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## HISTORY IN MAKING : PM Modi's Likely Inauguration of First Train to Kashmir A Dream Come True

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**JAMMU JUNE 02:** PM Modi is likely to flag off Vande Bharat train to Srinagar this weekend during PM's first visit to J&K post Pahalgam terror attack. "Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, will visit Jammu in the first week of June and will inaugurate the first Vande Bharat train to Kashmir," Former State President senior BJP leader Ravinder Raina told a local daily Newspaper. Raina is also BJP National Executive Member.

Earlier, the inauguration of the much-awaited train was scheduled for 19 April, however, it was postponed due to inclement weather. Inauguration again got delayed due to Pahalgam terror attack which happened on 22 April followed by Operation 'SINDOOR' According to Sources Prime Minister will flag off train from Katra to Baramulla and virtually from Baramulla to Katra. He will address a rally at Katra Stadium. Modi is likely to visit highest rail bridge in the world over river Chenab and first Cable Stayed bridge on the railway track in Reasi district before flagging off train services from Katra. As per the sources, initially the train will run from Katra to Baramulla. However, after completion of expansion work at Jammu Railway Station including increase in number of platforms, the train to Valley will start operations from Jammu, most

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### First Meeting of Council of Ministers After Operation 'SINDOOR' to be Chaired by PM Modi

■ **SAJAD RAINA /KNO**

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 02:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers on Wednesday, the first after the Pahalgam terror attack and the subsequent Operation Sindoor.

According to the details available with the news agency—the meeting also assumes significance as the Modi 3.0 government would complete one year in office this month.

The meeting is the first after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack,

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## Intensify efforts to dismantle terror ecosystem: DGP Prabhat directs field officers

Chairs high level meet to review security arrangements for Eid-ul-Adha, Amarnath Yatra,

■ **HT News Network**

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 02:** Director General of Police J&K, Nalin Prabhat on Monday directed the field officers to intensify their efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem and ensure robust security arrangements for Eid-ul-Adha, Amarnath Yatra and other upcoming events.



While chairing a joint meeting of Police & CAPF at Police Control Room here, DGP Prabhat, according to the news

agency—, issued directions for implementing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and also emphasized on the importance of proactive measures in mitigating risks and ensuring the safety and security of the Amarnath pilgrims. "Intensify efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem. Ensure robust security arrangements

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## J&K has nine active Covid-19 cases All mild, no cause for alarm, says officials

■ **HT News Network/KNO**

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 02:** Jammu and Kashmir has reported nine new COVID-19 cases since November 2024, marking the first such cases in several months.

A senior health official informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that there are currently nine active COVID-19 cases in the Union Territory. Of these, five are from Kashmir and four from Jammu.

The official said the situation remains under control and there is no immediate cause for concern. He urged residents to stay vigilant and follow safety precautions. "We are strictly adhering to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The UT is fully prepared to respond to any potential rise in infections," he said. The official added that these measures are part of a broader national strategy.

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## Congress only hope for J&K's political, economic issues: JKPCC Chief Karra

■ **HT News Network/KNO**

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 02:** Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Tariq Hameed Karra on Monday said the Congress, under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, was the only party capable of steering Jammu and Kashmir out of its current political and economic "crisis".

Speaking to the media here, Karra, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer, said, "Whether



the issues are political or economic, only Congress under Rahul Gandhi's leadership can resolve them."

He said a growing number of influential people were joining the party,

including "religious and opinion makers", indicating that Congress was becoming a "trend" in the region.

Responding to questions on the BJP-led government's recent infrastructure inaugurations in J&K, Karra termed them as 'ribbon-cutting ceremonies' for projects originally initiated by the UPA government. "Whatever progress you see today in Jammu and Kashmir, the foundation of it was laid by the Congress party," he said. On the recent push for foreign outreach,

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## 5 terror associates booked under PSA in Sgr: Police

■ **HT News Network**

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 02:** In a decisive action against subversive and criminal elements inimical to the security and integrity of the Nation, Srinagar Police on Monday said to have booked five terror associates of proscribed terror outfits involved in subversive activities under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

As per the news agency—the spokesman said that these individuals

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## Javid Dar reviews Eid-ul-Azha arrangements for Kashmir Valley Emphasizes market regulation, public convenience, interdepartmental coordination

■ **HT News Network**

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 02:** Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today chaired a high level meeting at the Civil Secretariat to review arrangements for the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha celebrations across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Food, Civil Sup-



plies & Consumer Affairs and Transport, Satish Sharma and Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani.

Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Department, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production, Principal Secretary Power Development Department, Commissioner Secretary Housing & Urban Development, Commissioner Secretary Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Secretary Transport, Secretary Public Works (R&B), Secretary Health & Medical Education, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, IGP Kashmir,

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## Div Com Kashmir visits Tulmulla, reviews arrangements for Mela Kheerbhawani

■ **HT News Network**

**GANDERBAL, JUNE 02:** In preparation for the annual Mata Kheerbhawani Mela-2025, scheduled to be celebrated on June 3rd, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, today visited the revered shrine at Tulmulla to review and inspect the arrangements being made for the smooth conduct of the festival.

During the visit, Div Com took a detailed round of the temple premises and inspected various facilities established for the convenience of the devotees. These included arrangements for night stay, bedding,

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## Div Com, IGP Jammu review arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2025

■ **HT News Network**

**JAMMU, JUNE 02:** Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti today convened a meeting to review the arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2025.

The meeting, attended by officers from civil and police administration, CAPF, Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner JMC, Transport Commissioner, Director Information, HODs, representatives of line departments, Traffic, NHA, Telecom agencies,



included a detailed discussion on the action plan for smooth conduct of the holy annual pilgrimage. At the outset, the Divisional

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## Lieutenant Governor greets people on Jyeshtha Ashtami

■ **HT News Network**

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 02:** The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings and good wishes on the occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, which is being celebrated on June 03, 2025.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "On the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, I extend my heartiest greetings to everyone, especially our Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters.

May the divine blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani continue to illuminate our paths, ushering in peace, happiness, and prosperity for all. May the spirit of this sacred occasion further strengthen the bonds of

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## Govt focusing on strengthening existing health, educational institutions: Minister Itoo in Budgam

Says all attached doctors detached, calls for review of Trauma hospital demand

■ **HT News Network**

**BEERWAH (BUDGAM), JUNE 02:** Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department Minister, Sakina Itoo said on Monday that the government is committed to consolidating and strengthening existing health and educational institutions rather than establishing scattered or fragmented setups.

After visiting Beerwah in Budgam district, Itoo called for optimising resources to enhance public services. "There is a



pressing need to consolidate what we already have instead of opening new, disjointed facilities that often lack essential infrastructure and manpower," she said.

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## Ensure timely completion of SBM 2.0, AMRUT projects: Chief Secretary Emphasises month-wise work plan formulation, fortnightly progress report

■ **HT News Network**

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 2:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today directed the officers to ensure completion of all projects being executed under AMRUT 2.0 and SBM 2.0 on top priority across the Union Territory.

While chairing a high-level meeting held in this regard, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress on various flagship urban development schemes. He stressed that both AMRUT and SBM are "Pragati programmes," which are being



monitored seriously at the highest level.

He emphasized that project implementation must be expedited and processes like tendering, approval and on-ground execution should be carried

out in a fast-track manner. To ensure proper monitoring, he instructed all the concerned departments to prepare month-wise work plans and submit progress reports every fortnight.

During the review of SBM 2.0, it was informed that significant achievements have been made in solid waste and used water management.

Under the Integrated Solid Waste Management initiative, the department has reached a major administrative milestone. Used water infrastructure is also being improved, with many schemes already under construction and others in advanced planning stages.

For C&D processing, 125 plant processing TPD has been allotted to SMC and 65 for JMC.

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## Chief Secretary reviews progress on PM Gati Shakti implementation

### Stresses adoption of best practices from top performing districts for tangible results

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, JUNE 2:** SRI-NAGAR, JUNE 02: Chief Secretary Jammu and Kashmir, Atul Dulloo, today chaired a high level meeting to review progress on PM Gati Shakti (PMGS), National Master Plan implementation at Civil Secretariat here. The meeting focused on assessing the progress, identifying challenges and enhancing the coordination among various departments and stakeholders under the PM Gati Shakti initiative. The Chief Secretary said that PM Gati Shakti aims to revolutionise the infrastructure development by breaking departmental silos and ensuring synchronised planning

among the multiple agencies. He emphasised that the initiative aligns with the vision of 'One Nation, One Master Plan', aiming to reduce logistics costs, improve multi-modal connectivity and enable last-mile infrastructure access across the Union Territory. The meeting was informed that 624 individual data layers have been integrated making J&K one of the top 3 performing states/UTs. It was added that 39 UT departments have been onboarded on the Gati Shakti portal. Besides, 50 strategic projects valued at over Rs. 3,000 crore have been deliberated through 16 TSU and NPG meetings. He directed the Industries and Revenue departments to



play a pivotal role in adding layers to the portal and ensure inclusion of layers from the social sectors. The officers were directed to replicate best practices from top performing districts of

other states for more effective and tangible results. The Chief Secretary was informed that over 100 capacity-building sessions have been conducted across the departments while 23 planning tools

and a robust Maker-Checker-Approver mechanism has been implemented. Besides, extensive mapping of over 23,000 schools, 26,000+ Anganwadi centers and all 6,000+ Fair Price Shops has been done on the

portal. The Chief Secretary reiterated the importance of adopting an Area Development Approach to infrastructure planning. He said under this model, a defined region is targeted for integrated development in logistics, economic activity, tourism, social services and governance. The PM Gati Shakti portal is being leveraged to enhance the operational efficiency for defence logistics while ensuring optimal utilisation of civilian infrastructure. The meeting also highlighted the significant efforts in training nodal officers, establishing district-level GIS cells and integrating digital surveys and indigenous technologies

for infrastructure planning and execution. The Chief Secretary called for expediting mapping of remaining assets, besides adding layers. He emphasised on leveraging the PMGS portal for project planning and monitoring besides strengthening the inter-departmental coordination for timely clearances and coordination. The Chief Secretary lauded the progress made under the PM Gati Shakti initiative and emphasized its transformative potential in enhancing logistics, infrastructure and governance across Jammu and Kashmir. He assured continued support from the administration in further streamlining and accelerating implementation.

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### CS

With emphasis given on legacy waste clearance, the meeting was informed that 1.33 MT of legacy waste was remediated since the last review meeting.

In terms of sanitation infrastructure, construction work for 375 toilet seats has been awarded. The Jammu Municipal Corporation is working on 100 seats while the Srinagar Municipal Corporation is constructing 95 seats and 97 urinals.

Additionally, the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies has floated tenders for another 275 toilet seats and 58 urinals. For Individual Household Latrines, 51 beneficiaries have been identified and construction is underway.

The Chief Secretary praised the joint efforts of executing agencies, consultants and the urban local bodies, and underlined the importance of timely completion and quality control. He said that these projects play a vital role in achieving sustainable urban development and protecting public health.

While reviewing AMRUT 2.0, he noted that the mission is aimed at making cities water secure and improving the overall quality of life. He said that, out of the total 99 approved schemes, the majority of works are already under active execution, while the rest are in various stages of tendering or allotment.

Out of the 153 approved projects, 99 focus on improving water supply systems, 04 are related to sewerage and seepage management and 50 are aimed at water roadies rejuvenation. He said that the goal is to provide 100 percent of households in AMRUT towns with functional tap connections.

The meeting was informed that a large number of these projects have already been tendered and some are under execution, while a few are still awaiting allotment.

### PM

secretary, H&UD, SEs and other concerned.

agency—the meeting also assumes significance as the Modi 3.0 government would complete one year in office this month. The meeting is the first after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead, and the subsequent strikes carried out by the armed forces deep inside Pakistan to avenge the killings of innocent civilians.

The ministers are likely to be given details of the "Operation Sindoor", which is also expected to figure in the ruling BJP's programmes starting next week to mark the first anniversary of the PM Modi led government in its third term.

"Besides speaking on Operation Sindoor, the Prime Minister may give an overall highlight of his governance thrust in the council meeting as the ministers prepare to communicate with people across the country during the anniversary events," said a source.

On May 7, strikes on nine terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir followed by its counterattack on the neighbouring country's military facilities, especially air bases, have sent a clear message to the neighbouring country that "terror won't be tolerated" anymore.

PM Modi in his recent speeches has affirmed that "Operation Sindoor" has marked India's "new normal" in punishing terror acts linked to Pakistan and vowed to go after terrorists and their sponsors with equal ferocity in case of any future terror incidents on the Indian soil.

The Council of Ministers, which generally meets in a few months, had met regularly after the Pahalgam terror attack—(KNO)

### MODI

completion of expansion work at Jammu Railway Station including increase in number of platforms, the train to Valley will start operations from Jammu, most likely in August-September. Jammu and Kashmir real estate-Fine dining reservations

There will be no direct train from Delhi or any other part to Kashmir at present. The passengers will have to de-board at Katra and change the train. Later, the same process will shift to Jammu.

Several trials of train from Katra to Baramulla including that of Vande Bharat have been successful. During Operation Sindoor, a train carrying Army personnel also operated on the track up to Srinagar.

Fresh security audit of the track was conducted after Pahalgam terror attack and all issues have been addressed with deployment of more police personnel and strengthening of infrastructure.

Out of the total 272-kilometre, Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, 209-kilometre was commissioned in phases with the first phase of the 118-kilometre Qazigund-Baramulla section commissioned in October 2009, followed by 18-kilometre Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013, 25-kilometre Udhampur-Katra in July 2014 and 48.1-kilometre long Banihal-Sangaldan stretch in February, last year.

The work on the 46-kilometre Sangaldan-Reasi section was also completed in June last year, leaving a total of 17 kilometre stretch between Reasi and Katra which was also completed nearly three months back leading to start of different trials of trains including that of Vande Bharat.

The project involved a cost of Rs 41,000 crore

On January 4, a successful trial run of an electric train was conducted on the Katra-Banihal section. The Railways have conducted series of trials over the past few months on various segments of the track, including the two major milestones of the Anji Khad and Chenab bridges.

Kashmir will get a new specially designed Vande Bharat Express Train. This new semi-high-speed train will connect Katra and Srinagar. The new semi-high-speed train connecting Katra and Srinagar will be the third such train in J&K, Jammu and Kashmir real estate-Fine dining reservations

### DGP

for the upcoming events," the DGP said. "Bolster security measures and mitigate potential risks by deploying anti-sabotage teams along the yatra routes. Enhance surveillance and threat detection capabilities by utilizing advanced technologies and real-time monitoring," DGP Prabhat told the officers.

The meeting was attended by Spl. DGP Coordination S.J.M Gillani, ADGP Armed Anand Jain, IGP Kashmir, IGP POS PHQ J&K, IG CRPF Srinagar, IG CRPF KOS, IG BSF, all range DisG of Kashmir Zone, DIG Pers, DIG Traffic Kashmir, DIG IR Kashmir, DIG AP Kashmir, DIG SSB, DIG ITBP, all district SSSP of Kashmir Zone and other senior officers.

The participating officers, as per KNO, briefed the chair regarding the proposed security arrangements for the conduct of Amarnath Yatra-2025 and the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha emphasizing the significance of effective coordination among the various forces.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to ensure the highest level of preparedness and coordination for the smooth and successful conduct of all the events—(KNO)

### CM

whose teachings continue to inspire generations.

Omar Abdullah also acknowledged the pivotal role of Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA) in introducing and nurturing the valley's world-renowned handicrafts and traditional skills, which have become an integral part of Kashmir's identity and economy.

On this solemn occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah prayed for enduring peace, progress and holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir.

### COVID

to prevent a resurgence, especially amid reports of increasing COVID-19 cases in some parts of Asia.

Routine testing for severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) and influenza-like illnesses (ILI) continues across healthcare facilities in both divisions.

It is noteworthy that the last reported COVID-19 case in Jammu and Kashmir was in November 2024.

To ensure preparedness, the Ministry of Health recently held a high-level review meeting with key health agencies, including the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Emergency Medical Relief (EMR) Division, Disaster Management Cell, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and representatives from central hospitals. The purpose was to assess readiness and strengthen surveillance and response systems in case of a rise in cases.

Health experts have advised the public to remain alert but not alarmed. They said the current strains typically cause mild illness or no symptoms at all. Facilities have been upgraded since the initial wave of COVID-19, and the region is equipped to handle any escalation.

"Most positive cases recover on their own, and only a few may require hospital visits, which can be managed through outpatient departments," they said, adding that there is no need to panic.

Authorities continue to monitor the situation closely and have urged residents to follow safety protocols, including testing, wearing masks in crowded places and maintaining vaccination schedules.

Hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir have maintained dedicated isolation wards and medical facilities as precautions. Public awareness campaigns have been intensified to inform citizens about COVID-19 symptoms and preventive measures.

The Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) under the NCDC has increased efforts in monitoring, contact tracing and prompt isolation, forming a key part of the ongoing containment strategy.

Officials confirmed that all current positive patients are stable with very mild symptoms. "There is no immediate cause for panic, but precautions must continue," they said—

### KARRA

the JKPC Chief alleged that the party was using MPs as "diversion tactics". "Thousands of crores have been spent on PR exercises abroad," he claimed.

Referring to the recent Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people, including a Kashmiri youth, were killed, Karra alleged a serious security lapse on the part of the government. If the BJP claims to have ended terrorism and restored peace post-Article 370 abrogation, how did terrorists manage to travel over 300 km to Baisaran, he asked.

He questioned the failure to apprehend the perpetrators and criticised the government's response despite prior intelligence inputs. "Why were no preventive steps taken?" he said, demanding a special session or all-party meeting to answer these questions.

The J&K Congress Chief also raised serious concerns about India's foreign policy under the Modi government, citing the ceasefire following Indo-Pak clashes and alleged third-party intervention. He said that if reports of the US prompting the ceasefire were true, what happened to the Simla Agreement and India's long-held stance of bilateralism?

Karra raised questions over External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's public admission that Pakistan was informed ahead of certain military actions. "If true, is this not treason?" he asked—

### POLICE

have been identified as Nayeem Ahmad Khan S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khan R/o Gammadar Panthachowk Srinagar, Faizan

Akhter Bhat @ Faizan S/o Akhter Hussain Bhat R/o Gousia Colony, Khanyar Srinagar, Mehraj Ud Din Bhat S/o Late Mohammad Sidiq Bhat R/o Pandach, 90 FT Road Srinagar, Umar Hamid Sheikh S/o Abdul Hamid Sheikh R/o Assar Colony, Hazratbal Srinagar and Suhaib Shafi Baba @ Chamna S/o Mohammad Shafi Baba R/o Diwat Walipora, Rainawari Srinagar.

These accused persons have been booked after obtaining formal detention orders based on dossiers prepared against them by Srinagar Police, the statement reads, adding that consequently, they have been detained and subsequently lodged in District Jails of Kathua, Udhampur and Kot Balwal Jammu.

Pertinently, many criminal cases have been registered against these individuals. "Despite this, they did not mend their ways and after getting bailed out from courts, they were brazenly involved in criminal and subversive activities prejudicial to the interests of the Nation," police said.

Pertinently, J&K Police has been systematically targeting and dismantling such anti-national infrastructure in Srinagar city through its relentless crackdown on such elements. J&K Police affirmed its steadfast commitment in eliminating criminal activities prejudicial to the security and peace in this region with the full might of law.

"We also caution those engaged in unlawful or disruptive activities detrimental to the security of the Nation that the long arm of law would catch them sooner than anticipated and every offender will face justice," police said—

### DIV COM

sanitation, hygienic toilet units, uninterrupted power and water supply, health care services and longer facilities.

He emphasized ensuring a peaceful, well-organized, and spiritually enriching experience for all attendees. While expressing satisfaction over the arrangements in place, Div Com directed the concerned officers to further fine-tune preparations to eliminate any possible inconvenience to the pilgrims. Appealing to devotees to participate in large numbers, Div Com encouraged people to experience the sacred ambiance and spiritual essence of the Mela. He assured that all necessary facilities have been put in place to ensure a clean, safe, and comfortable environment, with round-the-clock services available throughout the duration of the festival.

### JAVID DAR

Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir Division and heads of relevant line departments such as Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry and Health besides Chief Engineers of PWD (R&B), KPDC and PHE Kashmir along with other senior officers from civil and police administration were also present in the meeting while the outstations officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

The meeting held a detailed discussion on several critical arrangements including identification and publicity of sale points for sacrificial animals, availability of essential commodities and door-to-door collection of animal skins and waste. It was informed that advance distribution of food grains for the month of June is underway and daily joint market inspections are being conducted to ensure quality control, price regulation, cleanliness and fumigation in public areas.

Further, arrangements for uninterrupted power and water supply, deployment of medical teams at major congregation points such as Hazratbal Shrine, installation of waterproof tents and pandals, fire and emergency services, crowd and traffic management and designation of parking zones, were reviewed comprehensively. The Minister directed all the Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police to personally monitor implementation of all necessary measures and ensure smooth, safe and peaceful celebration of Eid-ul-Azha. He stressed the need for seamless coordination among all the depart-

ments involved in public service delivery.

Javid Ahmad Dar emphasized that elaborate arrangements must be made with regard to water and electricity supply, medical facilities, sanitation, fire and emergency response and public safety. He also directed that market regulation and availability of essential commodities at government-notified prices must be strictly enforced through regular inspections.

### SAKEENA

The minister clarified that constructing a few rooms does not constitute a hospital unless proper staff and facilities are in place. "Our focus is on consolidation and upgrading existing facilities, which will be prioritised after ensuring their robustness," she added.

Addressing concerns about the shortage of doctors in peripheral hospitals, Itoo said all attached doctors have now been detached from their posts and instructed to return to their original places of posting. "This step is crucial to ensure that rural and underserved areas receive adequate healthcare services," she said. She warned that those who fail to report back will face necessary action as per the law. The minister highlighted the achievements of the Omar Abdullah-led government over the past seven months but stressed that much more work remains.

On the issue of a Trauma Hospital in Budgam, she said the demand, particularly in light of increasing road accidents and the lack of immediate specialised care, is being examined. "The demand for a Trauma Hospital in Budgam has been raised by MLA Beerwah and MLA Chadoora. It will be reviewed, and necessary steps will be taken accordingly," she assured. During her visit, the minister interacted with health officials and members of the public, assessing the current state of medical infrastructure and educational institutions. She directed officials to prioritise strengthening primary health centres and upgrading schools with adequate staff and modern facilities.

Reaffirming her government's commitment, Itoo said, "An equitable development and the welfare of the people remain central to our agenda."—

### LG

brotherhood, fostering harmony and mutual respect across the communities. Let us on this auspicious day dedicate ourselves to selfless service to the nation and the welfare of people."

### IG

Commissioner directed the concerned District Administrations to start the process of setting up of RFID counters and Registration centers from Lakhampur to Jammu to Ramban. He asked them to initiate the training of staff for manning RFID counters at the earliest.

The Div Com and IGP sought the details from stakeholder departments on different aspects of the arrangements to be put in place from Lakhampur to Bhagwati Nagar Jammu and upto Lambar in Ramban -the route of holy pilgrimage passing through Jammu Division.

The arrangements reviewed included provision of civic amenities, sanitation and security at lodgment centres, traffic management, Transport and transit facilities, Healthcare facilities, illumination, provision of power generators, fire extinguishers, installation of CCTV cameras, parking and Cloak room facility at Bhagwati Nagar.

The meeting was apprised about the status of ongoing works being executed by different departments at Bhagwati Nagar -the Jammu base camp and at different lodgment centres in the districts en-route the holy pilgrimage. The Div Com directed the Deputy Commissioners to personally visit lodgment centres to ensure the quality of work and timely completion of the same.









# Rana chairs meeting to review preparedness for Eid Ul Azha celebration

HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 02: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat Jammu to review preparedness for the upcoming Eid Al-Adha celebrations. Minister for FCS&CA and Transport, Satish Sharma and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, also participated in the meeting. Besides, the meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra; Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar; Commissioner Secretary, HUDD Mandeep Kour; Secretary Health & Medical Education, Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division, HoDs and other senior offi-

cers. The meeting deliberated on various aspects of Eid Al-Adha celebrations including arrangements for animal sacrifice, public safety, traffic management, health services, market checking, fixation of livestock rates, water, power supply and cleanliness. Javed Rana directed the concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place to facilitate the smooth conduct of Eid Al-Adha celebrations. He emphasized the importance of maintaining public safety and security during the celebrations and directed the police and security agencies to remain vigilant. Auqaf authorities were directed to notify timing of the prayers through Auqaf committee(s) and sharing the same with the Administration/Police/Security agencies and public well in time so that they could plan accordingly.



Javed Rana emphasized on well coordinated efforts in order to ensure that all essential commodities are available at all places on government prescribed rates. He called on officers for constitution of teams for joint market checking to control overcharging, besides other quality issues.

The Minister said that rates of the livestock should be fixed and checked by the flying squads so that complaints from quarters are addressed well in time. He called upon the concerned to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply during the celebration of the auspicious occasion.

Javed Rana passed on strict instructions to ensure that portable water remains available at Eid Gahs, Mosques and other points of congregation. He said that water tankers should be deployed to Pir Panjal region, Samba, Kathua and other areas in the manner it is required. Regarding cleanliness and road repair leading to Eid Gahs, the Minister emphasised upon the concerned to repair potholes and other areas wherever it is required. The Minister also stressed the need for effective traffic management and directed the traffic police to plan for smooth traffic flow, including diversion plans and parking arrangements. He further directed the health department to ensure that adequate medical facilities and emergency services are available during the celebrations. The Minister emphasized the importance of coordination among various

departments to ensure the success of Eid Al-Azha celebrations. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to personally oversee the arrangements and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to facilitate the celebrations. The meeting decided to establish control rooms in each district to monitor the celebrations and respond to any issues that may arise. The Minister also directed the concerned departments to remain on high alert during the celebrations and take all necessary measures to ensure public safety and security. Javed Rana directed the Municipal Corporation to ensure that the city remains clean and hygienic during and after the celebrations. The meeting was informed that the government has made adequate arrangements for the disposal of animal waste and ensuring cleanliness during the celebrations.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on my father's name HABIBULLAH PUSHOO S/O GH MOHD PUSHOO R/O KREERI. Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 0212040000038 wants to be registered on my name JAVEED AHMAD PUSHOO S/O LATE HABIBULLAH PUSHOO 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: JAVEED AHMAD PUSHOO  
S/O LATE HABIBULLAH PUSHOO  
R/O KREERI DISTT.....BARAMULLA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is being informed that By mistake my 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 ALTAF HUSSAIN GANIE S/O MOHD IBRHAM GANIE R/O RESHIPORA Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of Income dependent certificate

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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 ALTAF 22 years //  
4.FATIMA ALTAF daughter 20 years //  
5... MEHDI ABASS SON 15 years //  
6....SALEEMA BEGUM Moher 65 years old age  
It is further submitted that ALTAF HUSSAIN GANIE S/O MOHD IBRHIM 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 certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

NAIB TEHSILDAR KREERI

## اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ میری دوکان لیسن بنام J&K HathKaghar Socity Phalamgam لیسن گم ہو گئی ہے اب اسکی ڈبلکھٹ کا پانی نکالنی مطلوب ہے جس کو کوئی عرب ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر اندر محکمہ سمیر ہیڈری لوم سرینگر کے دفتر میں پیش کرے بعد از معاد کوئی عرب قبول نہ ہوگا

المستمر

عبدالرحمان مجبور  
ساکن مٹن انت ناگ کسمیر

## اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ میری دوکان لیسن بنام Kashmir Handiloom Handicraft Phalamgam لیسن گم ہو گئی ہے اب اسکی ڈبلکھٹ کا پانی نکالنی مطلوب ہے جس کو کوئی عرب ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر اندر محکمہ سمیر ہیڈری لوم سرینگر کے دفتر میں پیش کرے بعد از معاد کوئی عرب قبول نہ ہوگا

المستمر

محمد لطیف ساء  
ساکن مٹن انت ناگ کسمیر

## از دفتر بلاک ڈیلوپمنٹ آفیسر کرا لگنڈ قاضی آباد

مضمون: درخواست: پمیر رمضان خاوند الدھرم صاحبہ عبد الجبار ساکن ولرامہ تحصیل لگنڈ ڈسٹرکٹ پٹواڈہ  
براد عطاءئی مندر تاریخ وفات تاریخ سرٹیفکیٹ باپت والد

### اطلاع باپت خاص وعام

معاہد مندر یہ عنوان الصدر کے نسبت درخواست سائل / سائلہ کی تاریخ وفات سرٹیفکیٹ مطابق رکاڈ خاوند عبد الجبار تاریخ وفات 01-05-1995 ہے لہذا اگر کسی بھی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی غدر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ دفتر خدا میں اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتے کے اندر اندر پیش کریں معاد کرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی غدر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

تحریر الصدر: بلاک ڈیلوپمنٹ آفیسر کرا لگنڈ قاضی آباد

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information to the general public that I want to apply for new fertilizer licence & Seed licence under name & style LONE AGRO WORLD BULGAM if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She contact Chief Agriculture office Baramulla within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to be informed that the dob of my daughter jasmeeen 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 pahalgam.  
Mohd ashraf lawe  
R/o manal pahalgam

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

## 22nd edition of Myntra's much-awaited EORS is live now

JEHANGIR RASHID  
HT CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, June 2: Myntra, one of India's leading fashion, beauty, and lifestyle destinations, is hosting the 22nd edition of its flagship End Of Reason Sale (EORS) live now until June 12. This much-awaited shopping event will dazzle fashion and beauty enthusiasts across the country. A spokesman of the company in a press release said that shoppers from Tier 1, Tier 2, and emerging cities can explore a vast selection of over 4 million styles from more than 10,000 brands, including international, domestic, and home grown brands. With something for every taste and trend, it's the ultimate destination for those looking to refresh their wardrobes and beauty shelves with the season's most stylish picks. The categories that are expected to garner traction from consumers during EORS include Men's Casual Wear, Men's and Women's Ethnic wear, Women's Western Wear, Beauty and Personal Care, Watches and Wearables, Accessories, Travel essentials, Sports footwear, Kids' Wear and wedding collections. Several popular brands that are expected to witness heightened traction include Levi's, Nike, adidas, H&M, MANGO, L'Oréal, Lakme, Libas, Decathlon, New Balance, Wrogn, US



Polo Assn., Puma, and Rare Rabbit, among others. From breezy silhouettes to vibrant statement pieces, these collections offer something for every occasion, mood, and personal style. Adding to the thrill, FWD, Myntra's Gen-Z proposition, will feature over 200K+ trend-first styles from brands including SZN, Freakins, Bonkers Corner, Glitchez, Anouk Rustic, Lulu & Sky, KPOT, Outzider among many others. The 22nd edition of EORS will make shopping delightful with a slew of new launches. These include the US-based iconic brand GAP, and the famed designer Tarun Tahiliani's luxury pret line - OTT, both launching on Myntra for the first time. Other exciting new collection launches in the Beauty category include Emporio Armani, Elie Saab, K-18, and the new Alia Bhatt x L'Oréal Casting Crème Gloss line. Sneaker lovers are in for a treat with new arrivals including the adidas Originals Superstar 2, adidas

Spazieli, Puma Palermo, and Lotto Leggenda. Home and living gets a refresh with stylish launches from Royal Oak, COIRFIT, and Drogo. Furthermore, as part of its continued support for emerging talent, customers will be able to shop from new D2C brand launches under Myntra's Rising Stars (MRS) Home Edit program including Phool, Modish Couture, and Sleep Spa this season. New launches in the watches and wearables category include Realme (Air 7 Pro, Air 7, and Wireless 5), Swiss Military, Noise Icon 2, Boulk (K30 & W30), Daniel Klein, French Connection, and Belkin—making this season of EORS one of the most comprehensive and thrilling yet. Speaking about the 22nd edition of EORS, Bharath Kumar, Head of Revenue and Growth, Myntra said, "Each edition of EORS is a testament to Myntra's vision of redefining the way India shops. It's more than just an event, it's a cultural moment that captures the spirit of a fashion-forward, evolving India."

Every edition deepens our connection with customers, empowers emerging brands, and pushes the boundaries of tech-led, immersive shopping experiences. With this edition, we are expanding access to over 4 million styles across diverse categories, while inspiring customers to self-express through fashion." With over 10k styles across fashion, beauty, accessories and home, M-Now has emerged as the go-to option for customers in Bengaluru, empowering fashion-forward shoppers to receive their orders starting ~30 minutes. This hyper-speed proposition offers a selection of globally loved brands, including Vero Moda, MANGO, Tommy Hilfinger, Levi's, Jack & Jones, ONLY, among others, along with premium beauty brands such as YSL, Prada, Carolina Herrera, Huda Beauty, MAC, Bobbi Brown, Etude, CORXS, Forest Essentials, Olaplex, CeraVe, Dyson, Bath & Body Works, and Estée Lauder. It also features Gen Z favorites like Crocs, Bewakoof, Roadster, Campus Sutra, and Dressberry. The event will feature assured cash back with every purchase, and dynamic shopping events such as Brand Mania Deals (8 PM – Midnight), Midnight Steal Runs (Midnight – 8 AM), Grab or Gone (8 AM – 8 PM).

## 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notified that my name in my aadhar card having aadhar number a6133 8820 8252 is wrongly mentioned as mohd hussain dar but my actual name is mohammad hussain dar R/O monghal anantnag I m going to update my aadhar catd. if anyone have queries they may report to concern authority within 7 days

## PUBLIC NOTICE

it is for the information of general public that I have applied for Pesticides License under the name & style Shop name :Mir agro solutions Prop: Raqib hussain mir S/o:Gh Mohi ud din mir Address: near airtel tower bunpora sallar anantnag ,j&k.192401 If anybody having any kind of objection in this regard He/she may object his objection in Plant Protection Officer Lal Mandi Srinagar, within Seven days from the date of issuance of this notice. After that no objection will entertained.

Raqib hussain mir S/o:Gh Mohi ud din mir  
Address: near airtel tower bunpora sallar anantnag ,j&k.192401

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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 landlana Pahalgam within 7 days. Mohammad Yaseen Mir  
F/O Farhan Ahmad Mir  
R/O Mandlana Pahalgam

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my children's Name seeping 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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I Have Lost R/C Of My Vechile Tipper Bearing Registration No :-JK03B/4528 from Bemina to Khanyar. Now I have applied for its Duplicate . If anybody having any kind of objection in this regard He/she may object his objection in ARTO Anantnag , within Seven days from the date of issuance of this notice. After that no objection will entertained.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my dob has been incorrectly mentioned on his Adhar card, 275489020325as 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





## DC Baramulla chairs DLRC meeting; emphasizes on financial inclusion, loan disbursement & public awareness

HT News Network

BARAMULLA, JUNE 02: A District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting for the quarter ending March 2025 was held today at Dak Bungalow Baramulla under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa.

The meeting reviewed the performance of banks and line departments under various government-sponsored schemes and priority sector lending.

Representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), NABARD, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Lead District Manager (LDM) Baramulla, and officers from all major banks and concerned departments participated in the meeting.

Lead District Manager, Bashir Ahmad Sheikh informed the house that under the District Credit Plan 2024-25, the total credit target was Rs. 4,272.53 crore, against which Rs. 4,579.43 crore was achieved, marking 107% of the target. Under the priority sector, Rs. 2,420.87 crore was disbursed against a target of



Rs. 3,567.27 crore (68%), while the non-priority sector saw disbursement of Rs. 2,158.56 crore against a target of Rs. 705.26 crore, achieving 306%.

DDC conducted a comprehensive review of the performance of all banks and departments. He emphasized achieving 100% saturation under the National Mis-

sion for Financial Inclusion and directed banks to expedite the disposal of all pending loan cases under schemes such as PMEGP, MUMKIN, PM Vishwakarma, Mission Youth, Tejaswini and other flagship programmes. Highlighting the need for grassroots-level financial awareness, DDC directed all banks and financial

institutions to organize outreach and literacy camps in collaboration with line departments. He stressed the involvement of ASHA and Anganwadi workers, as well as NRLM SHG members, to enhance the reach and impact of financial education. To ensure comprehensive coverage under social security and credit schemes, DDC instructed banks to intensify efforts for saturation under Kisan Credit Card (KCC), PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), MUDRA loans and Aadhaar seeding.

DDC further directed the Lead District Manager to conduct a seminar for all bankers to sensitize them about operational guidelines and objectives of government flagship schemes, ensuring smooth and timely loan disbursements.

In conclusion, DDC urged all line departments to organize special awareness camps across the district to inform the public about various financial and welfare schemes and ensure effective last-mile delivery of benefits.

## IUST Holds Workshop on Academic and Curricular Review

HT News Network

Awantipora, June 2: The Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organized a Workshop-cum-Interaction Session on May 30, focusing on a comprehensive review of academic and curricular aspects in line with NAAC guidelines.

Chaired by the Dean of Academic Affairs, the session brought together Heads of Departments, Academic and Centre Coordinators, DIQA Nodal Officers, and other key stakeholders to assess the university's academic progress since its last NAAC accreditation. Discussions focused on curricular planning, pedagogical innovation, learning outcomes, and academic governance, with reference to the Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) and the proposed Binary Accreditation Framework (BAF). Dr. Peer Bilal Ahmad, Director DIQA, emphasized the importance of evidence-based academic improvements under BAF and called for critical self-assessment. Deputy Directors Dr. Farooq Husain Bhat and Dr. Athar Ud Din presented a comparative analysis of performance pre- and post-accreditation, highlighting achievements, challenges, and best practices.

World Environment Day-2025

## SFD Anantnag organises Painting competition, cleanliness drive & Door to Door campaign

HT News Network

ANANTNAG, JUNE 02: In commemoration of World Environment Day 2025 observed every year on June 05, the Social Forestry Division (SFD) Anantnag, in collaboration with Government Higher Secondary School Khannabal, organized a vibrant painting competition to promote environmental awareness among students.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who showcased their creativity and concern for the environment through art. The initiative aimed to instill a sense of responsibility towards nature in young minds.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Social Forestry Division Anantnag, emphasized the crucial role students play in shaping a greener future. "Students are the best ambassadors for spreading awareness about the importance of a clean and sustainable environment. Their involvement ensures that the message of conservation reaches every corner of society," she said.

Teachers from the host school also addressed the gathering, appreciating the efforts of the Social Forestry Division in organizing such events that inspire environmental stewardship among youth. To encourage the budding artists, mementos and certificates of appreciation were distributed among the participants by the DFO.

## DC Kulgam reviews performance of Social Welfare, allied sectors

HT News Network

KULGAM, JUNE 02: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today convened a review meeting here to evaluate the performance of the ICDS, Social Welfare Department, OSC, DHEW, ICPS and the implementation of various government-sponsored beneficiary and pension schemes in the district. Social Welfare Officer presented a comprehensive progress report on various welfare initiatives through a powerpoint presentation. He informed that 32661 pension cases have been sanctioned under the Integrated Social Security Scheme under different components while the National Social Assistance programme has successfully met its set target of 4948 beneficiaries. Additionally, he reported that under the State Marriage Assistance Scheme, 1915 cases were sanctioned financial assistance during 2024-25 and 400 new cases were approved during the current year till date.

## DC Bandipora reviews Eid-ul-Adha arrangements

HT News Network

BANDIPORA, JUNE 02: In view of the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha celebrations, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to finalise preparations across the district.

On the occasion, DC emphasised seamless inter-departmental coordination to ensure a safe, clean and hassle-free festival for the public. He urged the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, especially in areas where large congregational prayers are expected. During the meeting, DC directed Chief Executive Officer MC Bandipora and Executive Officer MC Sumbal/Hajin 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, hoarding and the sale of substandard food items, DC urged the FCS&CA and

Legal Metrology Departments to intensify market inspections. Special emphasis was placed on maintaining hygiene at temporary meat stalls, with directions to ensure proper storage and sale conditions for

## Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan: MLA Kokernag addresses tribal farmers at Gadwail

HT News Network

ANANTNAG, JUNE 02: In a significant step towards agricultural transformation and tribal empowerment, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Kokernag, Choudhary Zafar, today addressed a large gathering of tribal farmers during a day-long awareness programme held under the banner of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) at Gadwail, Kokernag.

The event was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Anantnag, in collaboration with various departments from the agriculture and allied sectors, with an aim to disseminate knowledge, promote sustainable farming practices, and strengthen the resolve for a self-reliant agricultural ecosystem in tribal areas.

Addressing the gathering, MLA emphasized the importance of scientific intervention in agriculture and reiterated the government's commitment to tribal welfare. "Empowering our tribal farmers with modern knowledge and resources is key to inclusive development. The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is a vital initiative to bridge the gap between traditional practices and technological advancement," he said.

The programme saw the participation of agricultural scientists, field officers, and experts from allied departments, who shared vital information and practical strategies with the farmers.

Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan, Head of KVK Anant-



nag, provided insights into the objectives of VKSA and urged the farming community to actively engage with the available agricultural schemes and scientific services, adding that KVK Anantnag is committed to extending its full support to the farming community, especially in tribal belts. VKSA is designed to inspire and capacitate farmers to adopt best practices for higher productivity and resilience.

Experts from line departments including Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Sericulture elaborated on inter-sectoral approaches to agricultural sustainability and diversification. Farmers were also informed about the benefits of integrated farming, organic agriculture and agri-entrepreneurship.

The event concluded with an interactive session where farmers shared their experiences and concerns, which were addressed by the panel of experts.

## CEO Ganderbal Extends Warm Welcome to Devotees, Reviews Comprehensive Arrangements for Annual Mela Mata Kheerbhawani

HT News Network

Ganderbal, June 2, 2025: As the sacred festival of Mela Mata Kheerbhawani draws near, the Chief Education Officer Ganderbal, "Shri Oneel Kumar Bhat," extended heartfelt greetings and a warm welcome to all devotees arriving to pay obeisance at the revered shrine of Mata Ragnya Devi in Tulmulla. In a proactive and detailed review of the preparations, "Shri Oneel Kumar Bhat," accompanied by Headquarter Assistant "Mr. Rafeek Ahmad," visited the shrine premises to oversee the arrangements being made to ensure a smooth, safe, and spiritually enriching experience for pilgrims. During the visit, the CEO reflectively inspected the facilities related to accommodation, electricity, drinking water supply, and sanitation, emphasizing that no aspect of public convenience should be overlooked. The Officer stressed the importance of providing round-the-clock electricity, clean and accessible washrooms, and adequate water availability for the comfort of thousands of devotees expected to attend the Mela. "The Mela Mata Kheerbhawani is not just a religious gathering, it is a symbol of our shared heritage, faith, and unity," Shri Oneel Kumar Bhat said. "It is our collective responsibility to ensure that every devotee feels welcomed, cared



for, and spiritually fulfilled during their visit," he CEO also appreciated the tireless efforts of officials of Education departments and other departments, working in coordination to make this annual event a grand success. He called upon the nearby educational institutions to actively participate in maintaining cleanliness and promoting a spirit of communal harmony during the festivities. The Mela, a significant event for the Kashmiri Pandit community and devotees across the country, is an embodiment of resilience, faith, and cultural unity. The Chief Education Officer reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of the Education Department in supporting this sacred occasion with all possible resources and coordination.

## "Anjuman e Sharie Shiayan Commemorates Imam Khomeini's Revolution Day at imambargah Ayatullah Yousuf (ra) Bemina"

HT News Network

Srinagar, June 02: To commemorate the 36th anniversary of the demise of Imam Khumeni, founder of the Islamic revolution of Iran, Anjuman E Sharie shiayan organised The conference commenced with the recitation of Holy Quran. Speakers described Imam Khumeni as the charismatic leader of the century who abolished monarchy and established an Islamic system of government despite the opposition

of imperialist powers.

President Anjuman-E-Sharie shiayan Aga Syed Mohammad Hadi Al-Mousvi shed light on the life and teachings of Ayatullah Khumeni. He emphasized the profound impact of Imam Khumeni, describing him as a Marja Taqleed, philosopher, poet, and great politician. Imam Khumeni possessed extensive knowledge of world history and was well-informed about global affairs. His influence extended beyond Iran, bringing about transformative changes in the world of politics. Mirwaiz Kashmir Dr Umar



Farooq paid glowing tributes to the late revolutionary leader at a com-

memorative gathering held at Imambargah Ayatullah Yousuf (ra) in Bemina, Budgam. While addressing the gathering, Mirwaiz highlighted the lasting legacy of Imam Khumeni, stating that he "taught us the lesson of unity and brotherhood — especially among Muslims across the world." He stressed that these values are essential in today's divided world and called upon Muslims to uphold the spirit of unity and solidarity. Mirwaiz also emphasized Imam Khumeni's unwavering support for the oppressed, particularly his role

in declaring the last Friday of Ramadan as Youm al-Quds (Quds Day) — a day of global solidarity with the people of Palestine. "Imam Khumeni's commitment to resistance against oppression continues to inspire generations. Quds Day is a symbol of that resistance and a reminder of our responsibilities toward the oppressed," he said. Noting the significance of the venue, Mirwaiz added, "After many years, we have assembled here at the Bemina Imambargah to pay tribute to this great revolutionary leader."





EDITORIAL

Make corporate, private hospitals accountable for their actions

Last week an unfortunate incident took place in a corporate hospital in Srinagar when a youth died due to some mysterious circumstances. The family members and relatives of the youth alleged that he died due to the negligence of the doctors of the hospital. These people raised a strong protest against the hospital administration and urged the government to take punitive action against the medicos and other staff responsible for the death of the youth.

Following the incident the government swung into action and ordered a probe in the incident that led to the death of the youth. The government also restrained some of the doctors as well as para-medical staff of the hospital from carrying out practice at some other hospital. The government directive seemed to be somewhat absurd since no orders for closure of the hospital were issued. Ideally the hospital should have been sealed and it should have been thrown open only when the doctors and the other staff were given a clean chit.

Keeping the hospital open means that the government has fixed the responsibility about the death of the youth on concerned doctors and para-medical staff at least for the time being. For the time being no action has been taken against the management of the hospital and this has perplexed the people in general more so those who lost their dear one. The hospital has been in the news for the wrong reasons on multiple occasions ever since it has started functioning in Srinagar. No action whatsoever has been taken against the hospital administration for the unfortunate deaths that took place ever since its functioning. Once action had been taken in a particular case then there were chances that the subsequent unfortunate deaths could have been avoided. Over the years it has been observed that the health & medical education department has not acted against most of the corporate and private hospitals whenever any complaint has been lodged against them.

The inaction from the people at helm has given enough reasons for the masses to believe that the department is hand in glove with the corporate and private hospitals operating in the Kashmir valley. Since the health of an individual is paramount it is imperative that the health and medical education department leaves behind the slackness and acts against the management of the hospital whenever a complaint is lodged against a particular hospital.

Daughters: Not an inheritance, but the truth of sentiment

"Those who used to say that a son is necessary for inheritance have cried while hugging their daughters over their condition..." Those who were once alienated by saying that 'a daughter is an outsider', the same daughter stands holding her father's hand in his last days. Writes.... Dr Priyanka Saurabh



For centuries, the Indian society has had the notion that only a son carries the lineage, only a son will carry the bier, only a son will inherit the property. This thinking not only pushes daughters to a second class status, but also hurts human sensibilities. But time has repeatedly proved that lineage is not just a name, lineage is a sentiment that anyone can carry forward. There are so many daughters who serve their old parents, support them and fulfill their last wish.

Today, when joint families are breaking up, when sons are busy with their careers in big cities, daughters are staying with their parents and providing them mental, emotional and sometimes even financial support.

**Why do tears have the same effect?**

When sorrow comes to a home, tears do not see any relationship, gender or class. A mother's love and a daughter's affection-both have the same language of pain. Death is such a reality that brings everyone under one umbrella. At that moment, neither a son is big nor a daughter is small. At that moment, there is only a human being-dedicated, emotional, broken.

In our society, the post-death rituals are the responsibility of the son. But is it right to impose emotional responsibility on only one gender? When the daughter also suffers the same pain, sheds the same tears, then why is she less entitled?

**changing social equations**

Today's India is going through a transitional period, where daughters are being educated, made self-reliant, but the change in mindset is still incomplete. There is the slogan of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', but are we able to give equal status to daughters in every right of life? Are they getting equal status in property, tradition and decisions?

Not just education, daughters also need property rights, participation in family decisions and social respect. This change will not come only from laws, but from thoughts.

Stories of experiences: Daughters who changed society

From small villages of Rajasthan to big cities, thousands of daughters have become the support for their parents that society expected from sons. One example is Priyanka from Maharashtra, who performed the last rites of her father after his death. The village



opposed it, but she stood her ground. Today other girls of the village consider her as their role model.

Another story is of Seema from Uttar Pradesh, who left her job when her father fell ill and served him day and night for three years. Finally, when her father died, Seema performed all the rituals alone.

**Is this love, this devotion not part of the legacy?**

**What does the law say?**

After the amendment of the Indian Succession Act, 2005, daughters have got equal rights in property. But how many times has this right been accepted at the social level? Even though the courts give equality to daughters, the society has still not been able to fully assimilate this change mentally. Many times daughters are forced to voluntarily 'give up' their rights so that sons can continue to have a share. This is not 'sacrifice', but a well-planned social pressure.

**Why are daughters considered weak?**

Being sensitive is not a weakness. We have considered tolerance as a weakness. Daughters are the peace of the house, the flow of affection and the first companion in sorrow. If sons have these qualities, then they are called 'sensible', then why are daughters called 'weak'?

Daughters are often the emotional

backbone of a family. They endure struggles silently and still smile. Isn't that power?

There is a need to change the mindset of generations

A son is necessary—this thinking is a social illusion. The lineage continues only where there are sanskars, and sanskars are not in son or daughter, but in upbringing and relationship. Is the daughter who lights the funeral pyre of her father any less than the one who garlands the father's photo?

The new generation has to understand that the responsibilities of the family are not only the sons'. Daughters can also be the support of their parents in their old age, if the society gives them that opportunity and right.

**Inheritance is not just land or name**

Heritage is also that which is reflected in tears, which flows in emotions, which lives in values. Daughters are the heritage that carries forward not just the relationship of blood but also of love and service. Nowadays it has been seen in families that daughters also bear the burden of expenses of their parents, they do everything from medicine to care during their illness.

When a daughter sees her father on the bed, she does not just see a patient but the pillar of her life falling down. Her pain, her service is no less than that of any son.

Change is needed in media and popular culture

In our television serials and films, daughters are either shown as a burden or as goddesses of sacrifice. These are extremes. We need stories that present daughters as real, strong and natural. When the cultural reflection of society changes, the mindset also changes.

**our responsibility**

Society should not see daughters as just an option, but consider them as full, capable successors. Education, security and respect for daughters are not mere slogans, but the beginning of a deep social revolution. There should be education of equality in schools, participation of daughters in panchayats, and their decisions should be respected in homes – only then will this change be permanent.

While raising daughters, do not think that "tomorrow they will become strangers," rather think that "this is my strength today."

In today's era when the definitions of family, relations and values are changing, it is important to understand the role of daughters once again from a new perspective. They are not just a support, they are a strength. They are not just entitled to sympathy, they are entitled to inheritance.

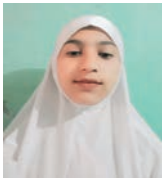
Daughters are not just the guarantee of relationships, they are also the backbone of society. They have the same concern, the same affection, the same infinite love for their father in their eyes as any son has—in fact, sometimes even more than that. Bringing them from the margins to the center, considering them not just 'daughters' but 'heirs' will be true social progress.

"I try to explain a lot, but no one understands, my heart is illiterate... it has no brain...!"

When you think from your heart, only then will you understand that daughters are not delicate, they are destiny.

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Global Warming



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Global warming refers to the gradual rise in the overall temperature of the Earth's atmosphere. Over the past century, the average temperature of the Earth has increased significantly, leading to various environmental

The causes of global warming are numerous and complex. It is not caused by a single factor, but rather by a combination of natural events and human actions. Natural causes include volcanic eruptions, which release large quantities of carbon dioxide and ash into the atmosphere, and the emission of methane gas from wetlands and other sources. Methane, in particular, is a potent greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere more effectively than carbon dioxide. Although natural causes have existed for centuries, they are now being overwhelmed by the effects of human activity.

Human activities are the primary drivers

carbon-absorbing capacity lost, but the carbon stored in trees is also released back into the atmosphere. This creates a vicious cycle that accelerates global warming.

The consequences of global warming are far-reaching and affect every part of the planet. Rising temperatures lead to more frequent and intense heatwaves, droughts, and wildfires. Changes in weather patterns can result in stronger hurricanes, floods, and unpredictable rainfall, which affect agriculture and food production. In many parts of the world, people are already experiencing the effects of climate change through water shortages, reduced crop yields, and health issues such as respiratory problems caused by air pollution.

To combat global warming, immediate and coordinated action is required. Governments must enforce strict environmental regulations and invest in renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power. Public transportation should be improved to reduce the use of personal vehicles, and energy-efficient appliances and buildings should be encouraged. On an individual level, people can help by conserving energy, reducing waste, planting trees, and supporting sustainable products and companies. Environmental education is also essential so that more people understand the causes and effects of global warming and are motivated to act.

In conclusion, global warming is a serious global issue that threatens the balance of life on Earth. It is caused by a mix of natural processes and, more importantly, human activities that increase greenhouse gas levels. Its effects are already visible and will become more severe if no action is taken. However, if individuals, communities, and governments work together, it is still possible to slow down and eventually reverse the damage. Every step taken—no matter how small—can contribute to healing our planet and securing a safer, healthier future for the generations to come.

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changes. There are several activities, both natural and human-made, that have contributed to this increase. Among the most alarming effects of global warming is the rapid melting of glaciers and polar ice caps, which leads to a rise in sea levels and poses a threat to coastal communities and wildlife habitats. Global warming is one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time and requires urgent attention.

of global warming today. These include deforestation, industrialization, urbanization, mining, and the excessive burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas. Fossil fuels are used to power vehicles, factories, and homes, releasing massive amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Deforestation is another major contributor, as trees play a crucial role in absorbing carbon dioxide. When trees are cut down, not only is this

How to Divide the Nazis?  
(A Learning from History)



Sidharth PK

In history, there are two different broad narratives in a single document. The same event is highlighted and given two perspectives. In one such concern, the issue of Nazism is categorized into the developments they had made in Germany and giving Europe a new name in science, and the lines of understanding principles and scientific temper.

Science in Nazi world is the fight between fact versus pseudo methods. They cultivated matter, reason and purpose to rebuild the concept of New Germany. Science was used for this purpose in history, as applied to make derivations in human capacity. The second matter or perspective belongs to the Nazi quest for racial supremacy, as they subject the Jewish population as inferior. It poisoned the social order of Germany at first and the continent of Europe at large. It paved way for the most heinous acts of crimes in the annals of humanity. I bring your attention to the two worlds created by the Nazis in relation to idealizing Europe.

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# The Need for Moral Education in Schools : A Call for a Balanced Generation.



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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.

To reverse this decline, moral education must be prioritized in both government and private educational institutions. Alongside science, mathematics, and social studies, there must be a dedicated curriculum for ethical, moral and spiritual learning. This education should emphasize that children must be taught the importance of caring for and honoring their parents and family members. Encouraging students to engage in acts of kindness and help the underprivileged. Instilling the significance of preserving natural resources and keeping public spaces clean. Emphasizing the value of truthfulness in both personal and professional life. Teaching the importance of patience, humility, and self-restraint in dealing with life's challenges. Intro-

ducing teachings that promote inner peace, gratitude, and connection with a higher purpose.

If we fail to address this moral crisis now, we may soon find ourselves incapable of controlling the very generation we have raised. The future of society depends not just on educated individuals but on ethical human beings who possess a conscience.

While the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes innovative strategies and modern pedagogies in education, technology, and science, it is crucial to also focus on nurturing good and responsible citizens to build a strong, peaceful, and healthy nation.

A concerning number of educated youth have turned to drug addiction and exhibit irresponsible behavior in society, failing to establish careers across various sectors. This trend poses a threat to societal well-being. One contributing factor is the lack of proper counseling and moral education during their schooling years. Integrating comprehensive counseling and moral education into the curriculum is essential to address this issue and guide youth toward positive contributions to society. Therefore, moral education should not just be an additional subject but should be at the core of our educational systems. Let us strive to cultivate generations that excel not only in careers but in character, ensuring that our world remains a heaven of peace, respect, and righteousness. Education should not just create professionals – it must create good human beings first. Let morality and humanity be at the heart of learning, ensuring that we build a world.

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# The Weeping Pulpits : From Lanterns to Loudspeakers



Nawazz Ibn Ahad

The youth of Kashmir – once painted with strokes of radiance, simplicity, and soulful laughter – now move like faded sketches of their former selves. Their eyes, once lit like lanterns in long winter nights, have begun to dim. Their faces, once framed by cheerful dimples and genuine smiles, now wear the dull veil of emotional exhaustion. What crushed them? Not war, not poverty, not hunger. But trust – misplaced in those they revered. The very souls they looked up to for light have led them into shadows.

This generation was raised on whispers of saints, on echoes from the masjid microphone, on the scent of divine names in their homes. They were taught to look toward the pulpit as the high ground of purity – the summit of sincerity. But that sacred space, once guarded with trembling reverence, has now been reduced to a platform of personal promotion.

The preachers and moulvis, once considered lanterns of guidance, are now tangled in the same net of division, rivalry, and spiritual theatrics as the crowd they address. Their words still hold rhythm, but the meaning has leaked out. They speak of love with tongues soaked in rivalry, of humility while dressed in ego's embroidery. What once softened hearts now only stirs confusion. Indeed, this sacred pulpit has now become a ladder for popularity, a marketplace for self-promotion, and a source of livelihood for those who once considered it a burden of divine responsibility. The ones who were meant to empty their hearts upon it have instead filled their pockets from it. Their intentions no longer align with the purity of the place they stand on.

Where once we saw preachers who wept in fear of God, we now see speakers who smile for the cameras, perform rehearsed gestures, and chase applause more than accountability. They have cheapened what was once cherished. They've turned the House of God into a hall of opinions, and the youth – our precious, impressionable youth – into spectators of confusion.

This is not just a deviation – it is a desecration. The pulpit of the Prophet before which even noble companions would lower their gaze and withhold their finger out of awe, is now occupied by voices that seek applause over atonement. The minbar, once a throne of trembling responsibility, has been converted

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into a stage for sectarian soundbites, each sermon crafted not to heal wounds, but to harvest loyalty and livelihood.

Alas, the tender-hearted youth – so eager to belong, so hungry for truth – are being emotionally auctioned off. Their faith is manipulated, their loyalty bartered. The purity of their belief is now used as decoration, to wrap the ambition of those who wear religion like a costume, not like a calling. They no longer know which path leads to the Divine, and which to the den of deception. They are left tossing between voices – each louder than the last, each claiming the same truth, yet pointing in different directions.

What was once a sacred echo has become a spiritual noise. And those who once stood as stairways to God now appear like merchants on a holy stage, selling ideologies for income, and praises for position. The youth, in their sincerity, still listen. But their hearts are no longer open doors – they are shuttered windows, peeking out only with suspicion and silence.

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Yet, despite it all, the youth are not to be blamed. They did what they were taught: to trust the turban, to revere the robe, to follow the voice from the mic. It is those voices that must now return to silence – not the silence of cowardice, but the silence of self-accountability. Let them recall that this platform is not their right – it is a responsibility. A heavy one. A divine one. Until then, our children will keep losing their light. Their souls will shrink under the weight of contradictions. Their smiles will stiffen, and their faith will fumble – not because they doubt God, but because they are exhausted by those who claim to represent Him.

The pulpit must be returned to the pious, or else the people will turn away from it altogether. And when that happens – when the echo of the sacred is no longer trusted – it won't be the youth who failed religion. It will be religion's ambassadors who failed the youth.

until the echo from the pulpit matches the echo in the heart, the youth will keep drifting – not because they hate religion, but because they no longer recognize it in the people who claim to carry it.

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# IS EID ONLY A FESTIVAL?

## Bringing Back the Childhood Excitement of Eid



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Eid has always been a festival of joy, warmth, and togetherness. For children, it used to be the highlight of the year – a day of new clothes, sweet treats, family visits, and the much-anticipated "Eidi." But as the years go by, and with the pressures of adulthood and digital distractions creeping in, that magical excitement of Eid seems to be fading. The question now is: how can we bring it back?

Many of the things that made Eid special were rooted in tradition – waking up early to wear new clothes, going to the mosque for Eid prayers, greeting neighbours, and enjoying a

festive breakfast with family. These simple rituals created lasting memories. By consciously reintroducing and involving children in these customs, families can reawaken that sense of occasion.

Today's celebrations often focus on perfection: immaculate decorations, picture-perfect outfits, and elaborate food spreads. But the real joy lies in the little imperfections – making decorations at home with kids, baking cookies together, or letting them help wrap Eidi envelopes. These small acts create a sense of ownership and anticipation that digital screens can never match.

In the past, Eidi wasn't just money – it was an event. Kids would excitedly compare notes, save up coins, and dream about how to spend them. Now, Eidi can become more meaningful when paired with experiences: a small gift, a handwritten note, or a promise of a family outing. Even better, encouraging children to give a portion of their Eidi to charity can instil empathy and generosity.



One of the hallmarks of Eid was the buzz in the air – children running around in new clothes, visiting neighbours, and welcoming guests. With busy schedules and smaller gatherings, that energy has dimmed. Organizing small community events,

group meals, or neighbourhood treasure hunts can help bring back that joyful chaos and interaction.

In an age where much of life is filtered through screens, one of the simplest ways to revive Eid excitement is by unplugging for the day,

Putting aside phones and immersing fully in the moment – laughing, talking, playing – can go a long way in reminding us all, especially children, what the day is truly about.

Eid is also a time for storytelling – elders recounting memories of their childhood Eids, tales of sacrifice, resilience, and faith. These stories not only connect generations but also help children understand the deeper meaning behind the festival. Reviving this oral tradition can turn Eid into an educational and bonding experience.

Beyond giving to family and friends, Eid is a powerful reminder of our responsibility to those in need. Volunteering as a family at a local charity, distributing food packs, or preparing special meals for underprivileged children can help instil the real spirit of Eid – compassion, kindness, and community service.

Encourage children to express Eid through creativity – drawing Eid cards, writing poems, or staging small plays about the festival's meaning.

These activities not only enhance their appreciation of the occasion but also allow them to contribute actively to the celebration in personal and imaginative ways.

Eid is more than just a religious festival; it's a celebration of love, gratitude, and connection. By returning to the basics and sharing the joy intentionally, we can relight that spark – not just for our children, but for ourselves as well. After all, some of the best parts of growing up are never truly out of reach – they're just waiting to be remembered.

Finally, Eid is not just a celebration of external joy – it is a culmination of spiritual reflection, sacrifice, and growth. Taking a moment with the family to express gratitude – perhaps through a shared prayer, a journal, or a group reflection session – can anchor the festivities in mindfulness and thankfulness.

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# DC Kupwara reviews arrangements for Eid-UL-Adha

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KUPWARA, JUNE 02: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Monday convened a meeting of concerned officers and other stakeholders to review the arrangements for celebration of the upcoming festival of Eid-ul-Adha in the district. Speaking at the occasion, DC impressed upon the officers to be more proactive on ground and ensure availability of all essential amenities to the people so that they can celebrate the holy festival of Eid-ul-Adha with traditional fervor. She directed the KPDCL and Jal Shakti officers to ensure availability of uninterrupted power and water supply to the people during the festival period so that they may not face any inconvenience. She directed them for establishment of Control Rooms for timely redressal of the grievances of the people. Regarding sanitation, Municipal Committees were directed to ensure cleanliness and proper sanitation in and around Eidgahs and market places in the towns. With respect to market checking, DC directed the concerned officers of civil and police to intensify the market inspection



tions in major towns of the district to put strict vigil on profiteering, hoarding and other unfair trade activities. DC also reviewed availability of food supply/essential commodities, security and other relevant arrangements. Meanwhile, several members from Auqaf Committees and Market Associations of Kupwara, Handwara, Langate, Sogam, Kralpora, Kralgund and Trehgam who

were present in the meeting put forth their demands and grievances before the chair regarding water supply, power supply, sanitation etc. DC heard them patiently and assured them of timely redressal of their genuine issues. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad; ADC Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi; ASP Kupwara, SDM Lolab, CMO, DSHO,

Executive Engineer KPDC/LPHE, Tehsil-dars, Executive Officers of Municipal Committees, Traffic Police personnel, besides, members of different Auqaf Committees and Market Associations were also present in the meeting. Regarding sanitation, Municipal Committees were directed to ensure cleanliness and proper sanitation in and around Eidgahs and market places in the towns. With respect to market checking, DC directed the concerned officers of civil and police to intensify the market inspections in major towns of the district to put strict vigil on profiteering, hoarding and other unfair trade activities. DC also reviewed availability of food supply/essential commodities, security and other relevant arrangements. Meanwhile, several members from Auqaf Committees and Market Associations of Kupwara, Handwara, Langate, Sogam, Kralpora, Kralgund and Trehgam who were present in the meeting put forth their demands and grievances before the chair regarding water supply, power supply, sanitation etc. DC heard them patiently and assured them of timely redressal of their genuine issues.

## DC Poonch inaugurates blacktopping work on NH 144A Segment

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POONCH, JUNE 2: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today inaugurated the blacktopping work on the road stretch from Tehriyan Ziarat (Block Lassana) to Poonch, a key segment of the National Highway 144-A.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Tehsildar Haveli during the inauguration. The DC emphasized the importance of maintaining quality standards and directed the executing agency to ensure timely execution of the work. He stressed that such infrastructure upgrades are crucial for regional development and long term public convenience.

## DC Udhampur finalises Eid-UL-Azha arrangements

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UDHAMPUR, JUNE 02: To finalize the necessary arrangements in connection with ensuing Eid-UL-Azha festival, a meeting of concerned District Officers was held today under the Chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex Udhampur.

Senior Superintendent of Police Amod Ashok Nagpure; Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh; CEO PDA, Chief Planning Officer and other District Officers besides civil society members attended the meeting. Detailed discussions were held on the necessary arrangements for the celebration of Eid-UL-Azha. The officials



of concerned departments were asked to take measures for adequate drinking water supply, uninterrupted power supply, First Aid, deployment of Fire tenders, market inspection to ensure sale of quality eatables of government approved rates and proper sanitation in the city.

To keep a check on overpricing and ensure quality of the eatables, a team

of officers was constituted to conduct frequent market inspections.

The Chief Medical officer was directed to make provision of the Medicare facility at Eid Gah and Jamia Masjid Udhampur during the festival days, while District Police authorities were directed to deploy adequate police and traffic personnel to regulate traffic in congested areas.

## DC Bandipora reviews implementation of Vibrant Village programme phase-II

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BANDIPORA, JUNE 02: To ensure effective implementation of the Vibrant Village programme phase-II, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri today chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Mini Secretariat, here. During the meeting, DC emphasised the need for focused and coordinated efforts by all departments to achieve the programme's objectives of sustainable development and socio-economic vibrancy in these significant villages. He urged the officers to ensure the timely submission of village action plans and to take all necessary steps for the successful implementation of the programme. Speaking on the occasion, DC highlighted that the aim of the initiative is to upgrade infrastructure in these villages, including all-weather road connectivity, telecom connectivity, on-grid electrification, and television connectivity. During the meeting, officers discussed key aspects of the programme and identified priority areas for intervention in the identified border villages of the district. The meeting was informed that Divisional Level Nodal Officers and Village Level Nodal Officers have already been nominated to facilitate smooth and effective



implementation on the ground. DC assured that the district administration is fully committed to transforming these border villages in line with the Government of India's vision of inclusive and strategic border development. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Ex. Engineer KPDC/L Bandipora and Manager BSNL, while the SDM Gurez, Ex. Engineer R&B Gurez, BDO Gurez, and BDO Tulail attended the meeting virtually. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Ex. Engineer KPDC/L Bandipora and Manager BSNL, while the SDM Gurez, Ex. Engineer R&B Gurez, BDO Gurez,

## Distt admin Bandipora organizes massive Anti-Drug Marathon under NMBA

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BANDIPORA, JUNE 02: In a strong show of community resolve against substance abuse, the District Administration Bandipora on Monday organized a mega marathon under the banner of 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan' drawing participation from hundreds of students across different educational institutions. The marathon marked the beginning of a 26-day-long campaign under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in Bandipora, in line with the broader initiative being undertaken across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The marathon flagged-off from Fisheries Hatchery Baapora Bandipora and culminated at DC office Bandipora, saw overwhelming enthusiasm from students, youth and government officials—all unified in their commitment to a drug-free future.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, said, "Our collective fight against drug abuse begins with awareness and participation. Events like these not only raise consciousness but also build a shared sense of responsibility among our youth."

Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl, led the run from the front, underscoring the administration's proactive and people-centric approach to addressing the drug menace. He emphasized the crucial role of community engagement in safeguarding the youth and transforming every citizen into an agent of change.

On the occasion, participants took an anti-drug pledge, vowing to stay away from substance abuse and work towards creating awareness within their communities.

## GDC Kulgam kick-starts 'World Environment Day' campaign-2025

KULGAM, JUNE 02: World Environment Day campaign-2025 was kick-started on Monday by the Department of Environmental Science, Govt. Degree College Kulgam in collaboration with NSS unit of the college on the theme 'Ending Plastic Pollution Globally' under the slogan 'One Nation, One Mission: End Plastic Pollution'. The campaign will conclude with the grand celebration of the main event on the 05th June 2025 (World Environment Day).

### New Education Policy-2020

## JKEDI set to host 10-Day Summer Internship Program for UG students from June 4

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JAMMU, JUNE 02: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) is all set to host a 10-day Summer Internship Program from June 4, 2025, here at its Bari Brahmana campus.

This initiative marks a significant step towards fostering experiential learning and strengthening industry-academia linkages in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Sixty undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor's in Business Administration (BBA) from Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu, will participate in the first batch of this internship program. As mandated by NEP 2020, all undergraduate students must complete a 60-hour internship to complement their academic curriculum with practical exposure.

The program aims to provide participants with an enriching experience in the domains of entrepreneurship, innovation and enterprise creation. Students will engage in interactive sessions with seasoned professionals, participate in business simulations and explore real-world entrepreneurial challenges and solutions.

This initiative highlights JKEDI's commitment to nurturing a culture of entrepreneurship among the youth of the Union Territory. Interns will also gain insight into the Institute's activities and programs, including Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs (EAPs), Orientation Programs (EOPs) and Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs), Detailed Project Report Formulations etc, all geared toward promoting entrepreneurship as a viable career choice.

By bridging classroom learning with real-world applications, the internship will help students develop critical thinking, problem-solving abilities and the entrepreneurial mindset needed to thrive in today's competitive environment.

This program is part of JKEDI's larger vision to empower young minds and contribute meaningfully to the entrepreneurial ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir and beyond.

## CRPF 84 Bn celebrates 40th Raising Day at Ramban

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Raised on June 1 1985 at Group Centre CRPF New Delhi, the Battalion has been serving the nation with unwavering commitment in various areas including Jammu & Kashmir, Northeast India and Punjab.

Since 2010, 84 Bn CRPF has been deployed in Jammu and Kashmir, entrusted with the critical task of securing over a 47 km stretch of the strategic National Highway 44 (NH-44) falling in Ramban district. The Highway is a vital lifeline connecting Kashmir Valley with Jammu and the rest of India.

The day's celebrations commenced with a solemn prayer at the Sarv Dharm Prathna Sathal, where the personnel gathered for a joint prayer seeking success and safety in the year ahead.

The Unit paid homage to its martyrs who laid down their lives in the line of duty. A new flag was hoisted at the Quarter Guard followed by the Commandant receiving the Guard of Honour. In his address at the Sainik Sammelan, the Battalion Commandant, N. Ranbir Singh extended his heartfelt greetings to all members and their families. He lauded the Battalion's glorious legacy and valiant service, urging all to uphold the highest ideals to keep the Battalion, CRPF and the Nation's flag flying high.

As part of the Raising Day activities, 20 personnel voluntarily donated blood in collaboration with the District Hospital Ramban, reinforcing the Unit's commitment to social responsibility. To promote environmental sustainability, 200 saplings were planted within the campus and its surroundings. In the lead-up to the Raising Day, various competitions including physical endurance, weapon handling, firing, badminton, volleyball and lawn tennis were organized to foster camaraderie and esprit de corps among the personnel.

The day culminated in a vibrant cultural evening performance graced by DIG CRPF, Vivek Bhandral as the Chief Guest. Special felicitations were accorded to a CRPF Veer Naari Rubena Begum a resident of Maitra, Ramban for her exemplary dedication.

## Toyota Unveils Fortuner & Legender Neo Drive 48V Variants with Better Efficiency, Power and Comfort

HT News Network/KNT

Srinagar, July 2: KNT Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today launched the much-anticipated Neo Drive 48V variants of its popular SUVs, Fortuner and Legender, introducing a segment-first mild-hybrid diesel technology aimed at delivering better fuel economy, lower emissions, and enhanced driving performance. The new Neo Drive variants are powered by Toyota's proven 2.8-litre, 4-cylinder turbo-diesel engine, now paired with a 48-Volt system comprising a belt-integrated starter generator and lithium-ion battery. This setup provides smoother low-speed acceleration, quieter operation, and

improved overall fuel efficiency. It also incorporates regenerative braking to recover energy during deceleration and includes a Smart Idle Start-Stop function to reduce emissions when the vehicle is stationary. Despite the addition of hybrid technology, Toyota assures that the Fortuner and Legender maintain their legendary ruggedness, off-road capability, and payload capacity. The Multi-Terrain Select system continues to provide excellent adaptability across challenging surfaces, making the SUVs ideal for a wide range of users—from urban commuters to off-road enthusiasts. While the Fortuner retains its muscular, no-nonsense look tailored for



rough terrains, the Legender is targeted at premium SUV buyers with a more stylish aesthetic. The Legender features dual-tone body colours, sleeker split LED headlamps, and an overall sportier design. Both models

boast plush dual-tone leather interiors, soft-touch materials, and ergonomic seating to ensure enhanced comfort over long drives.

Toyota continues to prioritize safety, equipping both models with an extensive list of features, including seven airbags, ABS with Brake Assist, Vehicle Stability Control, Traction Control, Hill Assist, WIL Concept Seats, Child Restraint Systems, and seatbelt pre-tensioners with force limiters.

To make the ownership journey worry-free, Toyota is offering a suite of tailored finance plans for the new Neo Drive variants. Options include up to 8-year funding with low EMIs, Toyota Smart Balloon Finance, and

pre-approved Value-Added Services like extended warranties and genuine accessories. The SUVs also come with five years of complimentary roadside assistance and a standard warranty of 3 years/100,000 km—extendable up to 5 years/220,000 km. The Toyota Smiles Plus service package adds further flexibility. Bookings for the Fortuner and Legender Neo Drive variants are now open from June 2, 2025, and deliveries are slated to commence in the third week of June. With this launch, Toyota reaffirms its commitment to delivering customer-centric innovation while promoting sustainable mobility through practical hybrid solutions.[KNT]







## Massive operations continue to rescue people in Manipur as flood inundates large settlements

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
Imphal, Jun 2:

Manipur, completely destroyed by flood for over three days, witnessed life threatening operations with limited resources as few boats of Assam rifles, Army, Arambai Tengol, State government agencies, Manipur Mountaineering and Trekking Association worked hard to safely evacuate thousands of people to safe place on Monday. Combined teams of rescue workers, since Sunday, evacuated patients, doctors, and equipment from JNIMS, braving heavy rainfall, strong water currents. Most of the vital institutions, including All India Radio, Raj Bhawan, offices, residences of MLAs, officials, have been flooded in Imphal East, Imphal West, Senapati, Thoubal, Bishnupur, and Kakching, Noney districts. All the major rivers flowing in the state, Imphal, Nambul, Iril, Nambol, and Kongba are flowing at danger levels, inundating



thousands of houses. The volunteers said they were short of rescue boats and emergency lamps. Power supply has been cut off in the flood-affected areas, and all families did not have emergency lamps, and even if they had, they could not charge them. Over 10000 emergency lamps were required, which were not available. Most of the affected people were also not able to reach out for help as their mobiles and landlines were not working. Some climbed rooftops to wave flags seeking help. Meanwhile, all educational institutes were closed down and examinations postponed. Land-

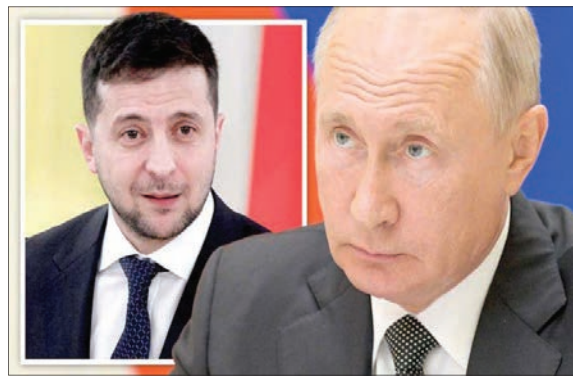
slides in Ukhrul, Noney, and Senapati districts have also affected the movement of vehicles. The Consumer Affairs Department asked the wholesalers not to hike prices and illegally store goods. In a daring operation at Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal, Imphal East, a team of doctors of Assam Rifles, led by Asstt Commandant Joyshree, rushed in to save a patient. A minor operation was carried out at the residence of the injured person, and the team went back to procure medicines and necessary items for the patient. The kin of the patient who could not move out due to the flood said they were astonished

by the bravery and the dedication of the team who managed to reach the patient in spite of the water level and, weather. The COCOMI, students' bodies, and civil societies have opened various help line centres, relief camps. The Assam Rifles stated that, under Operation Jalrahat-2, over 500 civilians, including children and the elderly, from severely waterlogged areas such as Wangkhei, Heingang, Lamlong, Khurai, JNIMS, and Ahallup, have been rescued. Ten flood relief columns, equipped with BAUTs, inflatable boats from the Army Engineers, were deployed for the rescue operations. Troops also undertook emergency repairs of the breached Iril River boundary wall near Arapti Lamkhai in Lilong, Thoubal District, to control further flooding. Drinking water and other essential supplies were distributed to displaced families across relief zones. UNI

## Second round of Russia-Ukraine peace talks to begin in Istanbul's Ciragan Palace

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
Moscow/Kyiv/Istanbul, Jun 2:

After a short but tense wait, the second round of peace talks between the Russian and Ukrainian delegations is set to begin at Istanbul's historic Ciragan Palace. The Russian delegation is led by Presidential Aide Vladimir Medinsky and includes Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Galuzin, GRU Chief Igor Kostyukov, and Deputy Defence Minister Alexander Fomin. The delegation, led by the country's Defence Minister Rustem Umerov, also includes, Deputy Chief of the General Staff Yevhen Ostriansky, General Staff officer Andrii Fomin, and



Verkhovna Rada representative Yuriy Kovbasa, reports Sputnik. Moderated by Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, the meeting will reportedly also be attended by the Turkish National Intelligence Organisation Director Ibrahim Kalin, according to TASS. The

Russian-state-media said that the meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. Moscow time, and will be opened by Fidan, which will be broadcasted live. "National Intelligence Organisation Director Ibrahim Kalin is also expected to attend the meeting." However, it remains

unclear whether this meeting will be a bilateral meet with Istanbul merely mediating, or will be a trilateral forum. On May 30, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova stated that Turkey or any other party would not be mediating the negotiations between Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul. Following the previous talks in May 16, there may likely be a shift in the dynamics of engagement between Moscow and Kyiv, following the latter's sudden bombing of five Russian airbases and the destruction of 40 Russian aircraft just two days before the scheduled peace talks.

## PM Modi, Paraguayan President hold bilateral talks; President Pena strongly condemns Pahalgam attacks

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
New Delhi, Jun 2:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held wide-ranging talks with visiting President Santiago Peña Palacios of Paraguay, during which they discussed enhancing cooperation in the fields of agriculture, pharma, renewable energy and health among other things.

The MEA spokesperson said in a post on X that the Paraguayan President strongly condemned the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam and expressed solidarity with the Indian people.

"PM@narendramodi held wide-ranging talks with President @SantiPenap of Paraguay at Hyderabad House. They discussed enhancing cooperation in the fields on agriculture, Pharma, technology, renewable energy, health, critical minerals, railways & people to people contacts.

"President @SantiPenap strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam & expressed solidarity with the Indian people. Both sides also exchanged views on global & regional issues of mutual interest." On the sidelines, India and Paraguay concluded an MoU for the establishment of a Joint Commission Mechanism between the two nations. It was inked by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Paraguayan counterpart Ruben Ramirez.



The EAM said in a post on X: "Concluded an MoU with FM@rramirezlezcano for establishment of Joint Commission Mechanism (JCM) between India and Paraguay.

"A significant step in widening our dialogue and cooperation." Earlier, the EAM had called on the visiting Paraguayan President at the start of his visit to India.

"Pleased to call on President @SantiPenap of Paraguay at the start of his State Visit to India." Appreciate his positive sentiments and guidance for enhancing bilateral cooperation in many domains. "Confident that his talks with PM@narendramodi today will open new avenues for India's engagement with Paraguay and the South America region." The President of Paraguay, who has continued with his country's pro-Taiwan stance, is on a three-day State Visit to India from

June 2-4. President Pena is accompanied by a high-level delegation, including Ministers, senior officials and business representatives. He will also visit Mumbai. The visit is the second by a Paraguayan president to India.

President Peña is a 46-year-old economist and former finance minister. President Droupadi Murmu is expected to meet President Peña, and host a banquet in his honour. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar is expected to call on the visiting President of Paraguay. India and Paraguay established diplomatic relations on September 13, 1961, cultivating warm and friendly ties between the two nations. Both countries have since developed cooperation in various sectors, including trade, agriculture, health, pharmaceuticals and information technology.

Paraguay is an important trading partner for India in the Latin American region. Several Indian companies in the automobile and pharmaceuticals sector have their presence in Paraguay and some Paraguayan companies, mainly through Joint Venture entities, are present in India, thereby contributing to the economic ties between the two nations. The two countries share common views on various international issues, including UN reforms, climate change, renewable energy, and combating terrorism. In Mumbai, President Peña will meet the state political leadership, business and industry representatives, startups, innovators and tech leaders. According to data, bilateral trade between India and Paraguay in 2022-23 was \$ 477 million, especially in the automotive and pharmaceutical sectors.

## No discussion on merger: Deshmukh on meetings between Sharad, Ajit Pawar

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
NAGPUR, Jun 2:

NCP (SP) leader Anil Deshmukh on Monday downplayed speculation about a political reunion following recent meetings between Sharad Pawar and his estranged nephew Ajit Pawar, asserting there was no discussion on the rival NCP factions coming together. NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar have met on multiple occasions in the recent past, fuelling speculation in political circles about rapprochement. Asked about it, Deshmukh told

reporters here, "There is no discussion on both the NCPs reuniting. The two leaders kept meeting on different occasions on issues related to sugar and educational institutes. There is no discussion on the two factions merging." Such meetings are routine, the former state home minister added. On the issue of various local and civic body elections pending in the state, Deshmukh said they should be held as per the Supreme Court's orders. "Clean drinking water and governance issues are pending, elections should not be delayed further,"

he said. Elections to several local and civic bodies, including the all-important and cash rich Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), are long overdue. The Supreme Court last month directed the State Election Commission to hold local body elections within four months, in what would be the mini-assembly polls. On the issue of Raigad and Nashik guardian ministers not being appointed, Deshmukh said, "It's disappointing that key administrative posts remain vacant. UNI

## Court Defers Defamation Case Against Rahul Gandhi

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
Sultanpur, Jun 2:

A special court on Monday deferred the hearing in a defamation case against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as bar members refrained from work due to a colleague's passing. The bar association observed it to be a non-working day owing to the death of its member and advocate Kamal Srivastava. The court, as a result, posted the hearing on July 1. The case dates back to 2018, when BJP leader Vijay Mishra filed a defamation complaint against Mr. Gandhi, alleging that he made objection-



able remarks against Amit Shah during the Karnataka Assembly election campaign. During the last hearing on April 28,

the complainant side presented Anil Mishra, a resident of Pitambarpur Kala in Kotwali Dehat, as a witness. Mr. Gandhi's counsel, advocate Kashi Prasad Shukla, has already started cross-examination of the witness. The court issued a warrant against the Congress leader in December, 2023. He surrendered before the court in February 2024 and was granted bail on two sureties of 25,000 each. On July 26 last year, Mr. Gandhi recorded his statement in court, asserting his innocence and claiming the case was part of a political conspiracy against him. (Agencies)(UNI)

## Modi, Shah greet people of Telangana on their Statehood Day

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
New Delhi, Jun 2:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday greeted the people of Telangana on their Statehood Day. In a post on X, Modi said, "Greetings to the wonderful people of Telangana on their Statehood Day. The state is known for making innumerable contributions to national progress. Over the last decade, the NDA Government has undertaken many measures to boost 'Ease of Living' for the people of the state. May the people of the state be blessed with success and prosperity." "Meanwhile, Home Minister, while greeting the people, prayed that the state would reach new heights of prosperity." "On Telangana statehood day, warm greetings to our brothers and sisters of the state. With its



rich culture, heritage, and hard-working people, Telangana shines brightly on India's ethno-cultural map. May the state reach new heights of prosperity," Shah said on X. "Meanwhile, Home Minister, while greeting the people, prayed that the state would reach new heights of prosperity." "On Telangana statehood day, warm greetings to our brothers and sisters of the state. With its rich culture, heritage, and hard-working people.

## 3 Army Personnel Dead, 6 Soldiers Missing As Landslide Hits Military Camp In Sikkim

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
Gangtok Jun 2:

Three army personnel died and six soldiers went missing after a landslide hit a military camp at Chhaten in Sikkim, a defence official said on Monday. The landslide, which occurred at 7 pm on Sunday near Lachen town in Mangan district, was triggered by heavy rainfall in the area, he said. "A catastrophic landslide occurred following intense and continuous rainfall in the region causing death of three combatants, identified as Havaldar Lakhwind Singh, Lance Naik Munish Thakur, and Porter Abhishek Lakhada," the official said in a statement. Bodies of the personnel have been recovered, while four other soldiers were rescued with minor injuries, the official said in a statement. "Rescue teams are working round-the-clock under challenging conditions to locate the six missing personnel," he said. The army has expressed deep condolences to the families of the deceased and assured all necessary support, the defence official added.

## Unease around ups and downs of Akash Anand's political journey natural: Mayawati

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA  
Lucknow, Jun 2:

BSP chief Mayawati on Monday said it was "natural" that there was some unease regarding the "ups and downs" of party leader Akash Anand's political journey and his recent appointment as the chief national coordinator of the party. The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president cautioned against rival parties that aligned with the Congress, BJP and the Samajwadi Party, saying her party was the only true Ambedkarite party. In a post on social media platform X, Mayawati said, "BSP is the only true Ambedkarite party committed to the welfare of the Bahujan community. It has a tradition of taking action in the party interest and taking them back if they show remorse." "It is natural for some people to feel uneasy about the ups and downs in Shri Akash Anand's political journey and his appointment as the party's chief national coordinator," she added. Mayawati's remarks come amid



internal reshuffling within the BSP. A month after he was brought back into the party fold, Anand was appointed as the chief of national coordinators. As chief national coordinator, Anand will function above the three national coordinators. The post has been created especially for Anand, making him virtually the party's second in command. Mayawati expressed confidence that Anand would now fully commit himself to carrying forward the message of BR Ambedkar and BSP founder Kanshi Ram.

"The party has no place for opportunistic and self-serving individuals," she said. Taking a dig at rival political parties, Mayawati cautioned supporters against organisations and leaders whom she described as "seasonal frogs" attempting to weaken the BSP and "Bahujan unity" by aligning with parties like the Congress, BJP and Samajwadi Party. "Leaders who, for personal gain, may become MLAs, MPs or ministers by aligning with such parties will not bring any real benefit to the community. People must stay alert," she warned. Taking a dig at rival political parties, Mayawati cautioned supporters against organisations and leaders whom she described as "seasonal frogs" attempting to weaken the BSP and "Bahujan unity" by aligning with parties like the Congress, BJP and Samajwadi Party. "Leaders who, for personal gain, may become MLAs, MPs or ministers by aligning with such parties will not bring any real benefit to the community.





# Address Basic Needs of Children With Disabilities



By Mohammad Hanief

Despite improvement in the health care system in the country, the situation of specially-abled children or children with disabilities remains deplorable, particularly in rural areas and among the lower socio-economic population. Specially-abled children in India are subject to multiple deprivations and limited opportunities in several dimensions of their lives. Some of these include, not being enrolled to schools, lower employment rates, limited awareness of entitlements and services available and lack of social welfare support.

Due to stigma associated with disabilities, families become victims of discrimination and human rights abuse. When poverty, physical neglect and social marginalization intersect, the impact on the disabled can be devastating. Specially abled children are kept hidden away at their home, denied basic rights of mobility, education and employment.

The community-based rehabilitation (CBR) is a dynamic program globally for supporting specially abled children to lead better quality of life and lead life with dignity, wherein their rights are respected and guarded within their own communities and it creates platform for addressing the discriminatory practices in the community.

Such discrimination in some cases starts from the family members and spreads right up to the policy makers and state authorities. As a result of such discrimination the Specially-abled children face chronic ill health, socio-economic burden and destitution. Sometimes it is so difficult to define the marginalization – they are outside the margin or within the community meaning, locked in the rooms, institutionalized, families isolating themselves, enrolling in special schools, not admitting that they have children with disabilities (CWDs), in the hospitals, etc.

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## DC Reasi inaugurates 26 Day special IEC campaign under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

### District admin plans series of sports, awareness events

HT News Network

REASI, JUNE 2: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik today inaugurated a 26-day special Information Education and Communication campaign here under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. The campaign commenced with a volleyball competition and a cultural programme held at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Reasi.

The event was organized by the Social Welfare Department under the leadership of District Social Welfare Officer Sachin Sharma. The initiative aims to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle among the youth.

The programme began with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by an engaging cultural seg-



ment in which students showcased their talents through singing and painting on the theme of a drug-free India. A key highlight of the event was the Nasha Mukht Bharat pledge taken by all participants, reinforcing the commitment of both the district administration and the student community towards eradicating drug abuse. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik

emphasized the disastrous consequences of drug addiction on individuals and the society as a whole. She encouraged students to embrace sports and make positive lifestyle choices to avoid harmful influences. She further shared that a comprehensive calendar of events has been planned over the next 26 days, featuring a range of sports and awareness activities across the district.

“Drug abuse destroys lives and futures. Sports, on the other hand, build strength, discipline and confidence. I urge the youth to embrace physical fitness and strive for excellence,” the Deputy Commissioner appealed. The event concluded with the formal inauguration of the volleyball match by the Deputy Commissioner, marking the beginning of the campaign's sports activities.

The initiative received an enthusiastic response from students and the public alike, reflecting growing community support for a drug-free Reasi. The district administration reaffirmed its commitment to continuing such awareness campaigns in schools and colleges across the region. ASP Iftikhar Ahmed, CEO Deepak Gupta, DYSSO Tarsem Singh and DIO (Info) were also present at the event.

## Nasha Mukht Bharat DIPR Jammu organises Cultural Awareness Programme at GHSS Kandoli Nagrota

HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 2: The Cultural Unit of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu on Monday organised a Cultural Awareness Programme on 'Nasha Mukht Bharat' (Say No to Drugs) here at Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School Kandoli Nagrota. Artists from the Cultural Unit, Jammu captivated the audience with thematic songs, effectively demonstrating the repercussions of drug addiction on individuals, families and society at large.

The programme was attended by staff of the school and students. The students also presented a Nukkad Natak centered on the theme 'Say No to Drugs'.

Principal of the school Sudha Kumari shared her insights on the critical issue of substance abuse, highlighting the significance of fighting this menace with determination. She commended the Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful programme designed to enhance awareness among the youth. The event was coordinated by lecturer Renu Langhe. The programme was conducted under the directions of Joint Director Information Jammu Deepak Dubey and under the supervision of Cultural Officer Mukesh Kumar Sharma. Principal of the school Sudha Kumari shared her insights on the critical issue of substance abuse, highlighting the significance of fighting this menace with determination. She commended the Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful programme designed to enhance awareness among the youth. The event was coordinated by lecturer Renu Langhe.



## Drug Free J&K initiative Srinagar admin organizes series of drug de-addiction awareness progs. at Fakir Gujri, Dara & Fatehkadal

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: As a part of ongoing drug free Jammu and Kashmir initiative, district administration Srinagar hosted a series of drug de-addiction awareness programmes in various parts of the district to sensitize people about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

The awareness programmes were held on the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, to sensitize communities about the dangers of drug addiction and highlight Government schemes and benefits available to those affected.

Awareness programmes were held at Fakir Gujri Panchayat, Government High School Dara and Marriage Hall Fateh Kadal.

Programmes witnessed active participation from multiple departments including health, police, education, social welfare, excise and Rural Development department.

Experts from these departments delivered informative sessions, shedding light on the

issues surrounding drug addiction and the support systems in place to help individuals and families.

Rural Development and Education Departments played a crucial role in the programmes, raising awareness among students about the risks and consequences of drug addiction. Additionally, counseling sessions were conducted to support students and provide guidance on overcoming addiction.

During the programmes, awareness sessions on the risks and consequences of drug addiction were held and information regarding Government schemes and benefits for those struggling with addiction was highlighted in detail.

These programmes underscored the commitment of local authorities to address the critical issue of drug addiction and promote community well-being. By engaging with the public and providing valuable information, the programmes also aimed to empower individuals and families to make informed decisions and seek support when needed.

## Director Sheep Husbandry visits Eidgah Srinagar; assesses livestock healthcare & welfare

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: To assess the arrangements for livestock healthcare and welfare at one of the largest Sheep and Goat Mandis established in view of Eid-ul-Adha at Eidgah Srinagar, Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Shah, Director, Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir, today visited Eidgah, here.

During the visit, Dr. Shah reviewed the facilities put in place for ensuring the health and hygiene of animals brought for sale. He interacted with officials, veterinarians, and livestock traders, and issued instructions for maintaining strict biosecurity measures, availability of medical aid, and ensuring the well-being of animals in the mandi.

Director emphasized the importance of regular health check-ups, availability of clean drinking water, and proper shelter for animals, especially in crowded market conditions.

Veterinary officers present at the site were directed to maintain round-the-clock services to attend to any cases of illness or distress among the livestock.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shah stated, “Our department is committed to safeguarding the health of livestock during this peak period of animal trade. We aim to ensure that both buyers and sellers can engage in fair and healthy trade practices, especially in the lead-up to the holy festival of Eid-ul-Adha.”

Director also urged livestock traders to cooperate with the department's field staff and to refrain from bringing sick or unfit animals to the market. Sheep Husbandry Department has set up multiple veterinary assistance camps in major mandis across the Valley to provide on-spot health checkups, vaccinations, and advisory services to livestock owners.

## Mini Marathon under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan held at Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL, JUNE 02: To promote a drug-free society and raise awareness among the youth, a Mini Marathon was successfully conducted under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) by District Administration Ganderbal and Social Welfare Department Ganderbal in collaboration with District Youth Services and Sports Office Ganderbal.

The marathon which started from Mini secretariat Ganderbal and culminated at Govt College of Physical Education Ganderbal was flagged-off by Additional District Development commissioner Ganderbal, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from college students, NCC/ NSS cadets, Youth volunteers and Officials from various departments. Speaking on the occasion, ADDC urged all the participants to uphold the values of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and act as ambassadors for a drug-free India.

Participants carried banners and raised slogans promoting a drug-free lifestyle. Awareness pamphlets and NMBA-branded materials were distributed along the route.

This initiative aims to engage the community in combating substance abuse and encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle.





## 'ICC to change two-ball rule in ODIs to revive reverse swing'

CRICINFO

Mumbai Jun 2:

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is reportedly set to enforce updated playing conditions in international cricket starting from June 2025. While the new rules in Test cricket will be enforced from June, it will only be from July onwards that the updated playing conditions will come into effect in all international white-ball matches.

Among several changes, the most significant is the reintroduction of using one ball per innings in ODIs, replacing the current system where two balls are used from both ends. While two balls will still be used in ODIs at the start of the innings till the 34th over, the teams will only be permitted to use only one, with the option of choosing one of the balls, starting from the 35th over.

The ICC has communicated the update of the playing conditions to all its members, according to Cricbuzz. "There will be two new balls for overs 1 to 34. After over 34 is completed and prior to the start of over 35, the fielding team will choose one of the two balls to be used for overs 35 to 50. The chosen ball will be used at both ends for the remainder of the match (unless it needs to be changed). In a match reduced to 25 overs or less per side before the first innings commences, each team shall have only one new ball for its Innings," conveyed the



ICC. "A replacement ball at any time during the innings will be one of similar conditions to the ball that needs to be replaced. Note that the ball not used for overs 35 to 50 in the match will be added to the replacement ball supply," said the ICC. Change in concussion substitution rule

The other major change is the concussion substitution rule. From now onwards, teams will be required to name five concussion substitutes before the start of a match — one wicketkeeper, one batter, one seam bowler, one spinner, and one all-rounder. The already existing rules will apply to the World Test Championship (WTC) final between Australia and South Africa, which will take place at London's iconic Lord's starting from June 11. The new playing conditions will come into effect

from the next cycle of the WTC. There will also be changes and adjustments to the boundary line catches and DRS rules as well. Among several changes, the most significant is the reintroduction of using one ball per innings in ODIs, replacing the current system where two balls are used from both ends. "There will be two new balls for overs 1 to 34. After over 34 is completed and prior to the start of over 35, the fielding team will choose one of the two balls to be used for overs 35 to 50. The chosen ball will be used at both ends for the remainder of the match (unless it needs to be changed). In a match reduced to 25 overs or less per side before the first innings commences, each team shall have only one new ball for its Innings," ICC stated in a statement.

## Shrine Board's archer to represent India at World University Games, Germany-2025

■ HT News Network

Katra, June 2: Under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, JK-UT, Shri Manoj Sinha, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) is dedicated to fostering the growth and development of the region's youth. To realize this vision, the Shrine Board has established a world-class Sports Complex at Katra as a Centre of Excellence, wherein athletes are being trained to reach their full potential and contribute to the region's sports development and overall well-being.

As part of this endeavor, the Shrine Board has taken a significant step to support budding sports talent, Hritik Sharma, a promising archer from the SMVD Sports Complex, Katra by extending financial assistance amounting to Rs. 2.37 lakh to facilitate his participation in the prestigious World University Games, Germany-2025. He has been training at the Complex since September-2020 and showcased his potential by winning accolades in the Khelo India University Games, 36th/38th National Games, 19th NTPC Senior National Championship, North zone Inter university Championship, J&K UT Archery Championship and 2nd NTPC National Ranking Archery Tournament making him a promising prospect for future sporting excellence.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB said that the sponsorship highlights the Board's dedication to



fostering young talent and enabling athletes in the Sports Complex to shine globally. He underscored that by offering vital support, the Shrine Board seeks to facilitate sporting aspirations for bringing accolades to both the region and the nation. He highlighted the Board's sustained investment of Rs.2.5-3 crore annually over the past 9-10 years in developing world-class sports infrastructure and nurturing talented athletes at the SMVD Sports Complex. He cited the remarkable success of Rakesh Kumar and Sheetal Devi, two world-class archers trained at the Complex, who have made a significant global impact and were honored with the prestigious Arjuna Awards for their outstanding achievements. CEO also congratulated three para-archers from the Sports Complex - Rakesh Kumar, Sheetal Devi and Jyoti Baliyan who made the nation proud by winning four medals,

including two gold and two bronze, at the recently concluded Para Archery World Ranking Tournament held in Rome. Their impressive performance contributed significantly to India's overall tally of eight medals in the tournament wherein, Rakesh won double Gold and Sheetal Devi won bronze along with Jyoti. Notably, the SMVD Sports Complex is currently nurturing the talents of over 150 aspiring athletes across various sports disciplines, who have been consistently delivering promising results in national and international competitions. The SMVDSB Archery Academy, part of the Complex, has earned the prestigious accreditation under the Khelo India program by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, in recognition of its excellence in promoting sports development and nurturing young talent.

## KU observes World Bicycle Day with 'Sundays on Cycle' event

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR: The University of Kashmir (KU) on Sunday celebrated World Bicycle Day 2025 with a special edition of 'Sundays on Cycle', organised by the varsity's Department of Students' Welfare (DSW) in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.

The event aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle, sustainability, and community engagement on campus. Students, faculty members and officers of the varsity actively participated in the cycle rally, demonstrating a shared commitment to well-being and environmental con-



sciousness. Vice-Chancellor KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, in her message, said, "Cycling is not just a mode of transport, it is a symbol of our commitment to the planet, to our well-being and to shared community values. It is encouraging to see such strong participation in initiatives that promote

sustainable and healthy living." The cycle marathon was jointly flagged off by Dean Academic Affairs KU, Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada, and Registrar KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal. Addressing the participants on the occasion Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada said that events like these reflect the university's broader commitment to sustainability and student wellness while Prof Naseer Iqbal added that bicycling is an inclusive activity that brings together different sections of the university community for a greater cause. Speaking on the occasion Dean, Students' Welfare, KU Prof. Pervaz Ahmed, said that youth are the torchbearers of a sustainable.

## Businessman Raj Kundra puts off IPL expose

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

Mumbai Jun 2:

Businessman and former Rajasthan Royals co-owner Raj Kundra on Monday put on hold a much-anticipated press conference in which he was expected to unveil alleged financial irregularities linked to a key promoter of the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise. Kundra, who had on Sunday announced that he would hold a press meet to present documentary evidence exposing "serious financial misconduct and suppression of co-promoter rights", said the timing was not yet appropriate to go public with the material. "Let it be known — I will not be silenced. The truth will come out," Kundra said in a statement posted on LinkedIn. "It would not be proper to hold the press conference, hence, the press release is currently deferred," he added, without specifying a revised date. The postponement comes amid mounting speculation following his initial claim that certain practices within the Rajasthan Royals franchise pointed to a "consistent pattern of deceit."

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