEHDI ABASS son 15 years //
6....SALEEMA BEGUM Moher 65 years old age
It is further submitted that ALTAH HUSSAIN GANIE S/O MOHD IBRAHIM is Labour by profession and is sole earning hand is the said family that applicant needs income Dependent certificate in favour of SELF
if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

NAIB TEHSILDAR KREERI

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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Name: Arshad Ahmad Kawa
S/O Ghulam Mohammad Kawa
R/O:Khanyar Srinagar
Cell No:-7006185559,9906499485

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It is hereby notified that my dob has been incorrectly mentioned on his Adhar card, 275489020352as DOB 17/06/1965 while his correct DOB IS,01/06/1970, Name, Ab Majeed Dar now I have applied for the correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection concerned authority /UIDAI office within a period of 07 days after that no objection will be accepted.

Name: AB MAJEED DAR, DOB , 01/06/1970
S/O MOHD RAMZAN DAR
R/O: BATAPORA TEHSIL HANDWARA DIST KUPWARA

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It is hereby notified that my children's Name seepling has been incorrectly mentioned on his Adhar card, 650682151895 /604092111085as Momen Ramzan Rather / Aayat Jaan while his correct Namely IS, MO-MIN RAMZAN and AAYAT RAMZAN now I have applied for the correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection concerned authority /UIDAI office within a period of 07 days after that no objection will be accepted.

NAMELY: MOMIN RAMZAN DOB 01/05/2016
AAYAT RAMZAN DOB 20/08/2018
PARENTAGE: MOHAMMAD RAMZAN RATHER
R/O: TIRCH TEHSIL HANDWARA DIST KUPWARA

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Name...ZAREEFA BANO
D/O GH AHMAD GANAIE
R/O SALOOSA

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.

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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

JKPUF, Civil Society Forum Unite for Pensioners' Rights in Handwara,Launch Anti-Drug Campaign

DR.AB QAYOOM

Handwara,Jun,03:The Jammu and Kashmir Civil Society Forum (JKCSF) and Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Pensioners United Front (JKPUF), District Kupwara, organized a significant programme today at Handwara, bringing together members and representatives to deliberate on pressing social and welfare issues concerning pensioners and society at large.The meeting witnessed the participation of nearly 50 members from both the Civil Society Forum and the Pensioners United Front. On this occasion, 12 new members were formally inducted into JKPUF, further bolstering the organization's grassroots presence in the region.Key representatives who graced the programme included Shaikh Bashir Ahmad, General Secretary JKPUF/CSF; Mir Fayaz, Provisional President JKPUF; Manzoor Ahmad Mir, District President PUF; Malik Gh Hassan, District President CSF Kupwara; Gh Nabi Mir, Chief Patron PUF/CSF; Syed Maharaj-ud-Din Geelani, Provisional General Secretary PUF/CSF; Arshid Mohi-ud-Din, Joint Secretary PUF/CSF; Gh Rasool Bhat, Vice President PUF/CSF Kupwara; Ab Ahad Bhat, Accountant; Syed Aniyat, and several other notable members.A significant highlight of the programme was the dedication



of a pledge towards a Nasha Mukta Bharat (Drug-Free India). The representatives resolved to launch an anti-smoking awareness campaign, starting from their homes and extending to their respective villages. "It is our collective duty to safeguard the future of our young generation and work together for the betterment of society," the representatives stated. Mir Fayaz presented the agenda of the programme and welcomed the new members into JKPUF. In his address, he asserted that Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Pensioners United Front serves as the voice for voiceless pensioners, vowing to fight for their rights and opposing any government proposal to construct an old-age home in Kupwara district, a move

he termed as unnecessary and insensitive.In his presidential address, Shaikh Bashir Ahmad expressed gratitude to all participants for their enthusiasm and dedication towards this noble cause. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Pensioners United Front to address all pension-related issues on a priority basis, reaching out to every pensioner in the region. He passionately stated that the organization, under the leadership of the dynamic and visionary Abdul Qayoom Wani, has the potential to effect meaningful change and positively influence the socio-political landscape for pensioners and society.The programme concluded on a hopeful note, with members pledging to continue their advocacy and social

Ajay Sadhotra and Rattan Lal Gupta pays obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple on Jyeshtha Ashtami at Jagti Nagrota Prays for Safe, honor & dignify return of KPs to Valley

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Nagrota, June 3: Mr Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretary and former minister JKNC, Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), along with senior party colleagues, today visited the revered Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Nagrota and paid obeisance to Goddess Ragnya Devi, the presiding deity of Kashmiri Pandits, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami. Both the senior leaders offered prayers at the holy shrine and prayed for lasting peace, prosperity, and communal harmony in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. They extended heartfelt greetings to the Kashmiri Pandit community on this sacred occa-

sion and appreciated their unwavering faith and resilience. During their visit, the senior NC leaders interacted with members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who had gathered to mark the festival. They acknowledged their immense contribution to the cultural and spiritual heritage of Jammu and Kashmir and assured them of the party's continued support. Both the leaders also fervently prayed for the safe, honourable, and dignified return of the displaced Kashmiri Pandits to their homeland in the Valley, stating that their return is essential for the restoration of Kashmir's pluralistic ethos. They reiterated that the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, under the leadership of Omar Abdullah, remains fully commit-

ted to ensuring justice, safety, and rehabilitation of the displaced community. They said the party envisions a peaceful Jammu and Kashmir where all communities live in harmony and dignity. "The path to lasting peace lies in inclusive governance and the restoration of the rights and dignity of all communities. Our commitment is unwavering, and our resolve is strong," they affirmed. Prominent NC leaders accompanying him included: Bimla Luthra former MLA, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik, Laxmi Datta, Satwant Kour Dogra, Abdul Gani Teli, Raghbir Singh Manhas, Naresh Bittu, Vikram Puri, Jatin Bhat, Ashok Koul, Ashwani Charak, Rakesh Phalwan, Jatinder Bhagat, S. Jatinder Singh Lucky, Sardar Gimmy, Sewak Singh and other party functionaries.

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Awareness progs held in Srinagar under End Plastic Pollution-initiative

SRINAGAR JUNE 03: Following the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Social Forestry Department organized several environment awareness programmes in the City parts by launching Anti-Polythene, Anti-Plastic and cleanliness drives in Cheshma Shahi area and Hyderpora Block of the Social Forestry Department. The events were aimed to highlight the hazardous impacts of plastic waste on the environment and human health, and to encourage sustainable practices among the people to combat this growing menace.





Hundreds of devotees throng Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Tikker Kupwara, District admin had made all arrangements for annual festival

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KUPWARA, JUNE 3: Hundreds of devotees on Tuesday thronged the temple of Raganya Devi, a revered goddess, to celebrate the annual auspicious festival of Mata Kheer Bhawani at Tikker Kupwara.

Annual festival was celebrated with religious fervor and great enthusiasm. Devotees paid obeisance at the holy temple and participated in Pooja Archana, Havan and offered floral tributes to the idol of the Mata. Walking barefoot, the devotees carried rose petals, milk and offered tribute to the goddess.

Hundreds of devotees participated in the evening aarti. The religious sanctity of Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, built close to a holy spring, has a special spiritual significance among Kashmir Pandit devotees across the world.

Annual festival presented the emotional scenes of harmonious coexistence,



communal harmony, and cultural bonding between the Kashmiri Pandits and Muslims, as people from all walks of life,

irrespective of their faith, had gathered at Tikker Kupwara, Kashmiri Muslims welcomed the devotees.

The district administration Kupwara had made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ms. Ayushi Sudan along with SSP Kupwara, Gulam Jeelani visited several times, the holy temple along with district officers to take stock of arrangements for the pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner extended her hearty greetings on auspicious occasion of Mela Kheer Bhawani.

During her interaction with devotees, the DC extended her best wishes to all the devotees. Devotees thanked the District administration, especially DC Kupwara and SSP Kupwara for making elaborate arrangements.

Devotees are also paying obeisance at other religious places in Kupwara district like Sharda Mata Temple Teetwal, Badarkali Temple Handwara, Chandi Mata temple Chandigam Lolab, Gushi and Trehgam.

7th Interfaith Dialogue Conference held in Hawza Ilmiya Jamia Babul Ilem

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Budgam, 3 June : Renewed commitment to the cultivation of human brotherhood and communal harmony in the J&K and Ladakh was affirmed on the occasion of 36th commemoration of Imam Khomeini (R.A) in an inter-faith Dialogue : Its Role in cultivating Peace" the conference which was organised by Anjuman Interfaith Dialogue Chapter 's Founding chairman Agha Syed Hasan Al-Musawi Al-Safvi , who also holds its chairmanship. the Conference was attended by various dignitaries belonging to different religions and sects they put forth the valuable discourses on the myriad aspects of the humanist life of our Imam Khomeini, the philanthropist. For the promotion of interfaith brotherhood, Mirwaiz Kashmir (Dr) Moulana Umer Farooq , Professor (Dr) Sidhiq Wahid, Waheed Ur Rehman Parra, RTI Activist Raja Muzaffar , Dr Harbaksh Singh, Ghulam Nabi Var, Sardar Angat Singh , Sadiq Hardasi , pastors Paul and John Phillips and others.

In the conference Speakers stressed on effective role in promoting human values, human brotherhood and communal tolerance in the Kashmir Valley and will work for the prevention of all the motives that undermine the ideals of mutual brotherhood and inter-faith unity in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh .

Div Com, IGP Convey Wishes on Sacred Occasions

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Srinagar, June 03 (KNS): Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri and Inspector General of Police V.K. Birdi (IPS) on Tuesday extended warm greetings to the public on the occasion of Mela Mata Kheer Bhawani and the Urs of Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA), also known as Shah-e-Hamdaan.

Div Com Bidhuri highlighted the spiritual importance of these revered events and prayed for continued peace, prosperity, and communal harmony across the Valley.

IGP Birdi, in his message, expressed hope that the occasion of Mela Kheer Bhawani brings peace, spiritual strength, and a renewed sense of unity among people.(KNS)

Delegation From Bandipora Calls On Cabinet Minister Satish Sharma, Seeks Support For Youth And Rural Development

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Bandipora, JUNE 03: In a significant move aimed at bolstering youth empowerment and rural development in Jammu and Kashmir, renowned Bandipora social activist & Chief of Empowering Kashmir, Saheer Rather meets with Cabinet Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings Departments, Satish Sharma at the Civil Secretariat Srinagar.

During the meeting, Saheer submitted a detailed proposal for setting up a BPO unit at Chithi Bandi, a step intended to generate local employment opportunities for unemployed and tribal youth in the district. He also proposed the development of water sports facilities and a sports ground at Wular Lake, which would not only boost local tourism but also provide healthy engagement avenues for young people. Raising deep concerns about growing unemployment, drug abuse and lack of structured engagement opportunities, Rather stressed the urgent need for targeted interventions. "The youth are the future of the nation. It is our responsibility to guide and empower them through sustainable opportunities," he remarked.

CUK organises social service camp for devotees at Mela Kheer Bhawani

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Ganderbal, June 3: The Directorate of Students Welfare (DSW) in association with the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit and Health Centre, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organised a social service and health camp for the devotees attending the Mela Kheer Bhawani here on Tuesday. Scores of devotees including men, women and children, who had come from different corners of the Valley and other parts of the country, visited the camp and consumed the refreshments served by the volunteers, faculty members, DSW and NSS staff and other officials of the varsity. The devotees expressed gratitude to the CUK staffers for serving the refreshments during the day-long Mela. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, said the camp aimed to provide essential support and assistance



to the devotees participating in the Yatra, ensuring a smooth pilgrimage experience.

He hailed the volunteers and other staff members of the university for participating

in the camp and providing refreshments to the devotees. He said the university has been conducting such camps regularly and offering its services during the annual Mela since its establishment in the Ganderbal district. Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar also complimented the staff and volunteers for providing refreshment to the devotees.

Dean DSW, Prof. Irfan Aalam, said that such initiatives instil a deep sense of civic duty and cultural empathy among the students. Scores of devotees including men, women and children, who had come from different corners of the Valley and other parts of the country, visited the camp and consumed the refreshments served by the volunteers, faculty members, DSW and NSS staff and other officials of the varsity. The devotees expressed gratitude to the CUK staffers for serving the refreshments during the day-long Mela.

A Ray of Hope: New Library-Cum-Reading Room 'The Book Nest' Opens in Kralgund

DR.AB QAYOOM

Langate, Jun, 03: In a significant boost to the educational infrastructure of Qaziabad, a new library-cum-reading room titled 'The Book Nest' was officially inaugurated near the Sumo Stand in Kralgund, Langate on Monday. The facility, envisioned as a ray of hope for the educated youth of the region, aims to promote a vibrant reading culture and provide a peaceful study environment for students, aspirants, and book enthusiasts alike. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Hon'ble MLA Langate, Sheikh Khurshid, who hailed the initiative as a commendable step towards empowering local youth through education and access to knowledge. "Such facilities are the need of the hour in areas like Qaziabad, where our talented youth deserve better opportunities and resources," he remarked while addressing the gathering. Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were SHO Kralgund Arsalan Ahmed, BDO Qaziabad, and several other distinguished guests, reflecting the collaborative commitment of the local administration to uplift educational opportunities in the region. The Book Nest is more than just a conventional library; it has been designed as a modern, community learning hub. Equipped with free high-speed internet, CCTV surveillance, air-conditioned reading rooms, clean washrooms, pure drinking water, and aesthetically pleasing lighting, the facility promises a comfortable and secure environment for study. Additionally, the library management announced special provisions for under-

privileged students from far-flung areas of



Qaziabad, including free night stays and fee concessions, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder the pursuit of education. MLA Sheikh Khurshid also assured the library administration of his full support and cooperation in further developing the facility and its services in the future. The local residents warmly welcomed the initiative, stating that such developments were long overdue and would greatly benefit the area's youth, particularly those preparing for competitive exams. With The Book Nest opening its doors, Kralgund has taken a hopeful step toward nurturing an educated and enlightened generation.

Kashmir Welcomes All, Needs Govt Action on Tourism: Ghulam Hassan Mir

"Prime Minister should also visit Kashmir. We need his support and presence here"

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Srinagar, June 3 (KNS): Apni Party senior leader Gh Hassan Mir on Monday said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have always stood for democracy, peace, and religious harmony, and now urgently need the government's support to revive the tourism sector, which is facing a serious crisis.

Speaking to reporters, Mir said, "You can see how many came out in the rain, just to show that we support peace and stand against terrorism."

He was speaking on the occasion of the Kheer Bhawani Mela, a major Hindu festival, where he warmly welcomed the Kashmiri Pandit community. "We believe in Hindu-Muslim unity. We do not want religious division. You can see how Kashmiris are welcoming their Hindu brothers and sisters."

Pointing to the region's rich diversity, he said, "Look around — there is a temple, a mosque, and a Gurudwara. This is the real image of Jammu and Kashmir. Unfortunately, a wrong picture is often presented. But the truth is we are hospitable, compassionate people."

According to KNS, Mir expressed concern over the economic impact of the decline in tourism. "This is a big problem — not just for workers, but also hotel owners, tour guides, and taxi drivers. People have sold land to invest in cars



for tourism. Today, they're unable to repay their bank loans."

He acknowledged the government's recent efforts, including the Chief Minister's cabinet meeting in Gulmarg, but said more concrete action is needed. "You don't revive tourism just by spending money. What we need are well-organized tourism events at all major destinations to attract visitors and build confidence."

Appealing to the Centre, he said, "The central government should regularly organize national-level meetings and official events in Kashmir. This creates a positive atmosphere. We've seen this before when directions were given to hold such events here."

Mir also welcomed the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Jammu on June 6 to inaugurate the railway connection to Kashmir. "This is good news. But Kashmir is feeling isolated.

Youth JKPC President Mudasar Karim voices deep concern over political disillusionment in Jammu & Kashmir

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Srinagar, June 3 (KNS) : Mudasar Karim, Youth President of the Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Conference (JKPC), has raised alarm over the growing disconnect between the people and the political system in Jammu & Kashmir following the recently concluded Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. In a strongly worded tweet titled "Post-Election J&K: A Crisis of Faith in Politics", Karim painted a bleak picture of the post-election atmosphere in the region, saying that while these elections were expected to revive democratic energy, they have instead left behind a sense of quiet disillusionment among both the pub-

lic and political representatives. He said that voters feel deceived and their expectations remain unmet, while elected representatives themselves appear disheartened and unsure of their role or relevance in the current political system. He added that the tragic Pahalgam attack and the overall situation in J&K have only deepened the sense that governance is adrift. According to him, these events have not only caused physical damage but have also shattered the last remaining confidence people had in political leadership. Karim questioned the fundamental issue being asked across the region today — what is the role of the elected government in Jammu & Kashmir? He said that in the absence of a clear

roadmap for the restoration of statehood, people are left in a state of limbo. MLAs and MPs might claim they have four years to deliver, but deep down, even they know the system isn't moving as expected. There is no Constituency Development Fund (CDF), no fresh developmental spending, and no visible effort to revive the grassroots governance structures that typically accompany an elected government. He expressed concern that most public engagements by elected representatives now revolve around ceremonial events like inaugurating old projects, attending weddings, and condolence meetings. He stressed that while these functions are socially important, they cannot be equat-

ed with actual governance. He said that on the ground, people have begun to regret even participating in the elections, as the promise of political revival now seems like another illusion.

Karim further criticised the lack of activity even among those MPs who do have access to funds under the MPLADS scheme. He said there is no movement, no mobilisation, and no ownership of public issues. Instead, blame games have taken over political discourse. He highlighted that the PDP, once in power, failed to live up to its promises and that its recent return, largely due to lack of political alternatives, has failed to inspire any real hope among the electorate. He remarked that Mehbooba Mufti may

be trying to reconnect with the masses, but today's voters are far more politically aware. Sentiments like "she did what she could" are no longer enough to rebuild lost trust.

He said the Centre also appears distant and disengaged. According to him, while the Chief Minister did make efforts to build a working relationship with Delhi — including making political compromises in the spirit of cooperation — the response from the Centre has remained cold and formulaic. In his words, "It's the old BJP story: Dosti pakki, par siyasat apni apni." In conclusion, Mudasar Karim said that the overall picture remains bleak and directionless. Politics in J&K appears stagnant, elected represen-

tatives feel powerless, and voters feel abandoned. He stressed that unless there is a radical shift — either through bold state-level actions or a sincere initiative from the Centre — no meaningful change is likely. The current cycle of credit-taking for past projects and blame-shifting for present failures will only continue. He said Jammu & Kashmir no longer needs magical slogans; it needs genuine governance, empowered representatives, and a political environment where commitments are fulfilled. Without that, the distance between people and politics will only keep growing. (KNS)





DC Reasi finalizes arrangements for Eid-ul-Azha

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REASI, JUNE 03: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik chaired a review meeting today to finalise preparations for Eid-ul-Azha in the district. The DC emphasised seamless inter-departmental coordination to ensure a safe, clean and hassle-free festival. She urged the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, especially in areas where large congregational prayers are expected. During the meeting, she directed the Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council to launch special sanitation drives around

Mosques, Eidgahs and other public spaces and to ensure timely garbage disposal during the festival. Stressing the importance of checking overpricing, sale of substandard food items, the DC urged the Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology Departments to intensify market inspections. She appealed to the public to extend full cooperation to the authorities and celebrate the occasion in a spirit of peace, harmony and brotherhood. The DC directed SDMs to convene similar review meetings in their respective jurisdictions to ensure local-level prepared-



ness and coordination. The meeting was attended by ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal; ACR Nitin Verma; Executive Engineer PDD, President and members of Masjid Development Committee Reasi, Sub-Divisional Magistrates and local members from religious organisations. The DC emphasised seamless inter-departmental coordination to ensure a safe, clean and hassle-free festival. She urged the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, especially in areas where large congregational prayers are expected. During the meeting, she directed

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Balwant Thakur felicitates Principal Secretary Culture seeks excellence promotion in arts

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Jammu 3rd June, 2025 Principal Secretary Culture Brij Mohan Sharma was felicitated here this evening at Abhinav Theatre Jammu by Natrang Director Padamshiri Balwant Thakur who desired Department of Culture Government of J&K to promote excellence in local Arts in the larger interest of seeking national/international recognition and attention. He further sought J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to devise a vision ensuring strengthening and promoting excellence so the artists of J&K are able to generate demand of their artistic creations at the national and international levels. Referring to the contribution of Natrang in the last 42 years in bringing J&K on the national cultural landscape, he stressed for the strengthening of such initiatives and missions. On this occasion, Principal Secretary Department of Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma also honoured the star studded artists of Natrang Jammu for their mind-blowing acting and excellent technical stage handling of the play 'Sainyan Bhaye Kotwal'. He was joined by Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages Ms. Harvinder Kaur and Addi-

DC reviews Eid-UL-Azha arrangements

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KATHUA, JUNE 03: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas chaired a meeting today to review and finalize arrangements for the upcoming Eid-UL-Azha celebrations in Kathua district. The meeting was attended by ASP Rahul Charak; ADC Vishavjeet Singh; ACD Akhil Sadotra and engineers from the PDD and Jal Shakti departments, ADCs Basohli and Billawar as well as SDMs of Hiranagar and Bani. It was informed that the main Eid congregation would be held at the Eid Gah near Government ITI



Kathua and several other designated locations across the district. The DC directed the ADCs and SDMs to deploy Executive Magistrates, security personnel besides making provision of necessary civic amenities at all congregation sites.

Emphasizing a coordinated approach, the DC asked the departmental heads to take advance measures for making available adequate drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, medical aid and deployment of fire tenders. Police authorities were asked to make

security measures with adequate deployment of personnel around religious places. The FCS&CA department was tasked with keeping a check on black-marketing, ensuring fair pricing and display of approved rate lists of commodities. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Sub-Divisional heads to hold coordination meetings with local stakeholders to ensure that all preparations for Eid-UL-Azha are completed in a timely and efficient manner. Prominent community members and representatives of trader organizations were also present at the meeting.

Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali Demands Fire and Emergency Station at Koteranka

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Rajouri, June 3, (KNS): Former Minister and senior BJP leader Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali has urged the government to establish a fire and emergency station at Koteranka in District Rajouri. In a press statement issued today, he emphasized that Koteranka, an additional district headquarters with a population of over 1.5 lakh people, faces challenges due

to its terrain and topography. The nearest fire and emergency station is 50 km away in Rajouri, and there are no such stations within a 200 km radius, covering areas such as Reasi, Khawas, Mohre, Chassana, Budhal, Arnas, and Peeri. Despite the area being densely populated and prone to frequent fire incidents resulting in significant property losses, Ali highlighted that recent sufferers, including Romesh Singh of



Kotranka and a handicapped individual, have lost everything, causing substantial financial hardship. He expressed surprise that

a fire and emergency station recently opened at Koteranka was subsequently withdrawn by the authorities. Furthermore, Ali criticized the State National Conference government for failing to fulfill its poll promises, including providing free gas cylinders, enhancing ration, offering free electricity, employment, and restoring the honor and dignity of the people, emphasizing that it is time for introspection.

DC Ramban Reviews Eid-ul-Azha Arrangements

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RAMBAN, JUNE 3: In view of the forthcoming festival of Eid-ul-Azha, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, today chaired a meeting of senior officers to review the arrangements being made across the district for the smooth and peaceful celebration of the festival. The meeting was attended by ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo, SDMs of Banihal, Ramsoo, and Gool, CMO, Deputy Director Fire & Emergency Services, Executive Engineers of Jal Shakti, PMGSY, JPDC, PWD Divisions Ramban & Banihal, AD

FCS&CA, Tehsildars, ARTO, CEO MC Ramban, Designated Officer Food Safety Ramban, EOs of MC Banihal and Batote, and other concerned officers. A comprehensive discussion was held on arrangements being made by various departments for the celebration of Eid, including the timing of Namaz-e-Eid in different mosques across the district. The DC issued strict instructions to the concerned departments to keep a check on overcharging, hoarding, and black-marketing of essential commodities. He stressed the importance of maintaining the quality and availability of eatables, particularly during the festive

period. To ensure smooth civic functioning, the DC directed departments providing essential services to take all necessary measures for uninterrupted power and drinking water supply, and to maintain adequate stock of essential commodities at reasonable rates. The DC also instructed the enforcement teams to conduct joint market inspections regularly to curb unethical practices and ensure the availability of quality products. Emphasizing sanitation, the DC directed the CEO MC Ramban to carry out intensive cleanliness drives in and around mosques and religious places. Similar instructions were issued.

NC OBC Cell demand interrupted water and power supply Abdul Gani Telli.

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Jammu:-03 June Chairman of the JKNC OBC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli, chaired a workers' meeting held at Sunjwan, Jammu. During the meeting workers raised the burning issues to Chairman OBC Cell about drinking water shortage, electricity cuts, the situation has become all the more critical with mercury breaching 40 degree Celsius. After listening, the various public grievances were heard patiently. The Chairman assured the attendees that their concerns would be addressed on priority, and necessary steps would be taken to resolve the issues raised. He assured all of them that these genuine demands of the people were personally discussed with our concern cabinet ministers at top priority basis he said. Abdul Gani Telli expressed serious concerns over the rising unemployment and the deteriorating economic situation particularly in Jammu, he said.

Potholes Pose Daily Threat in Kachi Chawni, Locals Blame Jal Shakti Department for Negligence

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Jammu, June 3: Residents and commuters in Jammu's Kachi Chawni area are facing daily hazards due to large potholes and persistent water leakage at a critical road junction. Locals have squarely blamed the Jal Shakti Department for what they describe as persistent negligence and poorly executed repair work that has rendered the busy stretch virtually impassable and dangerously unsafe. The affected area is part of a key thoroughfare leading towards the Raj Bhawan and Civil Secretariat, two of the most vital administrative hubs of the Union Territory. Despite its strategic importance, the road remains waterlogged, riddled with potholes, and marred by uneven, slushy patches. The situation has grown so dire that two-wheeler riders can often be seen losing control, particularly in the evenings when poor visibility compounds the risk. "This is not just an inconvenience, it's an everyday danger," said Vijay Kumar Gupta, a local trader. "The Jal Shakti Department keeps digging and patching without proper oversight, and every time they leave, the road is in a worse condition than before." "This road has become a trap," said Aryan Sharma, a college student who frequently uses the intersection. "It's slippery, full of hidden ditches, and there's no official present to manage or inspect the situation. Every time I cross, I'm worried something might happen." According to residents, the leakage is caused by a burst or faulty pipeline, which the Jal Shakti Department has either failed to detect properly or repair effectively.

DC reviews water supply situation in Poonch Town

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POONCH, JUNE 03: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal convened a meeting today to review the water supply scenario in the Poonch town in view of the rising demand and current challenges. The meeting was attended by XEN Jal Shakti, AEEs Civil and Mechanical and Junior Engineers from the department. The DC assessed the overall availability of water, functioning of water installations and supply demand status based on the town's population. Noting the existing shortfall, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Jal Shakti department to take measures to ensure adequate supply, especially in areas facing shortage. The DC instructed the department to maintain close coordination with the Power Development Department to avoid any unscheduled power interruptions that may affect water supply. Further, 3-4 generator sets are being arranged and deployed at key pumping stations to maintain continuous operations during scheduled power cuts. The DC emphasized that while scheduled interruptions may occur, there must be no unscheduled disruptions in water supply.

DIPR Cultural Unit Jammu presents street play on Hypertension at SDH Akhnor

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JAMMU, JUNE 03: The artists of the Cultural Wing of Information Department Jammu today staged an impactful Street Play (Nukkad Natak) in the premises of Sub District Hospital, Akhnor to highlight the critical issue of Hypertension. The Street Play aimed to raise public awareness about the causes, symptoms, prevention, and management of hypertension — a silent but serious health condition that is increasingly affecting people in today's fast-paced world. Through engaging performances, the artists conveyed important messages in a simple and relatable manner, ensuring that people from all walks of life could understand and absorb the information. While speaking on the occasion, Block Medical Officer Dr. Saleem Khan appreciated the commendable efforts of the Department of Information for organizing such informative and socially relevant events. The programme was conducted under the directions of Joint Director Information Jammu, Deepak Dubey and under the supervision of Cultural Officer Jammu, Mukesh Kumar Sharma. The event received whole hearted support from Medical staff, Asha workers and the supportive staff of the hospital. The programme was conducted under the directions of Joint Director Information Jammu, Deepak Dubey and under the supervision of Cultural Officer Jammu, Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

DHSJ reviews preparedness for handling Dengue, other VBDs

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JAMMU, JUNE 03: Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar today chaired a reorientation workshop and review meeting to discuss execution of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP). The meeting was convened by the State Malariologist Dr. D J Raina here in the Conference Hall of Government Provincial Hospital, Gandhi Nagar and attended by Chief Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents from District Hospitals and Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges of Jammu Division, Dy. Director Health Services (Schemes), Jammu Dr. Poonam Sethi, State Nodal Officer, National Health Mission, Jammu Dr. Harjeet Rai and Assistant Director Health Services (Schemes), Jammu Dr. Ila Gupta. At the outset, a powerpoint presentation (PPT) was given by Microbiologist, Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar Dr.



Ruchita Mahajan, covering academic aspects of Dengue and other Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs). State Malariologist Dr. D J Raina presented a powerpoint presentation (PPT) on current scenario, preparedness measures, besides highlighting the strategies adopted by the Department to control Dengue and other VBDs. Terming Dengue as a looming threat, the Director Health Services Jammu urged all stakeholders to work together for better disease Management. He also emphasized on aggressive awareness activities in public. Several other issues were also discussed including capacity building of the staff, Inter-sectoral coordination among all stakeholders, availability of 104 Helpline, platelets separation facility and designation of beds and wards for patients in case of a possible outbreak. Dy. Medical Superintendent, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu Dr. Balvinder Singh presented the vote of thanks.



250 Farmers Attend Agricultural Awareness Drive in Langate Under VKSA Banner

DR. AB QAYOOM

Kupwara, Jun, 03: In a significant move towards empowering the farming community and promoting sustainable agricultural practices, a day-long awareness programme under the banner of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) was held at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Langate. The event was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kupwara, in collaboration with allied departments from the agriculture and allied sectors. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 250 farmers of Langate and adjoining areas. Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Langate, Sheikh Khurshed, graced the occasion as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. In his address, MLA Sheikh Khurshed emphasized the importance of integrating scientific knowledge with traditional farming practices to enhance productivity and profitability. "Empowering our farmers with modern techniques and resources is essential for inclusive rural development. The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is a pivotal initiative to bridge the gap between conventional methods and technological innovation in agriculture," he remarked. He further assured the organizing team of his full support in promoting scientific agriculture in Langate constituency. "I am committed to facilitating funds and resources to bolster agriculture-based



activities, ensuring that our farmers reap the benefits of contemporary farming techniques," he added. Prof. Kaiser Mohi-ud-Din Malik, Head, KVK Kupwara, in his keynote address, shed light on the objectives of VKSA, urging farmers to actively engage with ongoing agricultural schemes and avail scientific services. "KVK Kupwara remains steadfast in its mission to provide comprehensive support to the farming community, especially in Langate. Through VKSA, we aim to inspire farmers to adopt modern, sustainable, and diversified agricultural practices," he said. The event also featured technical sessions where experts from line departments — including Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, and Sericulture — elaborated on inter-sectoral approaches for agricultural sustainability. Key topics discussed included integrated farming, organic agriculture, crop diversification, and agri-entrepreneurship. An interactive session provided a platform for farmers to voice their concerns, seek clarifications, and share experiences. Experts addressed their queries, offering practical solutions and technical guidance to overcome field-level challenges. The programme concluded on a positive note with farmers expressing appreciation for the initiative and its role in fostering awareness, capacity building, and sustainable agricultural development in the region.

DC Budgam flags-off Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra from Pandit Colony Sheikhpora to Tulmulla, Tikker

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Budgam, June 03: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Akshay Labroo today flagged-off Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra from Pandit Colony Sheikhpora towards Tulmulla. While interacting with devotees, he extended his warm greetings of the auspicious occasion to them and wished for comfortable journey to all the pilgrims joining the celebrations at Mata Kheer Bhawani Ji temple, Tulmulla in Ganderbal and Tikker in Kupwara district. On the occasion, he took stock of necessary arrangements including transportation & security to facilitate smooth yatra. Sharing details regarding the arrangements, he stated that all required arrangements have been put in place for the devotees for this pious yatra to ensure seamless to and fro travel from both religious places at Ganderbal and Kupwara districts.



Several officers of district administration including CPO Budgam and ARTO Budgam were also present on the occasion. On the occasion, he took stock of necessary arrangements.

DC Kulgam reviews implementation of Mission YUVA

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KULGAM, JUNE 03: The Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan chaired a meeting of officers to review implementation of Mission YUVA in the district. On the occasion, DC impressed upon officers involved in the seamless execution of Mission YUVA to work in close coordination for affirmative results. He directed for establishing one to one contact with a defined set of potential entrepreneurs identified during baseline survey by a team of officers in addition to the institutional mechanism already in place. He also directed concerned to ensure coverage of all uncovered Panchayats & MC wards under IEC campaign, Udyam Jagriti 3.0. He instructed to assign monthly targets to Yuva Doot's regarding number of submitted applications from each Panchayat/MC Ward and the felicitation of best performing Yuva Doot's on fortnightly/monthly basis.



Further, to expedite the verification of applications & preparation of DPR's at SBDU level for further placing the cases before DLIC for approval, DC Kulgam instructed for convening of weekly SBDU & DLIC meetings every Saturday & Monday respectively. It was given that IEC activities are going on in full swing in the district with an active participation of potential entrepreneurs, Yuva Doot's, PRI's and field officers. The meeting was attended by ADDC Kulgam, ACR Kulgam, SDM DH Pora, AD Employment & CC, SBDU & BHD members and other concerned officers.

Under VKSA, awareness provided to 400 farmers in Shopian District

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Shopian, June 03: The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA), a flagship initiative jointly led by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Rural Development, continues to create meaningful impact in Shopian District. The campaign is being effectively implemented by ICAR and the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to enhance farmer knowledge and capacity in scientific agriculture, livestock, and fisheries practices. On the sixth day of the campaign, over 400 farmers from the Kanjiullar, Ramnagri, and Zainapora blocks actively participated in interactive sessions and demonstrations held by three multidisciplinary expert teams, led by Dr. Shugufta Parveen, AARC Pahnoo; Dr. Zaffar Afroz Badri, Head, KVK Shopian; and Dr. Mumtaz Ahmad Ganie, KVK Shopian.

The teams visited nine villages and held field-level discussions covering Soil health management and balanced fertilizer application, best practices for Kharif crops, establishment and maintenance of high-density apple orchards, scientific orchard management, spray scheduling, and use of drones in agriculture etc. As a part of the outreach, vegetable seedlings were distributed in Saidpora Bala, further supporting diversification in kitchen and commercial gardens. During feedback sessions, farmers praised the VKSA initiative and recommended few things like establishment of advanced soil testing labs at zonal level, inclusion of apple crops in insurance schemes, implementation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for apples, strengthening of quarantine checks for imported planting material. The enthusiastic participation and collaborative atmosphere highlighted the effectiveness of direct scientist-farmer engagement, reinforcing VKSA's commitment to

empowering farmers with actionable knowledge. The campaign will continue in various parts of Shopian district until June 12, 2025, aligning with the broader vision of Viksit Bharat through inclusive agricultural development. During feedback sessions, farmers praised the VKSA initiative and recommended few things like establishment of advanced soil testing labs at zonal level, inclusion of apple crops in insurance schemes, implementation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for apples, strengthening of quarantine checks for imported planting material. The enthusiastic participation and collaborative atmosphere highlighted the effectiveness of direct scientist-farmer engagement, reinforcing VKSA's commitment to empowering farmers with actionable knowledge. The campaign will continue in various parts of Shopian district until June 12, 2025, aligning with the broader vision of Viksit Bharat through inclusive agricultural development.

Students of GDC Ganderbal serve devotees at Mela Kheer Bhawani

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Ganderbal, June 03: In a remarkable display of community service and discipline, NCC, NSS & Sports volunteers from Government Degree College Ganderbal actively participated in the annual Mela Kheer Bhawani held at the sacred temple in Tulmulla, Ganderbal. Under the theme "Devotion in Action", 30 student volunteers extended their support to civil administration and shrine authorities by assisting in crowd management, guiding pilgrims, helping the elderly, distributing drinking water, and promoting cleanliness at the site. Their selfless efforts were appreciated by the public and officials. The team was guided by NCC ANO Mansoor Ahmad Lone, NSS Programme Officers Dr. Jamsheeda Akhter and PTI Dr. Ravinder Kour and Javid Ahmad. This youth-led initiative reflected the spirit of Seva Parmo Dharma and aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, showcasing the power of student engagement in cultural and civic nation-building activities. The college administration extended heartfelt gratitude to the district administration, police department, and shrine management for their support and collaboration in this noble initiative.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan organized at Kulgam

Kulgam June 03: As part of the national campaign Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, a series of impactful awareness and outreach programs were conducted today at multiple locations including Manzgam, Asnoor, Tangmarg, Korel, and KB Pora in District Kulgam. The initiative was jointly organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kulgam in close collaboration with the Agriculture Department and allied line departments. The programs were led by team leaders Dr. Ab Shakoor, Dr. Shahid Ahmed, and Dr. Tariq Iqbal, who sensitized the farming community about sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices, flagship government schemes, and the importance of farmer-centric innovations for a Viksit Bharat. The activities were held under the supervision of Prof. Manzoor Ahmed, Nodal Officer and Head, KVK Kulgam, who emphasized the role of knowledge-driven agriculture in transforming rural livelihoods and aligning grassroots efforts with the national vision of agricultural self-reliance. During the campaign, farmers were briefed about various programs such as PM-KISAN, PMFBY, Soil Health Card Scheme, and modern agri-technologies. Interactive sessions, demonstrations, and distribution of IEC materials were also held. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers, farm women, and youth, and highlighted the strength of convergence between institutions to accelerate the transformation of rural agriculture in the region.

Food Safety Deptt intensifies market checking in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JUNE 03: Following the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, the Food Safety Department intensified market checking across the City in order to ensure the highest Food Safety and Hygiene Standards across all sectors. A team led by Assistant Commissioner, Yameen ul Nabi carried out intensive inspections of bakery shops in various areas of Srinagar District, including, Safa Kadal, Sakedafar, Nawakadal, Rajori Kadal, Nowhatta and other adjoining areas. During the inspections, some products were found to be over dated and were destroyed by the Food Business Operators (FBOs) voluntarily on the spot. The main aim of the drive is to maintain a close vigil on the quality of food products being manufactured and sold at retail outlets. To ensure that all food products meet the highest safety standards, Food Safety Department directed all FBOs to adhere to Food Safety norms and storage practices. Any FBO found compromising with quality or storage practices will be dealt with strictly as per the provisions of the Food Safety Act, the department said. Any FBO found compromising with quality or storage practices will be dealt with strictly as per the provisions of the Food Safety Act, the department said.

Prize Distribution Ceremony Held at GMHSS Ramban, Felicitates Students for their Outstanding Performances in different fields

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RAMBAN, JUNE 3: An attractive Prize Distribution Function was held today at Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS) Ramban to felicitate distinction holders from Classes 9th to 12th. The event was graced by MLA Ramban, Advocate Arjun Singh Raju, as the Chief Guest, along with the presence of Guests of Honour, Special Guests, parents, teachers, and prominent citizens of the district.

During the function, around 100 students were felicitated with mementoes and medals by the Chief Guest for their academic excellence and exceptional performance in various fields, including their enthusiastic participation in the "Marathon Run Against Drugs", held from the DC Office Ramban to GMHSS Ramban in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, Ramban. In his inspiring and motivational address, the MLA commended the efforts of the students, teachers, and school administration for fostering



a culture of excellence and social responsibility. He urged the students to continue striving for academic brilliance while upholding moral values, discipline, and innovative thinking to become responsible and enlightened citizens. He emphasized the importance of education not just for personal success, but as a powerful tool to bring positive change in society, especially in combating social evils like drug abuse. The MLA also assured all possible support for improving educational infrastructure and promoting youth-centric

initiatives in Ramban. The event also featured an inspiring lecture by the Bharat Physics Yatra team, led by renowned physicist Munish Gulati, who motivated the students to develop a scientific temperament and a proactive approach towards learning and discovery in the field of science. Teachers who have consistently delivered commendable academic results were also honoured during the function, acknowledging their dedication and contributions to shaping young minds.



INDIA bloc writes to PM demanding special session of Parliament

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New Delhi, June 3

Leaders of the INDI Alliance met here on Tuesday to press for a special session of Parliament to discuss a "sequence of events" — from the "Pahalgam incident to Operation Sindoor and the ceasefire". Leaders from 16 Opposition parties attended the meeting, including senior Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh, Deepender Singh Hooda, Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien, Ramgopal Yadav of the Samajwadi Party and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut. Later briefing the media, Derek O'Brien said the 16 parties have written a letter to the Prime Minister seeking a special session of Parliament. "The letter basically talks about Poonch, Uri, Rajouri and having a free discussion in the Parliament," the TMC leader said. He further added, "The government is responsible



to Parliament, Parliament is responsible to the people so it natural for all these parties, since the government is answerable to Parliament, that is why the session to the Parliament is responsible to the people". On Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) not being a party of the meeting, the TMC leader said, "Our understanding is that the AAP is writing directly to the PM tomorrow". Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav said that there are several issues which are "worrisome".

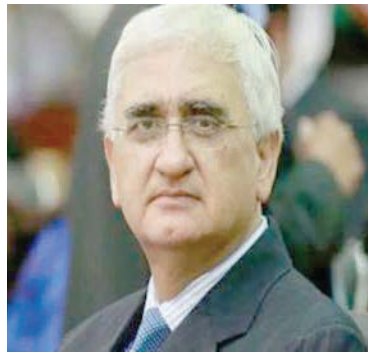
Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav said, "On the diplomatic front, the Prime Minister has been visiting numerous countries and meeting many leaders over the past several years. However, his so-called friend, Mr Trump, announced the ceasefire, which is a matter of concern." He further added, "India, being the world's largest democracy, must not appear to be forced into taking such actions. This warrants a discussion in Parliament, and we are demanding a special session to address it."

Deepender Singh Hooda said that a special session of Parliament must be called so that from Pahalgam to Operation Sindoor to America's announcement of the ceasefire could be discussed. Meanwhile, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut stated, "The letter sent to the Prime Minister is not an ordinary one. We represent the main Opposition and are the voice of the people. Considering the recent development, a special session of Parliament should be convened. It will uphold the country's dignity and ensure transparency for the public." Raut further questioned, "If a ceasefire can be declared at the behest of President Trump, then why can't a special session of Parliament be called at the request of the Opposition? Do we need to approach President Trump for that as well?"

Is it so difficult to be patriotic: Salman Khurshid's cryptic post on diplomatic mission abroad

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NEW DELHI, June 3:

Congress leader Salman Khurshid, who is a part of India's diplomatic mission abroad, on Monday said it is "distressing" that people back home are calculating political allegiances and asked if it is "so difficult to be patriotic". Khurshid, a former external affairs minister, is part of a delegation led by JD(U) MP Sanjay Kumar Jha which is currently in Malaysia after visiting Indonesia, South Korea, Japan and Singapore to convey India's message against terrorism in the wake of April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor launched on May 7. Taking to X and without naming anyone, the senior Congress leader said, "When on mission against terrorism, to carry India's message to the world, it's distressing that people at home are calculating political allegiances. Is it so difficult to be patriotic?" Khurshid's cryptic post comes after Congress MP Shashi Tharoor faced attacks from party leaders including Udit Raj who called him a "super spokesperson of BJP" for remarks which were perceived to favour the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre. Tharoor is leading one of the seven delegations and is currently in Brazil. Khurshid's remarks come a day after he said during an interaction with think tanks in Indonesia that Kashmir had "major problems" for a long time and the abrogation of Article 370 finally put an end to it. The remarks were welcomed by leaders from the ruling BJP and stirred controversy. Jammu and Kashmir real estate BJP leader Shehzad Poonawalla, referring to Khurshid's remarks, slammed the Congress and other



opposition parties, accusing them of overlooking national interest. "After Shashi Tharoor, and Manish Tewari, yet another Congress leader has given a reality check and shown the mirror to Congress and INDIALliance," Poonawalla said. "Salman Khurshid has said when the all party delegation is on a mission to expose Pakistan putting India first, but some people are calculating the political allegiances. Is it so difficult to be patriotic? This is the resounding slap on those people's faces who are constantly doubting India's military might and India's diplomatic strike," he said. He accused the Congress of keeping the interests of the "parivar", an apparent reference to the Gandhi family, above national interest. "Congress, for the sake of petty political gains, puts party interest, parivaar interest above national interest. Hope they will realise that Salman Khurshid is not a super pravaakta (spokesperson) of any party, he is putting nation first. But when will the Congress party put the nation first?" he said. In an apparent reference to Lok Sabha leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi, he said, "LoP is busy in proving how Pakistan is powerful and won and how India lost". Poonawalla also referred to recent remarks by opposition leaders including Congress' Jairam Ramesh

and Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Sanjay Raut. "We have seen how Jairam Ramesh said the terrorists are like MPs and MPs are like terrorists... We have seen how Operation Sindoor was called a failure by Sanjay Raut, we have seen how constantly India's Sena is being undermined by the likes of Rahul Gandhi," he said. Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, while attacking the government with his claim that a special session of Parliament was being considered for June 25-26 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Emergency reportedly remarked "our MPs are roaming and terrorists are also roaming". In-charge of BJP's National Information and Technology Department Amit Malviya also attacked the Congress. Tagging Khurshid's post on X, he said, "The sentiment expressed here is both tragic and deeply ironic. It reflects the cost of a warped idea of secularism that the Congress party has long championed, one that confuses the urgent need to confront terror with a compulsive instinct to appease. "In doing so, they have not only diluted the moral clarity required to fight extremism, but have also compromised national security in the name of vote-bank politics." India has sent seven multi-party delegations to key partner countries, including members of the UN Security Council, to convey India's message of zero tolerance against terrorism. The delegations are being led by Bajajant Panda, Ravi Shankar Prasad (both BJP), Sanjay Kumar Jha (JD(U), Shrikant Shinde (Shiv Sena), Shashi Tharoor (Congress), Kanimozhi (DMK) and Supriya Sule (NCP-SP), and are visiting 32 countries and the EU headquarters at Brussels in Belgium.

578 cultural artefacts returned from US to India since 2016: Govt

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NEW DELHI, June 3:

The total number of cultural artefacts returned from the US to India since 2016 stands at 578, the maximum number of such antiquities returned by any country to India, the government said on Monday. The Press Information Bureau (PIB) of the government in a statement outlined some of the key projects and milestones in the country's culture and tourism sectors. "Bringing back the nation's lost heritage has been a priority for the government. Before 2013, only 13 stolen antiquities had been returned to India from abroad. However, since 2014, 642 stolen antiquities have been traced and are at various stages of being brought back to the country," it said. Over the past 11 years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's cultural journey has "flourished like a rangoli: colorful, rooted in tradition and open to



the world", the government said. "We must keep our culture, civilisation and values alive, preserve and enhance our spirituality and diversity, while continuously modernising technology, infrastructure, education and health systems," Modi was quoted as saying in the statement. Since 2016, the US government has facilitated the return of many trafficked or stolen antiquities. "Ten antiquities were returned during PM's visit to USA in June 2016; 157 antiquities during his visit in September 2021 and a further 105 antiquities during his visit in June 2023. The total number of cultural

artefacts returned from the US to India since 2016 stands at 578. This is the maximum number of cultural artefacts returned by any country to India," it said. The government said in the last 11 years, India has taken "big steps" to protect its culture and share it with the world. "Ancient temples have been restored, holy places improved and old traditions brought back to life. At the same time, new roads, clean facilities and better services have made it easier for people to visit these places," the statement said. India is also celebrating its heroes from every region and background. From festivals and yoga to music and art, "our culture is now being seen and respected in many countries", it said. "People around the world are showing interest in India's way of life. Today, India's rich culture is not only shining at home but also spreading light across the world," the government said.

Bombay HC orders permission for animal sacrifice on Bakr-id at Vishalgad fort

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The Bombay High Court on Tuesday allowed sacrifice of animals on Bakr-id and during the 'Urs' celebrations at a Dargah located within the precincts of Vishalgad Fort in Shahuwadi tehsil of this district. On a plea filed by the Harkat Peer Malik Rehan Mira Saheb Durga against directive issued by the deputy director of archaeology to prohibit animal slaughter within the fort's premises, Justices Neela Gokhale and Firdosh Pooniwalla passed the order. The court observed that a similar plea had been allowed in June 2024. It, therefore, allowed the present application as well



on the same terms and all conditions imposed in the June 2024 order would apply to both the petitioners and devotees. The permission extends not only to the Dargah Trust but also to devotees participating in the religious observances. In order passed last year,

the High Court had stipulated that any sacrifice must occur only in a closed and private area, specifically Gate No. 19, which is privately owned by Shri Mubarak Usman Mujawar - and not in open or public spaces. The Dargah Trust had initially approached the court

in 2023 after receiving a communication from the Deputy Director of Archaeology and Museums to the Kolhapur District Collector banning animal slaughter within the Vishalgad Fort area. The Bombay High Court on Tuesday allowed sacrifice of animals on Bakr-id and during the 'Urs' celebrations at a Dargah located within the precincts of Vishalgad Fort in Shahuwadi tehsil of this district. On a plea filed by the Harkat Peer Malik Rehan Mira Saheb Durga against directive issued by the deputy director of archaeology to prohibit animal slaughter within the fort's premises, Justices Neela Gokhale and Firdosh Pooniwalla passed the order. UNI

Assam CM replies to Pak threat over Brahmaputra river

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Guwahati, June 3

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday gave a stern reply to Pakistan over its threat of China stopping water flow of the Brahmaputra, saying China contributes only about 35 per cent of the river water, and that it is a river that grows and flows in India only. Taking to his X handle, the Chief Minister said the Brahmaputra expands in India with rainwaters from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland — the waters of tributaries like Subansiri, Kameng, Lohit, Dhansiri, Manas and many others. He said that it is the rainfall in these Indian states and the tributaries that contribute to 70 per cent waters of Brahmaputra. "After India suspended the Indus water treaty with Pakistan, the country now wants to create a new imaginary threat -- what will happen if China holds Brahmaputra's water?" said Sarma on his X handle on Tuesday. "Nothing will happen to India. We are going to dispel these myths based on truth and data," he said while China contributes only 30-35 per cent of waters of Brahmaputra, which are basically glacial melts, the Brahmaputra grows to its vastness only inside India by the massive rainfall in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya and by the waters of its tributaries in different parts of this region. "The flow of Brahmaputra in Tut-



ing along the India-China border is 2000 to 3000 cubic meters per second. However, this flow increases to 15,000 to 20,000 cubic meter per second in the Brahmaputra Valley in Guwahati during the rainy season. The Brahmaputra does not depend on the Himalayas for its flow, it is enriched by the massive rainfall in Indian states," he said while giving data. "I just want to remind one thing briefly — the Brahmaputra cannot be controlled by controlling just one of its sources. It is ever flowing due to its geographic location. It is a blessing for us," he added. "Nothing will happen to India. We are going to dispel these myths based on truth and data," he said while China contributes only 30-35 per cent of waters of Brahmaputra, which are basically glacial melts, the Brahmaputra grows to its vastness only inside India by the massive rainfall in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya and by the waters of its tributaries in different parts of this region.

HC denies bail to social media influencer Sharmishta Panoli

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Kolkata, June 3



The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday denied bail to media influencer and law student Sharmishta Panoli about her remarks on the Muslim community. The court directed the state government to produce the case diary before the next vacation bench on June 5. A single bench judge Justice Partha Sarathi Chatterjee observed that her comments had hurt the religious sentiments of a community and India being a secular country, freedom of speech should not be misused to hurt others. The judge ordered the state to produce the case diary on the next date of hearing when her interim bail application is to be heard on June 5. The court also directed that the Garden Reach police station case in connection with which 22-year-old Panoli was arrested from Gurugram will be investigated, while proceedings in all other FIRs in this regard will remain till further orders.

Cong demands inquiry against Tripura University VC and Registrar on recruitment scam

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Agartala, June 3

) Former BJP Minister and incumbent Congress legislator Sudip Roybarman on Tuesday wrote to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan seeking suspension and a high-level inquiry against officiating Vice Chancellor of Tripura University Prof G P Prasain and Registrar Dr Deepak Sharma for an alleged scam in recruitment and high-value purchase. He also requested Governor of Tripura Indra Sena Reddy Nallu and Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha to take up the issue with the central government, as VC and Registrar have been working against the interest of the state. As per law, the executive power of the VC had already been withdrawn



three months ago, and the new VC recruitment is in process, but he called interviews for various faculty positions in the Department of Law, Sociology, and Sanskrit department on June 8-9, violating rules, the letter alleged. "They have flooded Tripura University with

underqualified and ineligible outsiders, depriving genuine candidates of Tripura. Most shamefully, VC has recruited his son as an engineer at the university, depriving all bright and brilliant locals. Only 4-5 local students were selected despite fulfilling all norms of eligibility, while

more than 30 were given jobs from outside states," Roybarman mentioned in the letter. It further alleged that VC and Registrar are distributing teaching jobs to outsiders, and pleaded that all the outsiders are recommended for a job in Tripura by RSS and BJP's top bosses. He questioned, "Even if we bluntly disbelieve their claims, where is the action from the Ministry of Education, PMO, Governor of Tripura, and the Chief Minister?" While restraining VC from his illegal act of recruitment, suspend him, along with the Registrar, and also constitute a High Level Inquiry Committee with independent authority to ascertain the irregularities and anomalies in the recruitment process in the last year, Roybarman demanded.



AIIMS Awantipora a flagship project that has potential to transform healthcare landscape of Kashmir: Sakeena Itoo

Visits AIIMS Awantipora construction site, inspects progress on ongoing works

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AWANTIPORA, JUNE 03: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing construction works at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Awantipora.

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round-the-clock efforts for timely completion of the project.

The Minister further directed the concerned executing agency to submit regular progress reports and ensure the

project meets its scheduled deadlines without compromising on quality or safety standards. MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi; MLA Rajpora, Ghulam Mohi Uddin Mir; Directors of

Health, Ayush and family Welfare, officers of executing agency, senior officers of district administration and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit. Minister for

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'60% women still use cloth, only 50% use sanitary pads'

Doctors link unhygienic practices to rising UTI/RTI cases & infertility risks

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Srinagar, : A considerable proportion of women in Jammu and Kashmir continue to rely on traditional cloth for menstrual protection, which poses risks of infections that could lead to infertility, according to medical experts. Speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), doctors stressed the importance of maintaining menstrual



hygiene and encouraged women, especially young girls, to shed any feelings of shame associated with purchasing sanitary pads. They said proper hygiene practices are essential to prevent health complications. Dr Shabeena Akhter, a gynaecologist based in south Kashmir, said that while the number of women using cloth instead of sanitary pads is decreasing, many still prefer traditional methods. "Menstrual hygiene plays a crucial role in preventing infections such as urinary tract infections (UTIs) and reproductive tract infections (RTIs), which can have serious health consequences," she said.

"Regular changing of menstrual products and maintaining cleanliness are vital to mitigating these risks," she added. Dr Akhter advised girls that there should be no shame in buying sanitary pads, as this reduces the chances of infections that may lead to infertility.

Dr Barjashta Bahar, another gynaecologist, said that affordability is not the main issue for most women; rather, lack of awareness about hygienic practices is. "Many women do not realise how unhygienic menstrual cycles can affect their health," she said.

Dr Bahar added that societal stigma surrounding menstruation continues to foster shame, silence, and discrimination. "By promoting open discussions and education about menstruation, we can break down these barriers and empower women and girls to manage their periods with dignity and confidence," she asserted.

"Good menstrual hygiene management (MHM) is fundamental in enabling women and girls to reach their full potential," she said.

Dr Bahar warned that poor hygiene can lead to itching, rashes, bad odour and more severe complications like pelvic inflammatory disease and toxic shock syndrome.

Medical professionals also said that many women using pads do so without understanding why, often treating the product as just a ready-made item. Wearing a pad for too long can cause rashes, vaginal yeast infections, and foul odor, they warned.

While the number of women using sanitary pads is gradually increasing, a significant percentage still rely on cloth, which can cause infections such as UTIs and RTIs—conditions that, if untreated, may severely impact fertility. "Menstrual hygiene is not merely a personal issue; it's a public health concern," the doctors stressed. "Ensuring women and girls have the knowledge, resources, and societal support to manage their periods hygienically is essential for their health, education, and empowerment. It's time to confront the silence, break the stigma and advocate for dignity in menstruation." According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), nearly 60 per cent of women in Jammu and Kashmir still use cloth during menstruation. The survey (2019-2021) also found that only 50.5 per cent of women aged 15-24 use sanitary napkins, up from 48.8 per cent in NFHS-4 (2015-2016).

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a scheme to promote menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls aged 10-19 in rural areas. Under this initiative, sanitary napkin packs containing six pieces each are branded as "Freedays"—(KNO)

Several GMC Rajouri Departments Shifted to Old Hospital Building for NMC Compliance

HT News Network/JKNS

Rajouri, Authorities at Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri have ordered the shifting of seven medical departments to the old hospital premises at Gujjar Mandi as part of preparations for the forthcoming National Medical Commission (NMC) inspection and enhancement of MBBS seat capacity from 100 to 150.

In a formal order issued by Principal Dr. A S Bhatia a copy of which lies with news agency JKNS reads, it has been conveyed that the relocation plan aligns with NMC norms, focusing on infrastructure optimization and associated bed strength expansion. A committee constituted earlier recommended the shift after evaluating the feasibility of the relocation.



According to the order, the following departments are to be shifted to the old hospital building at

Gujjar Mandi, Rajouri, Dermatology, Psychiatry, Dentistry, Radiotherapy, Ayush, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Unit, Chest and TB.

The decision is also in accordance with directions issued by the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Medical Education during her recent visit to Rajouri. Heads of Departments (HoDs) concerned—except Chest and TB—have been directed to initiate necessary shifting steps in coordination with the Medical Superintendent of GMC Rajouri Associated Hospital to ensure uninterrupted services during the transition.

The Administrative Section of GMC has been instructed to provide complete logistical and infrastructural support to ensure smooth and timely relocation.

The entire process of department shifting must be completed within a week. (JKNS)

Over 6000 cat bite cases reported at ARC SMHS in last one year

'Cats do transmit Rabies similar to dogs, most owners not following norms'

Jahangeer Ganaie/KNO

Srinagar, : Kashmir has witnessed a significant surge in cat bite cases, with the number of reported incidents doubling within a year.

According to official data accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), around 6,000 cat bite cases have been reported at the Anti-Rabies Clinic (ARC) SMHS from June 2024 till date, compared to 2,824 cases during June 2023-May 2024.

Details reveal that 440 cat bite cases were reported at the clinic in June 2024 followed by 440 in July, 432 in August, 414 in September, 486 in October, 399 in November, 514 and December, 692 in January 2025, 658 in February, 542 in March, 491 in April and 537 in May till date taking total number of cat bite cases from June 2024 till date to 6095.

Speaking to KNO, an official at ARC SMHS said cats do transmit Rabies, similar to dogs. He said cat bite cases are on the rise, and people must take precautions in this regard.

"The trend of keeping cats as pets has gone up, especially post-COVID times, but in many instances, the owners are not following norms like vaccination, deworming, timely treatment and hygiene practices," he said. "We have seen a manifold increase in the number of cases vis-



iting the Anti Rabies Clinic SMHS over the last three years. Almost half cases are victims of cat exposures."

Officials said Kashmir witnessed a surge in pet ownership over the last decade. In contrast to farm ani-

mals that provide milk, meat and eggs, pets are companion animals and are kept purely for companionship.

They said that adherence to personal hygiene while handling pets is

important for keeping Zoonosis at bay. "A person who intends to keep a pet must be mentally prepared to take proper care of their pet animal with respect to behavioural requirements, adequate feeding, shelter and healthcare facilities. There is no fun in bringing home an animal without taking due care of it," they advised.

They said deworming is crucial to eliminate internal parasites that can affect both animal and human health. Vaccinations protect pets from contagious diseases that may also pose risks to humans, they explained.

Officials cautioned that many pet owners neglect vaccinating their animals for years, increasing the risk of disease transmission.

Experts said that a cat bite could lead to infections, such as toxoplasmosis, a parasitic disease transmitted by cats. While rare, toxoplasmosis can cause complications like miscarriage in pregnant women, but with proper hygiene, the risk remains minimal.

Notably, rabies is a universally fatal viral disease responsible for approximately 59,000 human deaths annually worldwide, with about 95 per cent of cases occurring in Africa and Asia. The officials urged the public to maintain vigilance and adhere to preventive measures to ensure safety for both humans and pets—(KNO)



District Admin Udhampur organises bicycle rally to mark World Bicycle Day 2025

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UDHAMPUR, JUNE 03: To mark World Bicycle Day 2025, District Administration Udhampur in collaboration with Department of Youth Services and Sports, Social Welfare Department and Education Department organized a Bicycle Rally under the aegis of Fit India Movement and Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan.

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai flagged off the rally from the DC Office Complex in presence of Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of various educational institutions, representatives of local bicycle associations and officials from different



departments. Cyclists traversed through prominent locations of the town including Slathia Chowk, Chabutra Bazar, Gole Market and finally culminated at DC Office. While talking to the media persons, the DC emphasized the alarming rise

in drug abuse among youth and urged students to act as Brand Ambassadors for spreading the message of a drug-free society. She further encouraged the adoption of cycling in daily routine to maintain physical and mental fitness.

DC Reasi flags off Cyclothon to promote Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

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REASI, JUNE 03: To raise awareness about the perils of drug abuse, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today flagged off a Cyclothon as part of the ongoing "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" campaign. The event, organised by the Social Welfare Department Reasi, saw enthusiastic participation from around 60 cyclists. The Cyclothon commenced from the DC Office Complex and concluded at Government Degree College (GDC) Reasi, covering a stretch of approximately 3 kilometers. The event formed a key activity under the



26-day anti-drug awareness campaign currently underway in the district. Addressing the participants, the DC stressed the importance of community-driven efforts to combat substance abuse. "Events like this not only promote a drug-free lifestyle but also encourage physical fitness, mental well-being and a

sense of camaraderie among youth. Such initiatives are essential to divert young minds towards positive pursuits like sports, fitness and social engagement," she said. She further highlighted the crucial role educational institutions, parents and local communities can play in ensuring that the youth

stay on the right path. "Awareness is the first step towards change. By involving the youth in such campaigns, we empower them to be change-makers and ambassadors of a healthier society," she added. The Cyclothon concluded on a celebratory note with the top three cyclists being awarded prizes in recognition of their performance and spirit. The Social Welfare Officer Sachin Sharma expressed gratitude to all the participants and assured that more such awareness and outreach programs would be conducted during the campaign to ensure wider community participation and impact.

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MLA Sopore flaggs-off marathon for Drug-Free Society

600 students participate to raise awareness against drug abuse

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Baramulla, June 3: In a strong show of unity and resolve, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Zones Dargapora and Sopore, today organized a Marathon under the "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan".

The marathon was flagged-off by Member Legislative Assembly Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar at MRF Chowk, Model Town Sopore which concluded at War Automobiles, Saidpora (Bypass). The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 600 students to raise awareness against drug abuse and promote a healthy & addiction-free lifestyle.

Applauding the initiative, MLA said, "Our youth are the torchbearers of a healthy and progressive society. Campaigns like the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan gain true strength when students lead from the front. Today's run is not just a race but a powerful message of resistance against addiction."

Students from various government and private educational institutions participated in the awareness event,



carrying banners and raising slogans advocating for a drug-free society. Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina also present on the occasion, underscored the importance of youth-led awareness campaigns in tackling the drug menace. "When 600 students run with purpose, it's more than an event — it's a collective voice demanding change," he said, assuring continued administrative support for such efforts.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Wani, commended the efforts of the organizing zones. "This marathon reflects our ongoing commitment

to developing physically and mentally resilient youth. The coordination and dedication shown by Zones Dargapora and Sopore is truly commendable," he noted.

The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony for top performers and an oath-taking session where all participants pledged to stay away from drugs and contribute positively to society.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports expressed its gratitude to all participating institutions, officials, and stakeholders for their support and reaffirmed its commitment to organizing more youth-driven initiatives for social change.

One-Day Awareness Workshop on PMFME Scheme organized at Champa Batote

■ HT News Network

RAMBAN, JUNE 03: The Department of Horticulture and Marketing, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today organised a one-day awareness workshop on the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme here at Panchayat Ghar Champa, Block Batote. The event witnessed the enthusiastic

participation of a large number of farmers, SHG members, and officers/officials from the Agriculture, Horticulture, Cooperative Departments, and NRLM. Resource persons from the Horticulture and Marketing Department, including AMO Ramban, AGMO Batote, GMI and District Resource Person (DRP-PMFME) Mudassar Rashid, provided detailed information about the benefits, documentation process, and handholding support available under the

PMFME scheme. District Nodal Officer PMFME, Tehsin Iqbal Chib, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the transformative impact of the scheme, especially among women and unemployed youth, who have leveraged the scheme to become self-reliant entrepreneurs and job providers. He informed that 17 units have been established under PMFME in Ramban, generating employment for over 150 individuals.

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TIMING:

MONDAY TO SATURDAY
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